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PMO MOC joins the culmination in celebrating the Clean Ports, Clean Oceans Eco-Success

Cagayan de Oro City – The Port of Cagayan de Oro as one of the three ports in the Philippines partnered by the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature in their three-year project entitled "Clean Ports, Clean Oceans: Improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines" conducted its Culmination for the Eco-Success of the said project on August 17, 2023 at the Port of Cagayan de Oro's Passenger Terminal Complex, wherein the Port of Cagayan de Oro was recognized as the "Best Performing Port" for hitting the target of waste reduction and for the active commitment, participation and cooperation to implement sustainable solutions to address plastic pollution. *(continue on page 2)*



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PMO MOC joins the culmination in celebrating the Clean Ports, Clean Oceans Eco-Success



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PMO MO/C's Port Manager, Engr. Isidro V. Butaslac spearheaded the Signing of Strategic Action Plan together with the heads of the partner agencies: WWF Director of Conservation Programs, Ms. Chrisma Salao; Clean Ports, Clean Oceans Project Manager, Ms. Czaruna Constantino-Panopio; Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Regional Director, Ms. Annabell P. Lagas; Basic Environmental System Technology (BEST) Inc. Project Manager, Ms. Ceidge Razon; Philippine Ports Authority Head Office's Acting Environmental Management Chief, Ms. Angievyn Aguas, PMO MO/C's Division Head and Environmental Specialist, Ms. Core Suan. It is a symbolical signing of commitment to continue working together to achieve the project's objectives such as: (1) achieve 50% plastic waste leakage reduction, (2) provide input to the Philippines' National Plan of Action on Marine Litter to highlight the importance of the port industry in addressing plastic pollution; and (3) document the port waste management solutions to enable scaling up in other Philippine and global ports.

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.

This project is also in compliance with the Republic Act 9003 also known as "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000." And one of the best practices done by the PMO MOC was the conduct of "Trash to Cashback" with partnership with BEST. PMO MO/C's recyclable wastes are being collected by BEST in exchange for a cashback or environmental points that can be used to purchase goods, services and basic commodities. Three awards were awarded to participating bodies as "Tatak Eco-Warrior." The PMO MO/C's Passenger Terminal Complex won first place with a total of 1,140.18 Environmental Points/541.46 kg of recyclable wastes, followed by the Oroport Cargo Handling Services, Inc. with a total of 816.15 Environmental Points/567.05 kg of recyclable wastes, and the 3rd place was given to PMO MOC's Port Services Division with a total of 348.88 Environmental Points/282.36 kg of recyclable wastes.



And with this progress in waste reduction, the PMO MO/C has started building its very own Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), a recycling unit to help process recyclable materials and sell them as raw materials for new products.

Together, PMO MO/C remains committed in this project for a Clean Port, Clean Ocean for a healthy and sustainable environment for the future generations.



PMO MOC joins in the culmination event of WWF's "Clean Ports, Clean Oceans: Improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines"

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) personnel: Ms. Ruby Maria O. Gumapon (Port Services Division Manager), Ms. Core D. Suan (Environmental Specialist) and Ms. Clarissa C. Rosales (Passenger Terminal Complex Manager) joins the culmination event of World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature's three-year project, "Clean Ports, Clean Oceans: Improving Port Waste Management in the Philippines" yesterday, September 20, 2023 at Marriot Hotel, Manila.

Port of Cagayan de Oro as one of the three ports in the Philippines partnered by the WWF for Nature in their above-mentioned project held its Culmination for the Eco-Success last August 17, 2023 at the Port of Cagayan de Oro's Passenger Terminal Complex, where the Port of Cagayan de Oro was recognized as the "Best Performing Port" for hitting the target of waste reduction and for the active commitment, participation and cooperation to implement sustainable solutions to address plastic pollution.

DILG re-certifies CDO Port with Safety Seal



In accordance with its mandate in ensuring safe, secure, and sustainable port operations, the Port of Cagayan de Oro was re-certified with the Safety Seal by the Department of Interior and Local Government on Tuesday, 27 July 2023.



As the project ends, the WWF is sincerely grateful and celebrates with the partners in the successful turn out of the project in advancing circular solutions to reduce plastic pollution and achieve the goal of no plastic in nature. Additionally, the WWF released its communication tools and documentation that were created throughout the project and can be utilized by the PMOs and organizations



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A random onsite visit was conducted at the entire base port by the authorized agencies namely: the Bureau of Fire Protection, and the Department of Interior and Local Government to inspect if the establishment has consistently implemented the minimum public health standards set by the government and integrated its contact tracing system. The PMO was commended, once again, for exceeding the standards for certification and notably maintaining its implementation.

