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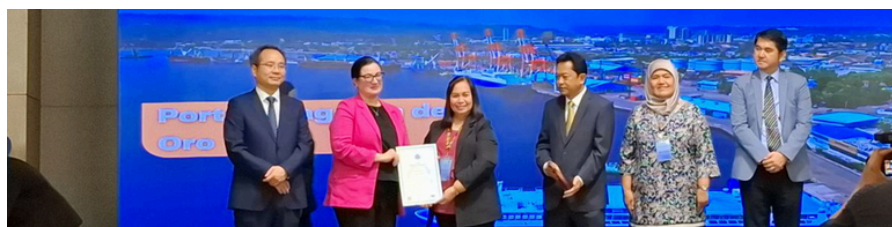
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## UNLOCKING THREE-PEAT: Port of Cagayan de Oro wins GPAS Award 2024

The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) has once again solidified its commitment to environmental protection and sustainability having been a recipient once again of the prestigious Green Port Award System (GPAS) from the APEC Port Services Network (APSN) for the Port of Cagayan de Oro. This commendation, which marks the third consecutive award for the Port, was conferred during the APSN Forum on Green Shipping Corridors held on October 24-25, 2024, in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. On behalf of the PMO, the accolade was proudly received by Ruby Maria O. Gumapon, the Port Services Division Manager.

The GPAS Evaluation Committee undertook a thorough review of all applications from the seaports in the Asia-Pacific Region for the 2024 award, scoring each submission based on the Implementation Plan for GPAS-2020 and specific criteria outlined in the Guide to GPAS Expert Evaluation. The Port's sustainable programs, activities, and initiatives in the areas of green port awareness and promotion, clean energy, pollution control, waste treatment, and Green Management as comprehensively detailed in its application, were found to have satisfactorily reached the criteria of GPAS; thus, qualified to be one of the APSN's GPAS awardees for 2024.







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The PMO MO/C, under the notable leadership of Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr., acknowledges that this current achievement, including its preceding GPAS Award 2018 and 2021, were made possible through the unwavering support and guidance of the PPA Top Management that also encouraged all PPA ports to also apply for the GPAS. PMO MOC's repeated recognition serves as an inspiration for other ports and maritime entities to prioritize environmental stewardship and sets a benchmark for port greening initiatives.

"As a Green Port and the leading PMO for a green culture, we may have become "infectious" in instilling environmental consciousness and awareness among all port stakeholders, all terminal ports, and even to other PMOs who would also like to embrace the green culture and replicate the best practices of CDO Port," Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. remarked.

The port's commitment to sustainable development aligns with global efforts to promote greener shipping corridors, contributing to a healthier marine ecosystem and community. The awarding of three (3) GPAS flags is a testament of the effective implementation of green policies and practices not only within the port's operations but also around the port and coastal communities under the MO/C's jurisdiction.

As the PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro continues to lead by example, it reinforces the crucial role of ports in fostering environmental responsibility while facilitating economic growth. This ongoing dedication ensures that future generations can enjoy a vibrant and sustainable coastal environment.



## PMO MOC Receives Parangal ng Bayan for Commitment to Child Labor Reduction



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) was awarded the Parangal ng Bayan for Commitment to Child Labor Reduction at Loiza's Pavilion in Malaybalay City. This recognition highlights the office's pivotal role in the PROJECT SPEAK, an international collaboration designed to combat child labor across various provinces in Mindanao.

The SPEAK initiative is a joint effort involving the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), ChildFund International, and EURO Fund. Its primary objective is to significantly reduce, if not eliminate, child labor by addressing its underlying causes and promoting the rights and welfare of children. The project takes a holistic approach, working closely with local communities to create safe, supportive environments where children thrive.

The recognition from the Parangal ng Bayan serves not only as a testament to the hard work and dedication of the PMO MOC but also as a reminder of the critical importance of community involvement in addressing social issues. By actively participating in the PROJECT SPEAK, the PMO MOC demonstrates its commitment to ensuring that children in Mindanao have access to education and opportunities for a brighter future.



## NOMIN CLUSTER Claims First Runner-Up Spot in "'Harmonies by the Harbor' Chorale Competition at 2024 Hybrid Nationwide Christmas Celebration"



The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) participated in the highly anticipated Hybrid Nationwide Christmas Celebration Program, organized by the Human Resources Management Division (HRMD) on December 5, 2024.

The event brought together employees from PMO MOC at the GAD Hall to celebrate the holiday season through music, camaraderie, and a sense of unity joining the Head Office via Zoom. The event's highlight was the much-anticipated Chorale Competition, titled "Harmonies by the Harbor," which saw several PMOs across the country showcase their musical talents.

