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PMO MO/C hosts the 23rd National Maritime Week 2022

The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro City (PMO MO/C), together with partners and stakeholders officially hosted the 23rd National Maritime Week Celebration held on 19 September 2022, with the theme, ***"New Technologies for Greener Shipping."*** This marks the first in-person conduct of activities since the start of the COVID-19 quarantine period in March 2020. *(Continue to page 9)*



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Inter-Agency Capability and Operability Simulation Exercise on 23rd National Maritime Week 2022

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro together with the Coast Guard District of Northern Mindanao and Marine Industry Authority conducted an Inter-Agency Capability and Operability Simulation Exercise on 28 September 2022. *(Continue to page 10)*

PPA PMO MO/C's move for environmental conservation

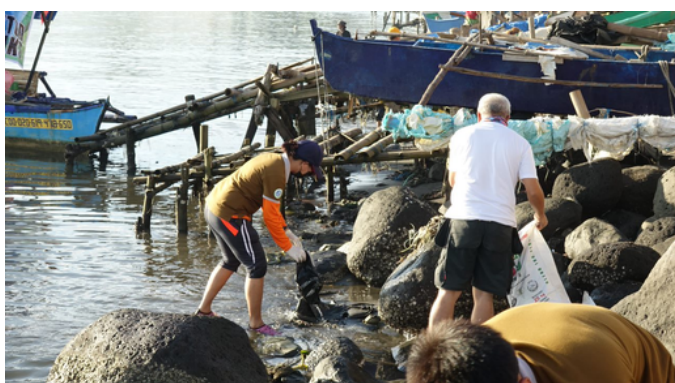
2022 International Coastal Cleanup

The Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (MO/C) and maritime agencies kicked off the celebration of the 23rd National Maritime Week with a coastal clean-up activity on the Coastal Road of Cagayan de Oro City held on September 17, 2022, as part of this year's International Coastal Clean-up Day.

Participants from PMO MO/C and the maritime agencies namely the Coast Guard District of Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA), Macajalar Wharf Porters' Association (MWPA), Oroport Cargohandling Services, Inc. (OROPORT), Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea, Marine Industry Authority (MARINA), Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), and 2Go Group Inc. They gathered at the location as early as 5:30 in the morning, where they were divided into groups and allocated to various areas to make sure the entire coastline route was free of any hazardous materials. The gathered garbage at the conclusion of the activity were given to the City's authorized solid waste collector, who will further sort it to guarantee proper disposal.



This activity is consistent with the PMO's mandate of environmental protection. As water pollution remains a major issue in the country, the maritime sector plays a critical role in keeping marine ecosystems healthy and free of hazardous wastes. As the host of the 23rd National Maritime Week Celebration and being the country's only Green Port, PMO MO/C hopes to bring together the maritime agencies in striving for environmental conservation.



PPA PMO MO/C's move for environmental conservation

PMO MO/C spearheads green activities for 23rd National Maritime Week



This year's 23rd National Maritime Week, the Port Management Office (PMO) Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (MO/C) was more than prepared for a two-week long celebration from September 19-29, 2022. The maritime agencies kicked off the event with the 2022 International Coastal Clean-up Day held last 17 September 2022 and more activities were set for the entire celebration.

In pursuit of bringing together the maritime sector in advocating for environmental conservation, the PMO MO/C devoted an entire morning for green activities such as lighthouse restoration, coastal clean-up, mangrove planting, and coral reef monitoring. Participants from PMO MO/C, the Coast Guard District of Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), the Marine Industry Authority (MARINA), and the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA) gathered in the morning of September 24, 2022, and carpooled to Barangay Mauswagon, Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental.

The team leaders of each activity prepared the necessary equipment upon arrival and assembled their respective members. The group assigned for the lighthouse restoration works were provided with paint and roller brushes and went on with their tasks. Meanwhile, the coastal clean-up group started clearing the area of trash, plastic wastes, and other unnecessary materials and stored them in reusable sacks for proper turnover to the reception facility.

