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MOC Celebrates 49th Anniversary: Strengthening Port Commitments for a Sustainable Future

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) together with its Terminal Management Offices marked its 49th Anniversary with a fun and purpose-driven celebration, emphasizing the theme "Strengthening Port Commitments for a Sustainable Future." The three-day festivity, which commenced on April 11, 2024, and concluded on April 15, 2024, encapsulated a blend of camaraderie, reflection, and forward-looking initiatives.



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The event's diverse array of activities mirrored the office's multifaceted approach towards fostering a more environmentally conscious and socially responsible port operation. The festivity kicked off with a profound focus on mental health, exemplified by a Talk/Seminar on "Work-Life Balance and Stress Management.". This GAD activity highlighted the importance of mental health in the workplace, fostering a supportive environment for all staff members.

Port Manager Isidro Butaslac Jr also gave his opening remarks emphasizing the indispensable nature of teamwork in realizing shared objectives. This sentiment of collaboration was beautifully encapsulated in the First ever PMO MOC Eco Warrior Catwalk – Summer Collection inspired by Milan Fashion Week.



Launch of PPA Lugaw Mobile Station: A Heartwarming Gesture During PMO MOC's 49th Anniversary Celebration

In celebration of the 49th Anniversary of PMO MOC on April 15, 2024, a heartwarming initiative was launched to provide assistance to stranded passengers: the PPA Lugaw Mobile Station. This thoughtful endeavor aimed not only to provide sustenance but also to spread warmth and comfort to those in need, reflecting the spirit of compassion and community that defines the occasion. This is also in line with PPA Head Office Mandate in providing assistance to stranded passengers.

Following its debut, the Lugaw Mobile Station was relocated to the Passenger Terminal Building, where a queue of passengers eagerly awaited their turn to receive a hearty serving of hot and delicious lugaw, offered completely free of charge. The sight of individuals lining up, their faces lighting up with gratitude as they received their meals, epitomized the essence of generosity and solidarity.



Philippine Merchant Marine Academy visits PPA PMO MO/C for Academic Collaboration

The Philippine Merchant Marine Academy's (PMMA) personnel, Capt. Rino S. Casio and 2nd Officer Angel Jeuz B. Cervantes visits Philippine Ports Authority Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PPA PMO MO/C) for an Academic Collaboration on April 23, 2024, with a purpose to conduct a research study on vessel traffic patterns in Macajalar Bay to determine future developments in Cagayan de Oro and to enhance port efficiency and maritime safety. They were greeted and welcomed by PMO MO/C's personnel, headed by Port Manager (PM) Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr.

A meeting with PMMA commenced at the Office of the Port Manager, wherein PM Butaslac humbly discussed about PMO MO/C's Green Port Award System (GPAS), APEC region's green port evaluation system. It is intended to improve environmental awareness and understanding of green port development strategy, with the aim of achieving a balance between economic development and environmental protection in the APEC ports community; promoting the sustainable development of ports in the APEC region and protecting the port environment for the benefit of the entire APEC community; and contributing to the harmonization of regulations and improving the interoperability.



Enhanced Collaboration with the Academe



On May 18, 2024, the Port Management of Misamis Oriental (PMO MOC) hosted an educational port visit for graduate school students studying advanced production and operations from Xavier University and Capitol University. This immersive experience aimed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of port operations and cargo handling processes at Cagayan de Oro Port, one of the busiest and most strategic ports in the Philippines.

The port briefing commenced with a warm welcome from Port Manager Isidro Butaslac, who delivered an insightful opening remarks to the visiting students. Accompanying his remarks, a series of audio-visual presentations (AVPs) were shown, offering an overview of the port's operations, security measures, and safety protocols. These presentations set the stage for a deeper exploration of the port's functions. After the briefing and initial observations, students were given a comprehensive tour of the port facilities. This tour allowed them to see various aspects of the port's operations in action, reinforcing their understanding of the theoretical concepts learned in class.