Representing the entire NOMIN Cluster Area, PMO MOC took part in this spirited competition, demonstrating not only their vocal prowess but also their deep commitment to fostering festive spirit within the organization. The competition was a platform of team effort, creativity, and holiday cheer, as various PMOs performed OPM Christmas songs, harmonizing beautifully and spreading the festive spirit. PMO MOC's choir captivated the audience and judges, securing an impressive position as the first runner-up in the overall competition.



## PMO MOC's Engr. Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. Bags Second Place at DENR's Climate and Disaster Resiliency Awards



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly announces the remarkable achievement of Engr. Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. former PM, who clinched Second Place in the Individual Category of the "Mga Kwentong KLIMA-likasan Tungo sa Katatagan: A Climate and Disaster Resiliency Recognition Awards" hosted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The award was presented on 21 November 2024 during the Recognition Rites at Park Inn by Radisson North Edsa, Manila and was received by the Environmental Specialist Core D. Suan of PMO MOC.

The event celebrated individuals and organizations across the country for their outstanding efforts in addressing climate change and disaster preparedness. Engr. Butaslac's work together with his team, particularly in integrating green practices into port management, earned him this well-deserved recognition for his commitment to environmental stewardship.





## PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Welcomes New Acting Port Manager Fernando B. Mapalo Jr.



The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) celebrated a significant milestone today, November 4, 2024, as it warmly welcomed its new Acting Port Manager, Fernando B. Mapalo Jr. The day commenced with the first Monday Flag Raising of November, bringing together the PMO staff in a show of solidarity and enthusiasm for the month ahead.

Following the flag-raising ceremony, the team participated in a brief morning exercise. The Port Services Division Manager, Ruby Maria O. Gumapon then formally introduced Mr. Mapalo, who took the opportunity to share his vision and core values with the staff. He emphasized three guiding principles encapsulated in the acronym FTI: Fairness, Transparency, and Integrity. These values will serve as the cornerstone of his leadership, to build trust and collaboration within the organization. In addition, Mr. Mapalo reiterated the hashtag #SeaTransportandTravelExperience, which reflects his commitment to enhancing the overall experience of transport and travel. He explained the significance of the acronym SEA, which stands for Sustainability, Efficiency, and Admirability. This framework highlights his intention to promote sustainable practices while ensuring that services remain efficient and commendable.

“Positive gains and fulfilling outcomes can be achieved through mutual support and cooperation,” he stated, encouraging all staff members to work together toward common objectives. To add a festive touch to the day, a cake was cut in honor of the November celebrants, accompanied by a toast that celebrated their contributions and milestones. This gesture further strengthened the sense of community within the PMO.

After the flag-raising festivities, Mr. Mapalo, along with the Division Managers, engaged in an assumption briefing. This session was vital for Mr. Mapalo to familiarize himself with the intricacies of port management and to align with the team on strategic initiatives moving forward. As PMO MOC embraces this new leadership, the atmosphere is filled with optimism. With Mr. Mapalo's emphasis on fairness, transparency, and integrity, the port is set on a promising path, ready to navigate future challenges while continuing to deliver exceptional service to the region.





## PMO MOC Celebrates PPA 50th Milestone with Christmas Donation Drive



CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, BASEPORT - The Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro held a meaningful celebration of the Philippine Ports Authority's (PPA) 50th milestone through a heartwarming Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The event, themed *"Ginintuang Pasko ng Pagbabahagi at Malasakit"*, was held at the Port Terminal Building in December 13, 2024 and featured a special donation drive aimed at sharing the spirit of Christmas through giving of gift packs to 97 porters.

The short program kicked off with an Opening Prayer, followed by the Philippine National Anthem. Ma. Chona R. Fabia, delivered the Welcome Address, extending warm greetings to all attendees and underscoring the significance of the event in line with PPA's golden anniversary celebration.

The festive atmosphere was further enhanced by the short but impactful message of APM Fernando "Toto" B. Mapalo, Jr., who commended the porters for their tireless service and emphasized PPA's ongoing commitment to supporting the welfare of its employees.

The program also featured an AVP of the PPA MOC Chorale, bringing joy to the attendees through their musical performance. In between activities, engaging games were held. A special intermission number by the Porter's Association further energized the crowd, highlighting the talent within the port community.

As a part of the gift-giving segment, the porters received not only gift packs but also a warm serving of Macaroni Soup and snacks, adding a personal touch to the event. The President of the Porters' Association delivered a heartfelt response message, expressing gratitude for the generosity shown by PPA and the Port Management Office. Ruby Maria Gumapon, in her Closing Remarks, wrapped up the event by thanking everyone for their participation and support, reinforcing the importance of unity and compassion within the port community.