Earlier this year, PMO MO/C expanded their green initiatives by participating in a coral reef planting activity with the Philippine Coast Guard and the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron. As part of its efforts to ensure that these initiatives are efficient and sustainable, a coral reef monitoring was carried out on the same day to verify progress and develop the necessary action plan for future improvement. Scuba divers from PMO MO/C were able to assess the growth of the coral reefs and discovered that only 10% (10%) of them survived. Another monitoring period is planned for the coming year, and additional research will be conducted to ensure the success of future implementations.





DOH conducts Basic Life Support Training for PMO MO/C Personnel

According to Mr. Uban, upon recognition of an emergency, a certified BLS provider should identify if the area is safe for the victim, assess the nature of the incident, activate medical assistance prior to administering first aid for specific medical advice, check for other injuries or conditions that may be detrimental to the victim's life, and lastly, once the healthcare provider arrives, properly refer the victim to the emergency team or the nearest health facility.

The total of 40 personnel participated in the in-person training and 27 participated via online MS Teams.

The Department of Health (DOH) Northern Mindanao conducted a Basic Life Support (BLS) Training for all personnel of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C) on Friday, 08 July 2022 at the 2nd Floor Port Terminal Building for the first batch and the GAD Hall, PMO Admin Building 2 for the second batch.

The principles of emergency care, an introduction to BLS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and automated external defibrillation were covered in the first half of the course by Mr. Reymart Uban and Mr. Eugene Bajao, both certified BLS trainers. The significance of the training as well as the fundamental abilities and information that would be used in emergency situations were explained to the participants.

The training includes discussions on Emergency Action Principles, which enumerate the steps to be taken when an emergency has occurred.





TMOs under PMO MO/C conduct Simulation Exercises for National Disaster Resilience Month 2022

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro has shown, yet again, its unceasing commitment to sustainable port operations. The Terminal Management Offices (TMOs) in Balingoan and Camiguin, both under the jurisdiction of PMO MO/C, have conducted simulation exercises in line with the celebration of the National Disaster Resilience Month 2022 on 21 July 2022 and 28 July 2022, respectively.

In collaboration with various responding units such as the PNP-Maritime Unit and the Philippine Coast Guard, TMO Balingoan and TMO Camiguin conducted an unattended baggage simulation exercise at the Port Area. This exercise intends to enhance the port's preparedness in handling any unattended baggage placed inside the port premises that may contain suspicious items and test out the effectivity of established protocols involving other agencies and law enforcement units related to an unattended baggage incident.



Prior to the conduct of these exercises, several coordination meetings with participating agencies were organized to establish the roles of each unit based on their mandates and resources, and plan the concept, technical requirements, and details of the proposed exercise scenario. It starts with normal port operations—security personnel stationed at their respective areas, performing their daily functions when they notice baggage left unattended at the passenger waiting area and no claims have been made after several announcements. The protocols will then be executed upon receipt of the radio call made to the Port Police.

The exercise was performed by the Port Police personnel with special participation from the Philippine Coast Guard, PNP-Maritime, and Bureau of Fire Protection. It lasted for an hour and was completed with no injury to any person or facility. During the post-evaluation of the activity, the participating units gave recommendations and observations that will further enhance the effectivity of the protocols and ensure a more improved response to emergency situations.



OSS Cagayan de Oro facilitates crew change for MV TINA S



The One-Stop-Shop (OSS) for Seafarers Crew Change Hub facilitated the crew change for Liberia-flag vessel MV TINA S on 13-14 July 2022 at the Port of Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental. Partner agencies such as the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), Bureau of Immigration (BI), Bureau of Customs (BOC), Marine Industry Authority (MARINA), Department of Health (DOH), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) were all in attendance to facilitate the crew change protocols.

Onsigners (embarking seafarers) were quarantined first at the designated facility before they arrived at the OSS Facility on the afternoon of 13 July 2022, wherein they complied with the crew change health protocols and presented their documents to the respective agencies stationed thereat. After their requirements were evaluated and verified, they were transported to the vessel at anchorage via tugboat, assisted by representatives of the Philippine Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao.

Offsigners (disembarking seafarers) arrived at the port on 14 July 2022, escorted by the Philippine Coast Guard and the Port Police. After the verification and screening process, they were escorted by the PNP Maritime Unit to the designated facility for their mandatory COVID testing five-day quarantine, wherein they were thoroughly monitored by the medical staff from the Department of Health – Northern Mindanao.