PMO MO/C continues to require all establishments inside its ports to apply for the Safety Seal Certification, in compliance with PPA Administrative Order No. 10-2021 "Implementation of Safety Seal in Ports" which covers all establishments inside the ports under PPA's jurisdiction.

PMO MOC Sets New Standards of Excellence: Celebrating ISO 9001:2025, ISO 1401:2015, and ISO 45001:2015 with ZERO Nonconformity



In a closing meeting held on July 20, 2023, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) celebrated its continued certification to ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2015 by SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the PMO MOC, underscoring its unwavering commitment to excellence and environmental and occupational health and safety management.

The first surveillance audit took place from July 18 to July 20, 2023. During the audit, SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. thoroughly examined the PMO MOC's processes, policies, and overall organizational performance.

The results of the audit were nothing short of exceptional, as the PMO MOC exhibited an outstanding commitment to maintaining the highest standards in all areas. The PMO MOC received an impressive outcome with 0 nonconformity, a testament to the organization's robust management systems and diligent adherence to the ISO standards.

In addition to the absence of nonconformities, the PMO MOC received two opportunities for improvement and revealed four observations, which serve as constructive feedback for the PMO MOC to further refine its processes and improve overall efficiency. These observations will undoubtedly support the organization's ongoing commitment to improvement and growth.

The auditors were particularly impressed with five positive findings, which exemplify the PMO MOC's remarkable performance and commendable practices. These positive findings include the commitment of the Top Management to the continual improvement and QMS implementation, the awareness and knowledge of the personnel to its process and corresponding area of responsibility, strong implementation and monitoring of incoming and outgoing vessels and the Trash to Cashback program in partnership with WWF to promote recycling and EMS programs.

Overall, SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. expressed its recognition of the PMO MOC's exceptional implementation of the certification requirements as outlined within the framework of the International Standards.



Empowering Change: Launching of Infomercial at PPA MOC for Project SPEAK in Partnership with DOLE 10



Cagayan De Oro City- The fight against child labor takes a significant stride forward as ChildFund Philippines, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region 10, Kaanib Foundation, and HaUman Association Incorporated, proudly launches the infomercial of Project SPEAK (Sustainable Programs for Education, Advocacy, and Knowledge). This groundbreaking initiative aims to eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labor (WFCL) by raising awareness and fostering advocacy for change. The launch is scheduled today, August 16, 2023, at multiple key locations in Cagayan De Oro City.

The infomercial launch event is set to take place at multiple strategic locations in Cagayan De Oro City to maximize its reach and impact. The participating venues included the PMO MOC (Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro). The launching started with an opening message given by Anand K. Vishwakarma, the ChildFund Country Director and followed by a short message given by the Port Manager, Isidro Butaslac Jr.

The choice of these locations underscores the commitment of ChildFund Philippines and its partners to ensure that the message reaches various segments of society, including shoppers, travelers, and residents of the city. With the infomercial's launch, Project SPEAK anticipates an increase in public awareness and engagement.

MV PIO Corpus Star first maiden voyage at the Port of Cagayan de Oro



Cagayan de Oro | Kho Shipping Lines' MV Pio Corpus Star with Voyage Number 004/004 had its first maiden voyage on September 5, 2023 at 4:35 PM and departed from the Port of Cagayan de Oro on September 6, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

The MV Pio Corpus Star is the first passenger vessel to serve direct trips between the City of Cagayan de Oro and Siquijor. The vessel will route from Cagayan de Oro to Lazi, Siquijor every Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. The scheduled arrival of the vessel in the Port of Cagayan de Oro is at 12:00PM and will depart from the said Port at 5:00PM.

The MV Pio Corpus Star has a Gross Registered Tonnage of 3,283.00 with a Length Overall of 67.74 meters. The vessel will specifically have a route plying Cagayan de Oro - Lazi, Siquijor - Dumaguete - Cebu and vice-versa.

With this new vessel, transporting from Cagayan de Oro to Siquijor and vice-versa will definitely make the travelers' lives easier, comfortable and less hassle. Plus, this will surely help in boosting the economy and tourism of both places.



PMO MO/C takes part in Northmin Dive Festival Launch



Cagayan de Oro- The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) participated in the opening ceremony of the NorthMin Dive Launch by the Department of Tourism Region 10 on September 6, 2023, at SM Downtown Premiere. The event, which featured a captivating underwater photo exhibit showcasing the work of professional photographers and divers, was graced by esteemed guests, including Port Manager Isidro Butaslac and other prominent figures in the tourism industry.