## PMO MOC Conducts Successful “Kapehan sa Pantalan MOC”

The Port Management of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) successfully conducted the latest edition of its flagship program, **Kapehan sa Pantalan MOC**, at the Port Terminal Building on November 27, 2024. This event aimed at fostering collaboration and engagement among stakeholders, marked a continued effort to enhance port operations, safety, and environmental sustainability under the leadership of Acting Port Manager Fernando B. Mapalo Jr.

Previously known as Kapehan sa BDMO, the Kapehan sa Pantalan MOC was established in 2022 as part of the Port Management's commitment to strengthening compliance with the Integrated Management System (IMS) and aligning port stakeholders with the Philippine Ports Authority's (PPA) standards on quality, safety, and environmental management.

The event featured informative presentations covering various aspects of port operations, including Safety and Health Updates, Environmental Updates, Finance Updates, Access Control and Security Updates, and compliance with PPA requirements. These presentations gave stakeholders important insights into the port's ongoing initiatives and regulatory obligations, ensuring that all parties involved remain informed and aligned with industry standards.







## PMO MOC Hosts Filipino Brand of Service Excellence Training for Security Personnel



Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental – December 03, 2024 – The Port Management of Misamis Oriental (PMO MOC), in coordination with the Department of Tourism (DOT), conducted a special training session aimed at enhancing customer service skills among the port's security personnel. Held at the GAD Hall today, the event was participated by 43 security guards and security screeners from PMO MOC.

Maria Reina O. Bontuyan, a resource person from DOT, led the session and explained how the FBSE program can uplift the tourism services in the country by promoting the unique Filipino way of hospitality as a brand. The core objective of the program was to instill and propagate the Filipino Brand of Service Excellence across various sectors, particularly for frontliners. Bontuyan emphasized the importance of applying the 7M of Filipino Values in delivering excellent service, which includes: Maka-Dios/Maka-Maylikha (God-centered and creation-respecting), Makatao (humane and compassionate), Maka-Kalikasan (environmentally responsible), Makabansa (nationalistic), Masayahin (joyful and positive), May Bayanihan (spirit of unity and cooperation), and May Pag-asa (hopeful and optimistic).



## Promoting Organizational Efficiency: 5S and Housekeeping Seminar at PMO MOC



The Port Management Office (PMO) of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro recently conducted a 5S and Housekeeping Seminar. This initiative was in collaboration with Dr. April Melinda P. Mangotara, a faculty member from the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Department at Cagayan de Oro College – PHINMA Education. The seminar took place on December 17, 2024, at the Gad Hall Building 2.

The seminar was designed to introduce and reinforce the fundamental principles of the 5S methodology—Sort, set in order, Shine, Standardize, and Sustain—among the personnel at the Port Management Office. As port services grow and evolve, it is essential to minimize inefficiencies, reduce operational hazards, and maintain a clean and organized work environment. By instilling these practices, PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro is poised to enhance productivity, promote employee satisfaction, and continue its commitment to safety and environmental stewardship.



## PMO MO/C Commemorates the 161st Birth Anniversary of Gat Andres Bonifacio



CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – The Philippine Ports Authority Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) marked the 161st birth anniversary of the national hero, Gat Andres Bonifacio today, November 30, 2024, by actively participating in the commemorative program held at the Community Amphitheater, Plaza Divisoria, in Cagayan de Oro City.

This year's theme, "Pagkakaisang Pilipino: Pundasyon ng Malaya at Maunlad na Bayan," emphasized the enduring importance of unity among Filipinos as the foundation of a free and prosperous nation.

The commemoration began with a solemn program in the morning, where various local government officials, national government agencies, civil society organizations (CSOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and people's organizations (POs) gathered to honor the legacy of Bonifacio, the founder of the Katipunan and one of the most significant figures in the fight for Philippine independence.

PMO MOC's participation was marked by a deep commitment to remembering the sacrifices made by Bonifacio and other national heroes in the quest for liberty.



## TMO Balingoan Engages Port Stakeholders in 4Q PMMAC/PSAC Meeting



On December 6, 2024, maritime and law enforcement agencies, along with shipping line representatives, convened at the New Port Operations Building in Balingoan for the 4th Quarter PMMAC/PSAC Meeting. The gathering provided a platform to discuss key issues and share updates on developments at the Port of Balingoan. Attendees included representatives from the PCG, MARINA, PNP Maritime Group, PNP Municipal Police Station, MDRRMO, LGU Balingoan, PCBSI PTMC, and various shipping lines.

