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## PMO MO/C celebrates its 48th Anniversary

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro and all ports under its jurisdiction celebrated its 48th year in public service from April 11-15, 2023. *(continue on page 2)*



## Celebrating 17 Years of Dedication: An Employee's Well-deserved Appointment as Plant Mechanic B

Cagayan de Oro City- Israel Asok, an outsourced Clerk IV from the Office of the Port Manager for 17 years finally took his oath of office before Port Manager Isidro Butaslac, Jr. on June 21, 2023. *(continue on page 3)*



## PMO MO/C celebrates its 48th Anniversary



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The week-long celebration kicked off on 11 April 2023 with a Zumba Activity and Volleyball Exhibition Game with its long-time partner agency, the Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM). This also served as the opening activity for the mini sports fest that ran from April 11-13, 2023. Friendship volleyball and basketball games were also conducted together with CGDNM and the 1001st Auxiliary Squadron.

In addition to its environmental activities, the PMO also conducted a clean-up drive at the Port of Cagayan de Oro wherein personnel from the PMO together with the Macajalar Wharf Porters' Association (MWPA), OROPORT Cargohandling Services (CHO), and CGDNM helped clean the port premises.



A culminating activity was held on 14 April 2023, starting with a Eucharistic Celebration to thank the Almighty Father for His constant guidance and provision which led to the achievements and milestones of the PMO. Guests from the CGDNM and 1001st Auxiliary Squadron took part in the activity. After the Mass, a short program was conducted wherein the special recognition was given to the personnel who have served for more than 10 years and the winners of the friendship games were awarded. All the Divisions also participated in a "Lip-Sync Battle" and the fellowship games that were prepared for the program.



The PMO concluded its celebration on Saturday, 15 April 2023, by giving out free Calamansi Juice to all its clients and passengers at the ABCU and Passenger Terminal Building as an expression of sincere gratitude for their great contribution to the PMO's success.

In its 48th year of public service, PMO MO/C shall continue to serve the Filipinos amidst the challenges of the new normal.





## Celebrating 17 Years of Dedication: An Employee's Well-deserved Appointment as Plant Mechanic B



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This well-deserved recognition not only celebrates his 17 years of outstanding service but also acknowledges his exceptional loyalty, unwavering dedication, and invaluable contributions to PMO MOC.

Mr. Asok started working as a Data Encoder under the Port Services Division in 2006. Over the years, he has consistently displayed a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to contribute to the organization's success. He remained dedicated to his role until his promotion to Clerk IV under LSERV Corporation on 2020.

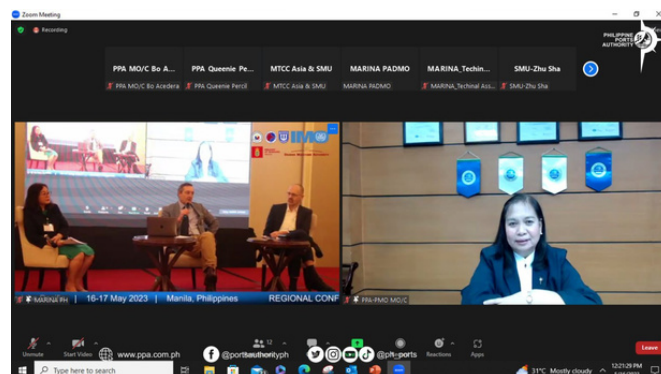
The permanent appointment of Mr. Israel Asok after 17 years of service is a momentous occasion that deserves recognition and celebration. It serves as a shining example of what can be achieved through perseverance and commitment.

“All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”

-Gandalf, Lord of the Rings



Source: <https://www.airbornedrones.co/>



## MARINA Regional Conference on Green Shipping

The PPA Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro took part in the Regional Conference with the theme, “Seizing Opportunities for Green Shipping in Asia and the Pacific”, on 16 May 2023 via Zoom application. The event was co-organized by the Marine Industry Authority (MARINA), the Danish Maritime Authority of Denmark, and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

PMO MO/C, as a GPAS Awardee for two periods, was invited to be the Philippine Delegate for discussing the Role of Green Ports in Energy Efficiency and Technological Development. Representing the Philippine Ports Authority, the Port Services Division Manager of PMO MO/C, Ms. Ruby Maria O. Gumapon presented the best practices and initiatives being implemented by the PMO as means to eliminate the hazardous emissions brought about by port operations. Additionally, she was able to present the other green activities that made the PMO a two-time GPAS Awardee such as mangrove/tree planting, coastal clean-up drives, and coral planting/staking, among others.