Conduct of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas: DOTr Region 10



Cagayan de Oro City- On June 4, 2024, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) held its session of the "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas," at Mallberry Suites Business Hotel. The event was participated by key figures in the transportation sector, including Port Manager Isidro Butaslac Jr. of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) and Regional Directors from the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

The Kapihan aims to highlight the policies and programs of the DOTr and its agencies, showcase the accomplishments and projects of the regional offices, and provide a platform for direct interaction with the public and media to address concerns and queries.

Port Manager Isidro Butaslac Jr. presented the accomplishments and ongoing projects of the Philippine Ports Authority through an engaging Audio-Visual Presentation. This presentation provided an insightful overview of the PPA's efforts to improve port facilities, enhance operational efficiency, and ensure passenger safety.





PMO MOC Enhances Operational Standards through Technical Guidance and Process Inspection

The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) has recently completed a Technical Guidance and Process Inspection (TGPI) at the Port of Cagayan de Oro from May 28 to May 31, 2024.

During the TGPI, PMSODD personnel conducted on-site inspections to ensure compliance with ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, and ISO 45001:2018 standards, as well as other relevant regulatory requirements. The objectives of the TGPI were multifaceted, including compliance monitoring, preparation for surveillance auditing, assessment of IMS documentation and practices, validation of corrective actions, and readiness for surveillance audits.

The inspection aimed to verify the alignment of the Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro's (PMO MOC) Integrated Management System (IMS) with ISO standards and regulatory mandates.



PMO MOC participated in the General Orientation and Awareness on ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018

PMO MOC's nine (9) personnel, together with other personnel from PMO Ozamis, Zamboanga, Socksargen, and Davao participated in the 3-days General Orientation and Awareness on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015, 14001:2015, and 45001:2018 at PMO Davao Training Center from May 28 to 30, 2024, with its objectives to know the essential requirements of the ISOs; key steps and common barriers in IMS implementation; and the principles, its risks and opportunities in managing audit program.

The PMO MOC will keep up its exceptional commitment and dedication to upholding the highest standards in all areas, especially the ease of doing business with the goal to protect the environment, and support the wellbeing of the workers and port users.





Department of Defence Special Operations Task Force 511.2 Conducts Port Visit in PMO MOC



Cagayan de Oro- Special Operations Task Force 511.2 (SOTF 511.2) recently conducted a port visit to the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) on June 07, 2024. The Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Port Services Division, Ruby Maria Gumapon, alongside Station Commander Zaldy Magatagad, Terminal Supervisor Jonathan Saliring, and Engineering Services Division (ESD) OIC Jun Torcino fielded queries from the guests, providing valuable insights into the Port as supported by AVP's.

The port visit by Special Operations Task Force 511.2 to the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro marks a significant step in bolstering contingency planning efforts in the region.

Following the Port Briefing, the guests were treated to a comprehensive port tour, guided by Jonathan Saliring and Zaldy Magatagad. This immersive experience allowed the Team 2 Ground Force Commander and his team to gain firsthand insights into the port's layout, facilities, and operational procedures.



PMO MOC Joins the celebration for the 126th Philippine Independence Day



Cagayan de Oro City- The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly participated in the celebration of the 126th Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2024. The event, marked by a Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremony, took place at 7:00 AM at the Provincial Capitol Grounds, Provincial Capitol Compound, Cagayan de Oro City. The PMO MOC joined this significant occasion upon the invitation of the Provincial Government of Misamis Oriental.

With this year's theme, "Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, and Kapayapaan" (Freedom, Future, and Peace), the personnel from PMO MOC demonstrated their patriotism and commitment to these ideals by hoisting the banner of the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA). This act of raising the flag symbolized the enduring spirit of independence and the continuous journey towards a prosperous and peaceful future.