PMO MO/C joins Coastal Clean-up and Scubasurero at Ginoog Bay

PMO MOC thru TMO Balingoan participated in Coastal Cleanup and Scubasurero on September 7, 2023 at the Gingoog Pier to conserve and protect the lush coral gardens and breathtaking marine life and landscapes of Misamis Oriental's pristine dive sites. This activity is spearheaded by the Department of Tourism -10 and LGU Gingoog in line with the NorthMin Dive Festival.

Various participants from Misamis Oriental Provincial Tourism Office, Gingoog City Tourism, national agencies such as PPA, PCG, PNP, PNP Maritime, BFAR, BFP and other dive partners joined the event and generated sacks of non-biodegradable/inorganic wastes.

As per RD May Unchuan, this activity is aimed at promoting Gingoog as a premier dive site and encourage tourists to explore the wonders of the deep, forge new friendships with fellow divers, and raise awareness about the importance of marine conservation.

The event commenced with an opening message delivered by Atty. Jeffrey Saclot, the Provincial Tourism Officer of Misamis Oriental. He emphasized the region's commitment to promoting its remarkable underwater treasures. Following Atty. Saclot's inspiring words, Dir Marie Elaine S. Unchuan, the Regional Director of Region 10, presented an overview of the NorthMin Dive Festival that sheds light on its goals, objectives, and the thrilling experiences it promised to offer. She also unveiled a schedule packed with exciting activities for the following days.



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental's participation in the NorthMin Dive Festival Launch, under the leadership of Port Manager Isidro Butaslac, marks a significant step towards promoting sustainable tourism and preserving the province's rich marine biodiversity. Through events like these, Misamis Oriental continues to draw attention to its breathtaking underwater world while encouraging responsible tourism practices.



PMO MOC Personnel joins the LAB for ALL and World Bamboo Day



Cagayan de Oro City | A total of 76 participants from PMO MOC Personnel and other agencies participated in the LAB for ALL - Lingap at Alagang Bayanihan and simultaneous Bamboo Planting/Growing activity in coordination with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) this morning, September 13, 2023 at Sitio Baluarte, Barangay Lumbia, with a total of 152 Bamboo seedlings planted.

This said activity is in relative to the upcoming celebration of the World Bamboo Day. Every year on September 18, people worldwide celebrate World Bamboo Day, which was created by the World Bamboo Organization (WBO). The purpose of the celebration is to promote awareness of bamboo conservation and the global bamboo industry while bringing attention to the enormous potential of bamboo as an alternative resource.

The Bamboo plant is known for being one of the fastest-growing plants in the world. Southeast Asian, East Asian, and South Asian regions of the world value its versatility, cultural significance, and economic importance. Meanwhile, the Terminal Management Office of Camiguin also did their share for LAB for ALL with a total of 400 various tree seedlings planted and the PCBSI planted 77 mix of Mahogany and Tugas (Molave) seedlings.

As an environmental, and economic and sustainable development advocate, the PMO MOC assures to continue to work together as one with the nation in conserving Bamboo plants and other trees and contribute in achieving the Global goals or the Sustainable Development Goals for the safety and security of the future generations.

PPA PMO MOC joins the Annual International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) and celebrates the 36th Pantalan Anniversary



Cagayan de Oro City | The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) personnel and members of Pambansang Tinig at Lakas sa Pantalan (PANTALAN) celebrates its 36th Anniversary and joins the annual International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) on September 16, 2023 at Punta, Barangay Macabalan coastal area.

This year's ICC theme, "Clean Seas with Healthy Fisheries" is aligned to the United Nations Ocean Decade Challenge No. 3 which is to "Sustainably feed the global population." With this, a total of 20 PMO MOC personnel and PANTALAN members with Port Manager, Isidro V. Butaslac and other agencies worked together and collected a total of 100 kilos of garbages.



As the PANTALAN members celebrates its 36th Anniversary with its theme: "Kumilos at Makilahok sa Progresibong Pantalan," the members continues its commitment and dedication to actively support and make a difference not just within the organization, but also to the community in attaining a clean and progressive port and its coasts.

PMO MOC joins the 2023 National Maritime Week and unveils the #PPASYALTAYO Tourism Campaign Mural

Cagayan de Oro– The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro City (PMO MO/C), together with partners and stakeholders celebrated the opening of the 2023 National Maritime Week Celebration today, September 25, 2023 at the Passenger Terminal Building, with the theme, "MARPOL at 50- Our Commitment goes on."