## 2023 Annual Earth Day Celebration



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) participated in a Coastal Clean Up Drive, headed by its Port Environmental Specialist Core D. Suan, in support of the Annual Earth Day Celebration on 22 April 2023, at the Coastal Road, Barangay Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City.

A total of twenty-one (21) employees (regular and outsourced) from the PMO participated in the said coastal cleanup drive, alongside KUSGAN Volunteers, a non-profit organization, and other volunteers from the academe, community, and private organizations, to collect trash and debris from the shorelines and dispose them properly. PMO MOC was able to collect approximately 20 sacks of plastic, broken glass, masks, plastic toys, and cloth which accumulated to almost 60 kilograms of waste.

Earth Day is an annual event with the goal of raising awareness about the need of protecting the planet's natural resources for coming generations. The participation of PMO MOC in this coastal cleanup drive is a testament to its commitment for sustainable development and environmental stewardship.



## 2Q Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill 2023

The PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro and its Terminal Management Offices (TMO) participated in the National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) for the 2nd Quarter of CY 2023 today, 08 June 2023 at 9:00 AM.

The purpose of the NSED's quarterly survey is to encourage disaster preparedness and awareness among all citizens. The PMO MO/C uses the simulation as an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness and utility of the Offices' reaction, recovery, and contingency plans, as well as their coordination and communication mechanisms during response operations.

Participants in the simulation included PMO MO/C personnel, travelers, security guards, porters, ship's crew, vendors, and cargo handlers. While the simulated earthquake, which was signaled by a siren's wailing, was still going on for a minute, everyone performed the "Duck, Cover, and Hold" maneuver. When the siren alarm stopped, the participants hurriedly left their respective buildings and went to the designated evacuation location. In addition, the Engineering Service Division personnel inspected the structural integrity and assessed the damage to the port's facilities.





## PMO MO/C hosts Bizware Solutions Trading RPA Training Course for PMOs nationwide



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) hosted the program on Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Training Course “Drone Workshop: From Basic Framing to Advanced and Safety Maneuvering” which was organized by Bizware Solutions Trading on May 18-19, 2023. This training course aims to equip aspiring individuals from different PMO’s coming from Head Office, Luzon Cluster, Visayas Cluster, and Mindanao Cluster with the necessary skills to operate Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) effectively and safely.

The RPA Training Course was a two-day workshop held at the Passenger Terminal Complex that covered a wide range of topics, including both theoretical and practical aspects of drone operation. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of drone technology, including the components of a drone, basic framing techniques, and safety protocols. The participants also gathered at the Pelaez Sports Complex on the last day for the actual drone piloting.



The Local Scholarship Program’s Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Training Course offers a unique opportunity for aspiring individuals to enhance their skills and knowledge in the field of drone technology. By equipping participants with comprehensive training and emphasizing safety protocols, the program aims to produce skilled professionals who can meet the evolving demands of the industry. This initiative not only benefits the participants but also contributes to the growth and development of the local community.

Operating drones comes with great responsibility, and the workshop recognizes the importance of safety. Participants are educated on the latest safety guidelines and regulations imposed by relevant authorities. By emphasizing safety practices, the Local Scholarship Program aims to ensure that individuals who complete the training course can operate drones responsibly and minimize risks.



### *DID YOU KNOW?*

Drone planes can enter narrow and confined spaces, produce minimal noise, and are equipped with night-vision cameras and thermal sensors. For this reason, they provide imagery that the human eye is unable to detect.

Source: <https://www.airbornedrones.co/>



## 125th Philippine Independence Day Celebration



Cagayan de Oro City – Today, 12th June of 2023, the Port Management Office Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro PMO-MO/C personnel joins with the Local Government Unit of Cagayan de Oro City and the different agencies and organization in the celebration of the 125th Philippine Independence Day at the Kiosko Kagawasan, Plaza Divisoria, Cagayan de Oro City.

A flag raising and singing of the Philippine National Anthem highlighted the celebration which was led by the City Mayor of Cagayan de Oro, Hon. Rolando “Klarex” A. Uy, with the presence of City Vice Mayor Bebot Rodriguez, the 20th City Council, National Government Agencies’ Managers and Personnels, Barangay Officials, Business Sectors, different Organizations, Religious leaders from the Muslim, Catholic and Christian community, Higaonon tribe, and Kagay-anons.

With this year’s 125th Philippine Independence Day theme, “Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan,” we, Filipinos place a strong emphasis on the freedom that our forefathers fought for, as well as the history that we aim to commemorate and respect them with.



## PMO MOC takes part in the 2023 Day of the Filipino Seafarers and Philippine Environment Month

In celebration of the 2023 Philippine Environment Month and Day of the Filipino Seafarers, the PMO MOC personnel, together with the personnel from Civil Service Commission, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Coast Guard Auxilliary, Local Government Unit of Municipality of Opol, MARINA, and students from Capitol University actively participated in the Coastal Clean Up activity held on 25 June 2023 at 6 o’clock in the morning with a starting point from Ajis Beach Resort, Municipality of Opol.