Fourteen (14) onsigners and twelve (12) offsigners were handled at the OSS Facility, the second crew change operations conducted in Cagayan de Oro City since its activation on 30 May 2022.

OPLAN Biyaheng Aayos: BALIK ESKWELA 2022 commences in MO/C ports



All ports and terminal management offices under the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro have implemented Operation Plan Biyaheng Aayos for Balik Eskwela 2022 starting 22 August 2022 until 26 August 2022.

The Ports of Cagayan de Oro, Benoni, and Balingoan have prepared for the expected increase in passenger traffic as face-to-face classes have resumed. In the Memorandum signed by the Department of Transportation Secretary, Hon. Jaime J. Bautista, all transport-related agencies were directed to be on heightened alert status to ensure the safety, security, and convenience of all passengers travelling during this period. The Philippine Ports Authority has prepared an Operational Plan for efficient and effective response in view of traffic demands and incidents that may occur.

In compliance of the said directive, volunteers from both outsourced and regular personnel of PMO MO/C were deployed at the Amenity Building to assist the sea-going public. Representatives from the Philippine Coast Guard, Marine Industry Authority, and the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron also volunteered to man the Public Assistance and Malasakit Help Desks for the whole duration of the OPLAN.



PMO MO/C recertified for IMS during 3rd External Audit



In addition to its milestones for the second quarter of the year, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MO/C) once again proved its effective implementation of the system intended to ensure compliance with the policies, objectives, and standards during the recertification audit conducted by the SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. from July 19-21, 2022.

The IMS integrates three (3) systems, namely – ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management, ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management, and ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety into a single management system which the PMO implements since 10 April 2018.

Since travel restrictions have already been lifted per IATF issuances, the said audit was conducted in-person at the PMO's facilities by three (3) external auditors. Policies, programs, core processes, attainment of plans relative to port operations, outputs against targets, and safety, security and environment aspects of the port were thoroughly examined. SOCOTEC found that PMO MO/C has effectively implemented and improved its Integrated Management System and thus, recommended PMO MO/C of its recertification with zero (0) non-conformity, six (6) positive findings, eight (8) observations, and two (2) opportunities for improvement.

The SOCOTEC commended the PMO's best practices such as the in-house database utilized for storage and dissemination of incoming and outgoing records, structured documentation of the Customer Feedback system with zero negative feedback, and the evident knowledge and skills manifested by the PMO personnel. Representatives of PPA Head Office's Port Management Systems and Organizational Development Department (PMSODD) expressed their sincere gratitude and felicitations to the PMO IMS Core Team for their dedication and commitment in continually improving the IMS.

Despite the challenging year, PMO MO/C defied limitations and remained steadfast in providing quality services for the port stakeholders through its committed personnel and excellent leadership under Port Manager, Engr. Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. As it ventures towards sustainable port operations, the PMO shall continue to enhance its policies and programs for customer satisfaction, safe and secure operations, and environmental conservation.





PMO MO/C celebrates PPA's 48th Founding Anniversary

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All personnel of PMO MO/C including those in TMOs Opol, Balingoan, and Camiguin participated in various activities. The day started with a Eucharistic Mass, presided by the Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary Chaplain Msgr. Tex Legitimas, to give thanks to the Almighty Father for His constant guidance and provision. Outdoor activities were also conducted such as Zumba, traditional Filipino games, and a mini sports fest.

In the afternoon, PMO MO/C joined the rest of the PMOs and TMOs nationwide for a virtual program hosted by the Philippine Ports Authority Head Office. With its theme, "*Kaagapay sa pag-ahon sa hamon ng panahon*", the Authority commemorated all its achievements and milestones amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic – from aiding stranded individuals and workers, expanding its environmental programs and initiatives, completing several port projects nationwide, and delivering quality service to the public. In his anniversary message, OIC-GM Manuel A. Boholano expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the PPA personnel for their service and dedication that has brought the agency to where it is now – "*Hindi magiging ganito ang estado ng ahensya kung hindi tayo nagbibigay ng maayos na serbisyo sa sambayanan*". Additionally, as reported in PPA's official website, one of this year's major achievements is the P4.08 billion in cash dividends remitted from its net earnings in 2021 which represents 60% of its net income for the year, bringing its total dividend contributions under the Duterte administration to P21.48 billion, exceeding its highest remittance under previous administrations since 1994.