PMO MOC Receives Prestigious Batang Malaya Northern Mindanao Award



Cagayan de Oro- The Philippine Ports Authority Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) was honored with the prestigious Batang Malaya Northern Mindanao Award during the celebration of the World Day Against Child Labor (WDACL) and the 126th Independence Day. The event, held at SM CDO Downtown in Cagayan de Oro City, recognized the remarkable efforts of PMO MOC and the Terminal Management of Camiguin in combating child labor in the region. The Officer-in-Charge Ruby Maria Gumapon (PSD Manager) accepted the award on behalf of PMO MOC.

This award marks the second time PMO MOC has been recognized for its contributions. Their dedication to creating a safer and more nurturing environment for children has significantly impacted the community, reflecting the spirit of Batang Malaya and offering hope for a brighter future.

PMO MOC's unwavering commitment to partnerships and initiatives aimed at eradicating child labor has not gone unnoticed. Their work serves as an exemplary model of how organizations can make a difference in the fight against child labor, ensuring that children can enjoy their rights and grow in a supportive and secure environment.



Advancing Infrastructure: Highlights from the Second Quarter 2024 RDC-X Infrastructure and Utilities Development Committee Meeting



The Port Management Offices of Northern Mindanao Cluster co-hosted the Second Quarter 2024 RDC-X Infrastructure and Utilities Development Committee Meeting convened at the Mallberry Suites and Business Hotel on June 05, 2024.

As part of the agenda, Ms. Leila L. Martinez, the Acting Department Manager of the Commercial Services Department presented the Port Terminal Management Regulatory Framework: Port Tariff for Tier 3 Ports under the PTMRF (Port of Iligan) via ZOOM.

The region remains steadfast in its pursuit of infrastructure excellence, recognizing it as a cornerstone for sustainable development and inclusive growth. Through continued collaboration and concerted efforts, Northern Mindanao is poised to realize its vision of a vibrant, resilient, and prosperous community. By harnessing the power of partnerships, innovation, and sustainable practices, stakeholders are paving the way for a brighter future for all residents of Northern Mindanao.



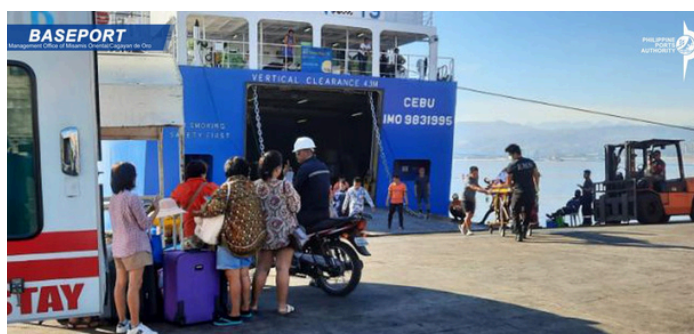


Passenger Aboard MV Trans Asia 19 Experiences Medical Emergency During Voyage

A medical emergency occurred during the arrival of MV Trans Asia 19 from Tagbilaran, Bohol, to Cagayan de Oro Port on April 25, 2024, when a passenger suffered a stroke while onboard. According to PPO3 Arnel Taqueban's report, the passenger is a 59-year-old resident of Jasaan, Misamis Oriental who experienced the medical event while the vessel was en route.

Upon arrival at the port, an ambulance was requested for medical assistance to attend to Mr. Ducay.

The ship's nurse provided immediate care to Mr. Ducay during the voyage. The quick response from the medical team helped ensure that Mr. Ducay received the care he needed upon arrival.



Violation of RA 9165: A Case of Suspected Drug Possession at CDO Port



Cagayan de Oro City- On June 4, 2024, during routine security screening at the Passenger Terminal Building of CDO Port, Jake Patrick A. Cuer, a 30-year-old resident of Lapasan Cagayan de Oro City was apprehended due to an item concealed on the left side of the passenger's waistline. Upon inspection, it was revealed to be a cylindrical container containing suspicious contents, including what appeared to be an improvised tooter, a syringe, and a piece of cloth. Despite the passenger's claim that it was merely medicine for his cough, the baggage security, maintained suspicion and directed the individual to move aside, away from other passengers, before contacting the Port Police Officer.