The festivities began at 7:00 a.m. with the traditional "Dressing-up of Ships," "Blowing of Horns," and "Floral Offering at the Sea," which were held at the dockside of the Port of Cagayan de Oro City. The dressing-up of ships is a symbolical exhibition of several International Maritime Signal Flags used to communicate and send brief messages to ships at sea. This was followed by a Eucharistic Celebration, presided by Msgr. Eutiquiano M. Legitimas.

The Regional Director of MARINA, Ms. Annabelle P. Lagas welcomed the participants namely the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao (CGDNM), Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (PSPC), Capitol University (CU) Maritime Students, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA), 1001st Auxiliary Squadron (PCGA), Stella Maris – Apostleship of the Sea, and Cagayan Harbor Pilots, Inc. (CHPI). The IMO Secretary-General also shared an inspiring virtual message honoring the event. The Guest of Honor, Vice Mayor Jocelyn B. Rodriguez delivered her message and emphasized their continued support and collaboration with the maritime sector in the years to come.



On the same day, the PMO MO/C also launched the #PPASYALTAYO PPA's Tourism Campaign together with 25 PMOs all over the Philippines. This campaign aims to promote tourism in the region and showcase the beauty and diversity of Cagayan de Oro City and its surrounding areas. It is a testament to the city's commitment to fostering tourism while ensuring sustainable development. The virtual event started with the showcase of different chants from other PMOs and was followed by the unveiling of the mural at the Passenger Terminal Building. This artistic endeavor serves as a symbol of Cagayan de Oro City's vibrant culture. This event was spearheaded by Head Office Corporate Communication Services (HO CCS).



PPA MOC's Active Participation in the National Maritime Week 2023 Opening Ceremony of Friendship Games



Cagayan de Oro- The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro headed by the Port Manager, Mr. Isidro Butaslac Jr. participated in the National Maritime Week 2023 Opening Ceremony of Friendship Games held at Rio de Oro Boulevard today, September 1, 2023. The event brought together different government agencies and stakeholders to celebrate the importance of the maritime industry and promote camaraderie among its members. The festivities began with an opening prayer and a series of engaging activities.

The event kicked off with a solemn prayer, setting the tone for a day filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship, and fun. It was followed by an inspiring opening message delivered by the Regional Director of the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Ms. Annabell Lagas.

"PMO MOC Shines Blue Light on World Maritime Day 2023: #WORLDMARITIMEDAY"

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) illuminated several buildings and emblematic landmarks in a brilliant shade of blue, symbolizing the unwavering commitment to maritime excellence in several areas at the Baseport, TMO Balingoan, TMO Opol and TMO Camiguin today, September 28, 2023. This is in accordance with the guidance provided by Atty. Hernani N. Fabia and the IMO's theme "MARPOL at 50 - Our commitment goes on,"

One of the highlights of the opening ceremonies was the reading of the game mechanics by Engr. Arnel Arnulfo Actub. It highlighted clarity and fairness of the rules which are crucial to ensuring a competitive yet enjoyable atmosphere throughout the event. Following the game mechanics, a significant and symbolic event took place—the Signing of the Oath. Participants, including members of the PPA MOC, solemnly pledged their commitment to fair play and promote camaraderie in the maritime community. This symbolic act reinforced the event's purpose of fostering unity and collaboration among all those involved in the maritime sector.

After the formalities, the Zumba took place and was led by an energetic instructor who kept the energy levels high, and the participants engaged. It was a joyful sight to see maritime professionals from different backgrounds dancing and exercising together, breaking down barriers and forging connections. This is just the first of the many activities lined up for the National Maritime Week 2023.



This act of illumination served as a beacon of hope and dedication to the principles enshrined in MARPOL and the broader mission of the IMO. The blue light symbolizes the maritime industry's resolve to continue safeguarding the world's oceans and promoting sustainable shipping practices. [#WORLDMARITIMEDAY](#)