PMO MO/C takes part in the 55th ASEAN Founding Anniversary Celebration



In celebration of the 55th Founding Anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro joins the rest of the PMOs nationwide in a simultaneous flag-raising ceremony on Monday, 08 August 2022. This year's theme is "ASEAN Youth: Embracing Identity Towards and Empowered Future," in line with the ASEAN's declaration of 2022 as the "Year of ASEAN Youth," that particularly focuses on ASEAN youth as well as ASEAN Identity and Community. This also emphasizes the unity and synchronized efforts of its members amidst the challenges of the 21st Century.

The ASEAN was established on 08 August 1967 and consisted of the following countries: Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand. As one of its founding member-countries, the Philippines joins its celebration every year and affirms the organization's contribution to its economic development, especially in foreign relations. Thus, the Philippine Ports Authority, under the Department of Transportation, takes part through a nationwide simultaneous flag-raising ceremony. All PPA personnel, compliant with the minimum public health standards, witnessed the raising of the ASEAN Flag after the regular Monday flag-raising ceremony. IEC materials related to the event was also posted in the PMO's official website and social media page.

PMO MO/C hosts the 23rd National Maritime Week 2022

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Participating maritime agencies and stakeholders, namely, the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (PCGDNM), PNP Regional Maritime Unit (RMU 10), Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), Macajalar Wharf Porters' Association (MWPA), Capitol University (CU), 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA), Stella Maris – Apostleship of the Sea, Philippine Liner Shipping Association (PLSA), and PIEMO Harbor Pilots took part in this year's two-week long celebration.

As early as 6:30 in the morning, the celebration kicked-off with the traditional "Dressing-up of Ships", "Blowing of Horns," as well as the "Floral Offering at the Sea," which was held at the dockside of the Port of Cagayan de Oro City. The Dressing-up of Ships is a symbolic display of various International Maritime Signal Flags as way of communication and to convey short messages with ships at sea. This was followed by a Eucharistic Celebration, presided by the clergy from Stella Maris. The official opening ceremony followed right after the Holy Mass.

In his welcome remarks, Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. expressed his gratitude to the agencies and stakeholders for their active participation and constant support, especially during the preparation for the event. "We have remained steadfast in carrying out our mandates as a maritime sector and had been able to adapt to technological advancements," PM Butaslac said as he recognized the achievements of the maritime industry amidst the immense challenges it faced.



The rest of the celebration was filled with fun and laughter as the maritime agencies cheered for their respective teams during the Inter-Agency Friendship Games, which consisted of sports namely Basketball, Volleyball, Table Tennis, Executive Fun Golf, and Bowling. Aside from these, other events were also conducted such as the Poster Making Contest spearheaded by the Stella Maris Apostleship of the Sea and Pilipinas Shell, the Inter-Agency Operability and Capability Simulation Exercise spearheaded by the Philippine Coast Guard, and Environmental Activities organized by PMO MO/C, Maritime Symposium at Capitol University and among others.

As the event closed on 29 September 2022, Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. together with the Regional Director Anabell Lagas and CGDNM District Commander CG Captain Geronimo B. Tubilla, MPSA expressed their sincere gratitude to the agencies and stakeholders who took part in this year's celebration. PM Butaslac officially turned over the National Maritime Week Flag to the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) represented by Regional Director Annabell Lagas, as they take on the duties and responsibilities as the host agency for the 24th National Maritime Week next year.



Inter-Agency Capability and Operability Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) on 23rd National Maritime Week 2022



This event is one of the major highlights for the 23rd National Maritime Week Celebration intended to enhance the port's preparedness in handling emergency situations and test out the effectivity of established protocols.