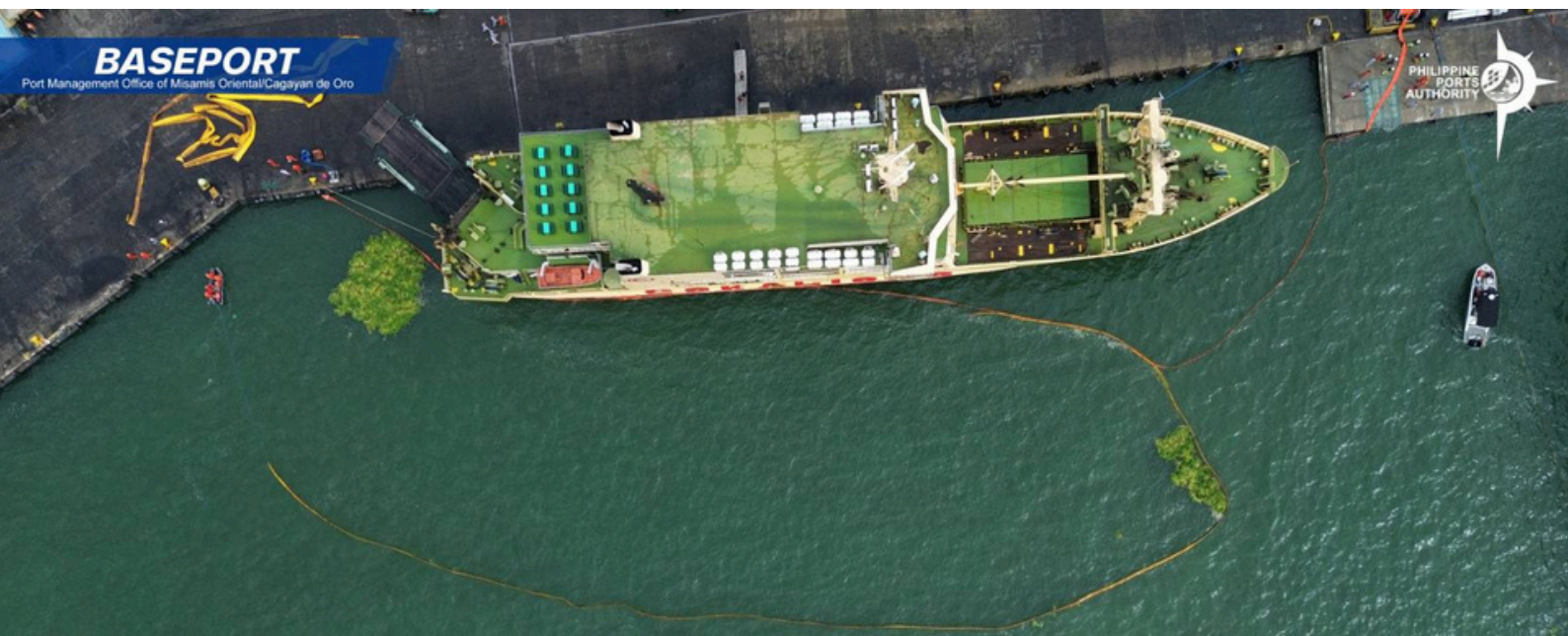
Subsequent verification by PPO2 Moring HWB raised concerns about the nature of the contents within the container, suspecting them to be drug paraphernalia. With the assistance of the Philippine Coast Guard K9 unit, a thorough examination ensued, confirming the presence of drug components in the paraphernalia.