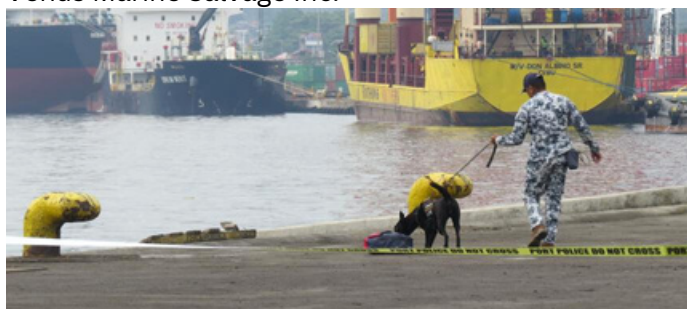


“Charting Success: The Conclusion and PARTICipation of PMO MOC in the Inter-Agency Operability and Capability Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) 2023”



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro City (PMO MOC) in collaboration with various partner agencies, participated in the Inter-Agency Operability and Capability Simulation Exercise (SIMEX) 2023 on September 27, 2023, at Macajalar Bay in Cagayan de Oro City.

This event was the centerpiece of the Maritime Week 2023 celebration and showcased the remarkable capacity and preparedness of various maritime stakeholders. The scenarios presented during the simulation provided invaluable insights into their ability to respond to challenging situations. This event brings together a diverse array of participants, including the MARINA 10, Philippine Coast Guard, PNP Maritime Group, PNP Station 5, PNP EOD/SWAT, PNP SOCO, Army K9, EOD Army, Bureau of Customs, CDRMO, Oroport Cargo Handling Services Inc, Philippine Navy, Task Force Oro, Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp, Bureau of Fire Protection, Cagayan Harbor Pilots, Inc, Harbor Star Shipping Services Inc, Malayan Towage and Salvage Corp, Oceanic Container Lines, Capitol University, Northern Mindanao Medical Center, Department Of Health 10, Local Matters Photography, LGU Macabalan, and Venus Marine Salvage Inc.



The exercise commenced promptly at 7:00 a.m. with a simulated bomb threat at the Cagayan de Oro City Passenger Terminal Building. This initial challenge set the stage for the day's events, testing the swift response of our first responders. Subsequently, a high-stakes seajacking scenario unfolded, drawing the participation of our dedicated PCG-PNP-AFP personnel and other collaborating agencies, including the PPA Port Police. Their coordinated response was a testament to their professionalism and commitment.

The simulation seamlessly transitioned into a search and rescue operation, highlighting their proficiency in handling critical situations. Following this, a firefighting exercise demonstrated their ability to tackle maritime emergencies with precision. The event concluded with an oil spill response exercise, underlining our shared commitment to safeguarding our environment and waters.

The last part and finale of the morning's affair was the SEA PARADE, a spectacular showcase of unity and maritime prowess. All units involved in the well-coordinated simulation exercise came together to participate in this grand display, providing a visually stunning and inspiring conclusion to the event.



"PMO MOC Triumphs at the 2023 National Maritime Week Awards Ceremony and Closing Event"

The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) attended the National Maritime Week (NMW) 2023 Awarding Ceremony and Closing Program, held at SM Uptown on September 29, 2023. This grand event celebrated the maritime industry's vital role in the Philippines and recognized the contributions of various organizations and individuals.

The program commenced with an invocation followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, a symbol of unity and pride for the nation. Atty. Angelica C. Mortola delivered the opening message. Her words were filled with gratitude and inspiration, emphasizing the importance of the maritime industry and the collective efforts of all involved. The program took a lively turn as Capitol University presented an intermission number, showcasing the immense talent within the academic community. The performance was met with applause and was a reminder of the diverse skills present in the maritime industry.

The highlight of the program came with the announcement of the winners of various competitions. PMO MOC proudly stood out, with their exceptional accomplishments. The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), under the capable leadership of Port Manager Bong Butaslac, secured several prestigious victories. The PPA team emerged as the champion in darts, table tennis, fun golf tournament, and table tennis single female categories. Their achievements demonstrated not only their skills but also their commitment to teamwork and excellence. The PMO MOC team also earned recognition as first runners-up in the table tennis male and mixed singles competitions, further underscoring their remarkable sporting abilities.



The Apostleship of the Sea added a colorful vibe to the event with a splendid intermission number. Their performance captivated the audience, showcasing the rich maritime heritage and culture of the Philippines. As the program commenced, the symbolic turnover of the NMW banner took place, signifying the transition to the 2023 NMW Host Agency, the Philippine Coast Guard. The event was a testimony to the seamless collaboration among various agencies that work together to ensure the maritime sector's success.

To conclude the program, CG COMMO Vincent Bingbong D. Fiesta from the Philippine Coast Guard delivered a heartwarming closing message. His words reinforced the importance of the maritime sector, not only in terms of economic growth but also in its role as a lifeline for the nation.





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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