With this year’s theme, “MARPOL at 50 – Our commitment goes on,” and as the only Green Port of the Philippines, the PMO MOC remains committed to working with the maritime nation to maintain a clean and healthy marine environment for the future generations’ economic development and security.



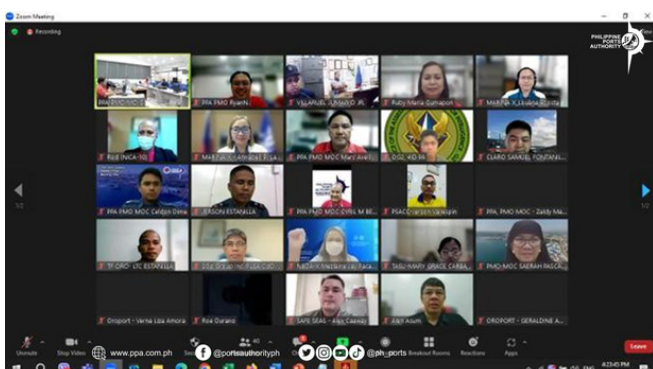
## 2Q PMMAC/PSAC Joint Meeting CY 2023

The members of the Port & Maritime Management Advisory Council and the Port Security Advisory Committee convened on 20 March 2023 for their joint meeting via Zoom application, hosted by the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro.

Representatives from the invited agencies namely, Maritime Industry Authority – X (MARINA-X), Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), PNP Police Station 5, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA – 10) together with the shipping companies and port stakeholders participated in discussions regarding maritime updates, port infrastructure development projects, and operational issues and concerns. Since the meeting was conducted online, breakout rooms were designated for each group to discuss separate matters after the presentation of updates from MARINA, CGDNM, and PPA.

The PMMAC conferred about recent concerns and reviewed certain port operational procedures that may be helpful for the shipping companies and other port users. Meanwhile, the PSAC invited Mr. Rod Mark Derilo, Chief of Counter Intelligence Division from NICA-10 as a resource person to present updates on the Security Situation in Region 10.

After the breakout sessions, the members of the PMMAC and PSAC convened once again and presented a summary of their discussions. PMO MO/C expressed its sincere gratitude to all the agencies for accepting the invitation and for actively participating in the said meeting.



## UNCTAD TFT PMP ends with Port Briefing and Tour at the Port of Cagayan de Oro



The Philippine Ports Authority concludes the first module of their UNCTAD TrainForTrade Port Management Programme – Modern Port Management Course Cycle 5 with a port briefing and tour at the Port of Cagayan de Oro on Friday, 23 June 2023.

The activity started with a heartwarming greeting from MO/C Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. followed by the operations, security, and cargohandling briefing. During the presentations from the representatives of the PMO, UNCTAD participants were able to bear witness to how the Baseport of PMO MO/C is able to ensure efficient and productive port operations for both cargo and passenger vessels, and their recognitions from various agencies. Additionally, OROPORT, the cargohandling operator of the CDO Port, showcased their commendable service and was recognized for taking the initiative to develop their own system that will further improve the efficiency of operations. Towards the end of the activity, UNCTAD participants took a running tour around the CDO Port, especially the upgraded Passenger Terminal Building and its facilities.

PMO MO/C is the host agency for the first module of the UNCTAD TFT PMP Cycle 5 which tackles International Trade and Maritime Transport.



## PMO MOC Conducts Series of Gender and Development (GAD) Training



Cagayan de Oro City- In furtherance of the PMO's thrust to improve the processes and activities related to Gender and Development (GAD), and to capacitate the GAD Focal Point System (GADFPS) and its personnel. PMO MO/C in partnership with Philippine Commission on Women North Mindanao Field Office (PCW-NMF) conducted a series of GAD Trainings namely: Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework last May 31, 2023 and GAD Agenda Training in two batches last June 8-9, 2023 respectively, at the PMO GAD Hall.

Atty. Khristine Kay M. Lazarito-Calingin, Chief GAD Specialist and Mr. Hanzel Luke P. De Vera, Supervising GAD Specialist of PCW-NMF who served as the resource persons during the said training focused their discussion on Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment, Gender Mainstreaming, Gender-Based Violence Prevention, Gender-Responsive Planning and Budgeting, Gender-Responsive Governance, Gender and Health, Gender and Education, and Gender and Environment. A total of thirteen (13) GADFPS members and thirty nine (39) PPA MO/C personnel attended the series of trainings.