Furthermore, with the consent of Mr. Cuer and his companions, the K9 unit conducted a comprehensive sniffing procedure on their luggage, yielding negative results for any illicit substances. As a precautionary measure, the services of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Seaport Interdiction Unit were enlisted to validate the findings, with the presence of witnesses from the media and local barangay officials to ensure transparency and adherence to legal protocols.





Enhancing Preparedness: PMO MOC Joins Oil Spill Awareness Training and Simulation Exercise 2024



In a concerted effort to bolster safety measures and environmental protection against the hazards posed by oil spills at sea, the Philippine Coast Guard organized a two-day Oil Spill Awareness Training and Simulation Exercise from June 19–20, 2024. This activity is in collaboration with the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) and various stakeholders.

The event commenced with an opening address from Port Manager Isidro Butaslac Jr., who articulated the significance of the training. He stated, "This Oil Spill Awareness Training is a concrete manifestation of our commitment to uphold safety and promote environmental protection against the peril and detrimental effects of oil spill incidents at sea." His remarks highlighted the proactive stance of local authorities and stakeholders in safeguarding maritime environments.

The first day focused on comprehensive lectures covering various facets of oil spill management. Experts shared insights into the causes, effects, and mitigation strategies related to oil spills, emphasizing the critical need for swift and coordinated responses to minimize ecological and economic damage. The day culminated in a tabletop exercise, where participants engaged in scenario-based simulations to test response protocols and enhance preparedness. During the proceedings, Port Manager Isidro Butaslac Jr. was recognized with a plaque of appreciation for his pivotal role and unwavering support in facilitating the training and exercise.

Building on the knowledge gained from the training, the second day saw the successful execution of the Oil Spill Simulation Exercise. This practical exercise brought together the Philippine Coast Guard, PMO MOC, and other collaborating agencies to test response protocols in a controlled environment. The simulation aimed to assess the effectiveness of communication channels, deployment strategies, and environmental protection measures in mitigating simulated oil spill scenarios. Through sustained efforts under initiatives like Task Force Ingat Yamang Dagat, the PCG continues its commitment to preserving the longevity and vitality of the Philippines' marine ecosystems, ensuring they thrive for generations to come.



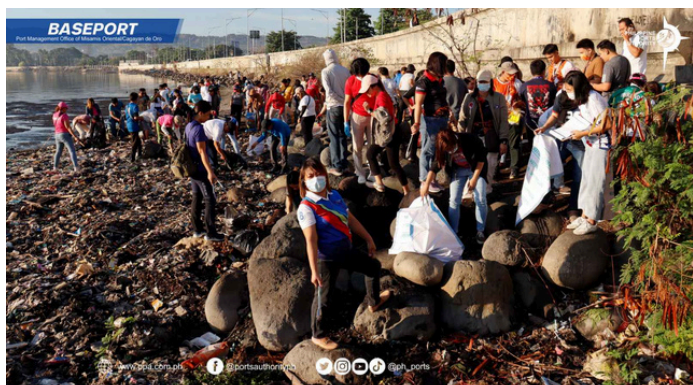


PMO MOC participates in the celebration of Month of the Ocean 2024



The Philippine Ports Authority Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PPA PMO MOC), together with other local government units, national government agencies, private sectors, community stakeholders and various civil society organizations participated in a simultaneous Coastal Clean-up Drive spearheaded by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region X today, May 10, 2024 in celebration of the Month of the Ocean 2024. The activity was participated by 16 PMO MOC personnel, wherein a total of 24 trash bags with 1,200 kilograms of trash were collected at Bitan-ag Creek, Coastal Area.

The Coastal Clean-up Drive is in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 57, series of 1998, which designates May as the Month of the Ocean each year. This proclamation acknowledges the economic and ecological benefits that our country receives from its coastal and marine resources. In addition, as part of its ongoing commitment to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and its message, "The Science We Need for the Ocean We Want," the DENR has adopted the UNESCO Ocean Decade Challenge 4, "Develop a Sustainable and Equitable Blue Economy."