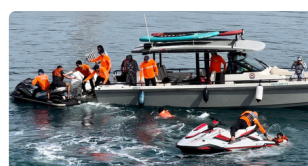
Participating agencies namely, PNP Maritime Group (RMU 10), Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), PIEMO Harbor Pilots, Inc., Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary 1001st Squadron (PCGA), gathered as early as 5:30 in the morning for the preliminaries. The simulation exercise commenced at exactly 7:00 in the morning with the first scene executed outside the Passenger Terminal Building, wherein the Port Police reported an unidentified baggage. This was followed by a simulated bomb threat, seajacking incident, high-risk boarding, search-and-rescue operation, medical emergency response, fire drill and oil spill drill. As the exercise went on, the participating law enforcement agencies showcased their functions and implemented their protocols in the scenarios they were assigned to, which were rehearsed days prior to the event. Inputs and trivial information related to the scenarios were delivered by the hosts for the whole duration of the exercise.



Preparation of SIMEX



Actual SIMEX



23rd National Maritime Week 2022 Photos

Flower Offering and Dressing-up of Ships



Opening Ceremony



Zumba and Friendship Games



Maritime Symposium at Capitol University

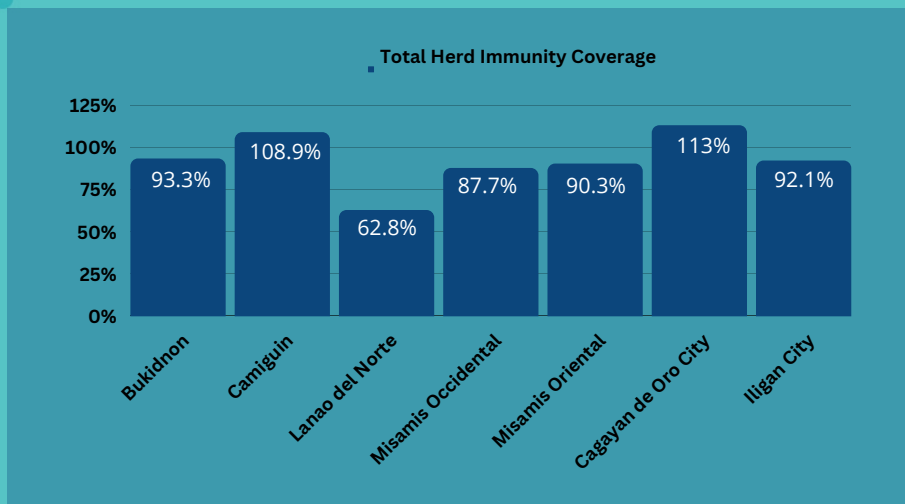


Closing Ceremony

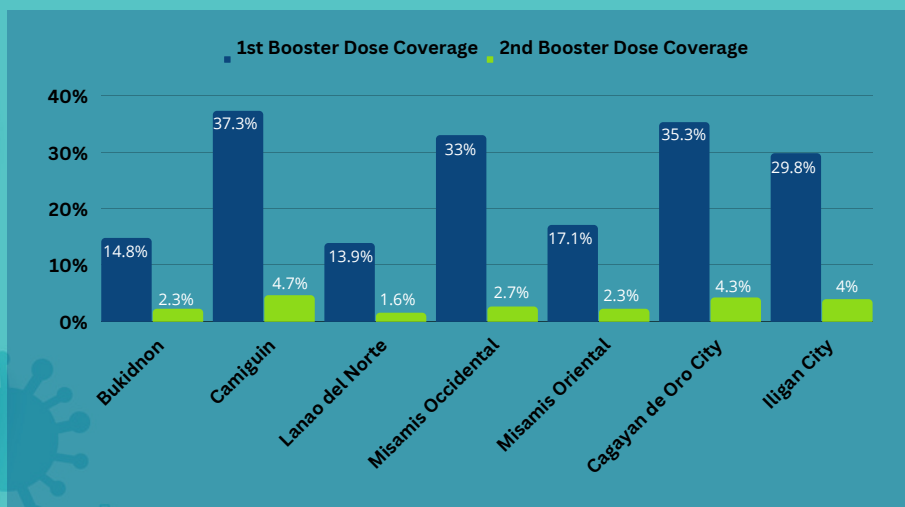




COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Herd Immunity Coverage as of September 25, 2022



COVID-19 Vaccination Accomplishment - Booster Dose Coverage as of September 25, 2022



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