Gender Mainstreaming is the major global strategy for ensuring that the government pursues gender equality in all aspects of the development process to achieve the vision of a gender-responsive society where women and men equally contribute to and benefit from development.





## Batang Malaya Award: Recognizing PMO MOC's Commitment to Child Labor Prevention and Advocacy



Cagayan de Oro City – The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) was awarded by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) with the prestigious Batang Malaya Award on June 12, 2023. The ceremony took place at the SM CDO Downtown Activity Center, where the PMO was commended for its unwavering support in strengthening the Child Labor Prevention and Elimination Program (CLPEP) advocacy. The PMO MOC achieved this by showcasing the “7 DOLEkula,” a one-minute digital film featuring the real-life stories of child laborers, at the Terminal facility pre-departure area both at Cagayan de Oro Baseport and TMO Camiguin Port of Benoni.

The Batang Malaya Award was bestowed upon the PMO MOC for its significant contribution to DOLE's regional initiative in celebration of the World Day Against Child Labor. Through their collaboration with DOLE, the PMO amplified the level of awareness surrounding child labor and the provisions of Republic Act 9231 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination) to the target audience, consisting of thousands of domestic passengers traveling daily to various destinations within the Philippines.

Their continued support for the CLPEP advocacy had a profound impact on raising awareness about the issue and fostering a collective responsibility to address child labor within society. The PMO has ensured that the provisions of Republic Act 9231 are upheld, creating an environment where children are protected, educated, and given the opportunity to thrive. The recognition bestowed upon the PMO MOC is a result of the successful collaboration between the PMO MOC and DOLE. By working hand in hand, these organizations have been able to effectively tackle the issue of child labor and implement strategies to prevent and eliminate its occurrence. The award not only acknowledges the PMO's efforts but also highlights the importance of partnerships and collaborations in addressing complex social issues.



**SAY NO TO  
CHILD LABOR**



## PMO MO/C concludes OPLAN Biyaheng Ayos: Semana Santa and Summer Vacation 2023

All ports and terminal management offices under the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro have concluded the Operation Plan: Biyaheng Ayos for Semana Santa and Summer Vacation 2023 which ran from 02 April – 10 April 2023.

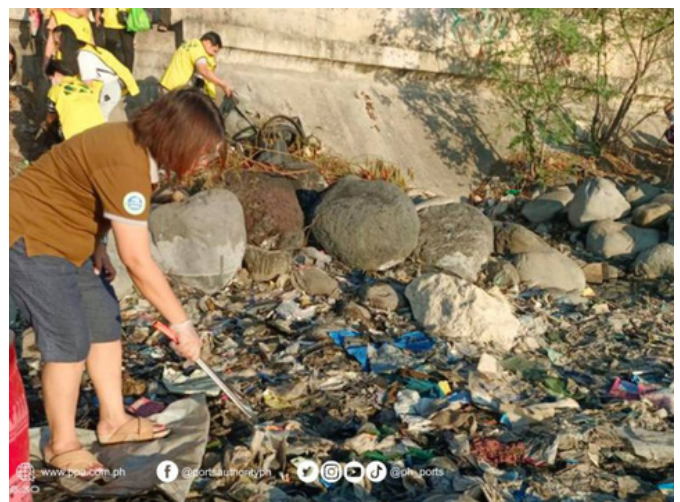
Prior to its implementation, the Ports of Cagayan de Oro, Balingoan, Benoni, Balbagon, and Guinsiliban have prepared for the expected increase in passenger traffic during the long weekend. Coordination meetings with other security agencies and Local Government Units were conducted as all transport agencies are directed to be on heightened alert status to ensure the security, safety, and convenience of all passengers travelling during this period. The Philippine Ports Authority prepared an Operational Plan for efficient, effective, and immediate response in view of traffic demands and incidents that may occur.

Volunteers from both outsourced and regular personnel of the PMO, as well as representatives from the Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA), PNP Maritime Unit (RMU – 10), and other law enforcement agencies manned the Public Assistance and Malasakit Help Desks and were on standby at the port premises for the whole duration of the OPLAN.





## 2023 Annual Earth Day Celebration







The Trash to CashBack program aims to engage the public in the proper disposal of wastes and help preserve the environment. It is composed of five (5) steps, namely, Segregate, Exchange, Redeem, Collect, and Recycle. In connection with the Clean Ports, Clean Oceans Project, port users are encouraged to deposit their plastic wastes to the BeST booth located at the Passenger Terminal Building every first friday of the month and in exchange, they will earn environmental points (EP). Each EP is equivalent to Php1 which may be used to transact with the BeST Partners such as Lazada PH, Smart, and BDO among others.

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