Community Unites for Earth Day Clean-UP Drive: Making a Difference, One Step at a time



Balingoan, Misamis Oriental --- Volunteers from across the community gathered with a common goal in mind: to make a positive impact on the environment through a massive clean-up drive. Armed with gloves, trash bags, brooms and packed with unwavering determination, individuals of all ages came together to tackle litter and waste in Lapinig Islet, Balingoan, Misamis Oriental on 27 April 2024 7AM.

Organized by LGU Balingoan in celebration of the Earth Day 2024, the activity was enthusiastically supported by the Philippine Ports Authority - TMO Balingoan, Philippine Coast Guard, Balingoan MPS, Balingoan College Teachers and Students, and Maritime Police, among others. It aimed to establish a sense of responsibility for protecting the environment and raise public awareness on the value of environmental stewardship for future generations. The sense of unity and accomplishment that pervaded the atmosphere—a mutual understanding that by banding together, we can make a difference in the fight against environmental degradation—was even more crucial.

The Earth Day clean-up drive had not only left a lasting impact on the physical landscape but had also planted the seeds of change in the hearts and minds of all the participants, particularly the students, that as they look towards the future, they do so with renewed determination to continue the efforts to protect and preserve our planet --- one clean-up drive at a time.





PMO MO/C's enthusiastic involvement in the LGU's Citywide Cleanup Campaign



Cagayan de Oro City- Today, April 26, 2024, the dedicated personnel of the PMO MO/C once again demonstrated their commitment to community service by participating in the LGU's City Wide Clean-up campaign: Klarex nga Kalimpyo sa Kadalanan ug Tugkaran for the fourth time this year.

The monthly clean-up drive received enthusiastic participation from a total of sixty dedicated individuals from various departments or organizations namely: Administrative Division, Port Services Division, Engineering Services Division, Passenger Terminal Complex (PTC), OroPort, and Macajalar Wharf Porters Association. Moreover, the aforementioned activity took place at the Port Area of Cagayan de Oro; particularly at Gate 5, Port Operational Area and Passenger Terminal Building (Streetside).

Furthermore, a total of twenty-seven sacks of trash with approximately 25 kilos of waste per sack, for a total of 675 kilos of waste, were collected throughout the cleanup activity, demonstrating the efforts of all participants to guarantee a thorough and efficient cleaning approach.

By engaging in activities such as waste collection, debris removal, and beautification efforts, PMO MO/C personnel exemplify its commitment towards environmental sustainability, public service and civic engagement.



PMO MOC's Pollution Control Team first committee meeting



PPA PMO MOC's Pollution Control Team conducted its first meeting on May 20, 2024 at the Office of the Port Manager's Conference Room to discuss the different functions and responsibilities of the Pollution Control Officers (PCO), progress and accomplishment reports, and other concerns from the different Terminal Management Offices.

Rules and restrictions outlined by the following statutes shall be implemented by the PCO Team: P.D. 1586, calling for the Establishment of an Environmental Management System; R.A. 6969, an Act to Control Toxic Substances and Hazardous and Nuclear Wastes; R.A. 8749, an Act providing for a Comprehensive Air Pollution Control Policy; R.A. 9003, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act; and R.A. 9275, the Philippine Clean Water Act. Along with initiating and carrying out environmental management-related actions, the PCO Team will also run an awareness campaign among stakeholders in PMO MOC's Terminal Ports. The team will also be responsible for submitting the Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR), attested by the Port Manager, to the DENR each semester, as well as the Quarterly Self-Monitoring Reports (SMR) to the Port Manager.





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DONATION DRIVE

In Celebration of PPA's 50th Milestone Anniversary
The PMO MO/C Joins
PPA's Donation Drive
 (A Corporate Social Responsibility Activity)
 Theme: Thrifty at Fifty
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 2:00 P.M. | PPAsyal Area



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