The meeting highlighted PPA's standard operating procedures during inclement weather, with participants receiving updates on handling stranded passengers and post-typhoon measures. Shipping lines were urged to enhance information dissemination regarding vessel cancellations using text blasts and social media channels. Additionally, stakeholders were reminded of existing port access control regulations.

A proposed port zoning scheme aimed at improving safety and security was also introduced. This initiative seeks to regulate access to specific areas and designate zones where appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is mandatory. Shipping lines and ancillary service providers were further advised to ensure compliance with accreditation and permit requirements as the renewal cycle approaches.





## PPA Simultaneous Christmas Tree Lighting 2024



The Port Management of Misamis Oriental – Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) celebrated the holiday season with a heartwarming event at the Port Terminal Building on December 6, 2024. With the theme: Ginintuang Puso sa Ginintuang Pasko under the leadership of Acting Port Manager Fernando Mapalo, the port community gathered for a simultaneous Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony together with the Head Office and PMO's nationwide, marking the beginning of the festive season with joy and unity.

The lighting of the Christmas tree located at the Entrance of the Passenger Terminal Building symbolized not just the holiday spirit but also the hope for continued progress and prosperity for the port and its stakeholders. The tree, adorned with bright lights and adorned with recyclable and upcycled material to highlight sustainability and ingenuity as a GPAS Port served as a beacon of optimism and goodwill, reflecting the collective aspirations of the Port Management and the wider Cagayan de Oro community.



## OPLAN BIYAHENG AYOS: PASKO 2024



In line with the implementation of Oplan Biyaheng Ayos: Pasko 2024 starting 20 Dec 2024, The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) intensified security measures to ensure public safety and security. In preparation of the surge in passenger volume during Oplan Byaheng Ayos: Pasko 2024, PMO MOC has taken proactive measures to ensure the smooth flow of services.

Under the leadership of Acting Port Manager Fernando B. Mapalo Jr, various activities were undertaken to ensure the safety of passengers and the smooth operation of the terminals during the long weekend







## PMO MOC Celebrates Yearend Assessment and Fellowship Night



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) hosted a memorable Yearend Assessment and Fellowship Night at the Pearlmont Hotel on December 19, 2024. Embodied with the theme, **"Merry and Bright in Denim Tonight!"**, the event served as a time to reflect on the achievements of the year, celebrate milestones, and foster camaraderie among the team. The festive atmosphere, blending holiday cheer with a casual denim twist, made for an unforgettable evening of reflection and celebration.

The evening commenced with a heartfelt Opening Prayer, followed by the Welcome Remarks delivered by the overall chairperson, Ms. Saerah M. Pascasio. Afterward, the guests enjoyed dinner while the PMO MOC employees were treated to an audio-visual presentation (AVP) that highlighted the milestones and achievements the office had attained throughout 2024.

The night took on an inspiring note when Acting Port Manager Fernando Mapalo Jr. delivered a powerful message centered around the season of giving, encouraging everyone to continue their dedicated service and contribute to the growth of PMO MOC in the coming year. The Chorale Team also showcased their piece to the crowd.

2024 proved to be a remarkable year for PMO MOC, as the team received several prestigious awards for their outstanding performance in various areas. During the event, the hardworking team members were presented with plaques and certificates in recognition of their efforts in making PMO MOC one of the most outstanding ports in the region.





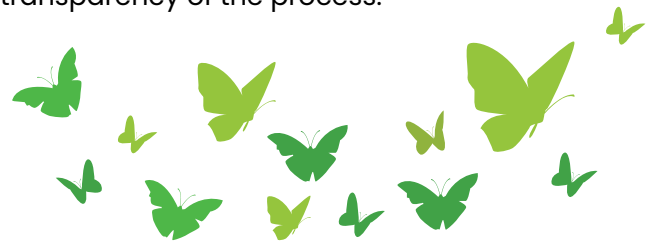


## Successful Online Public Consultation for PPA Northern Mindanao Cluster Port Environmental Code (PPEC)



Cagayan de Oro - The Philippine Ports Authority Northern Mindanao Cluster successfully conducted a public consultation regarding the Proposed Port Environmental Code (PPEC) at PMO MOC via Hybrid format on October 08, 2024. This initiative is crucial for enhancing environmental management in Philippine ports which attracted a diverse audience including port stakeholders eager to engage in meaningful dialogue. The public consultation was organized by the Port of Cagayan de Oro (LEAD PMO), Port of Lanao del Norte Iligan, Port of Agusan, Port of Surigao, Port of Ozamis.

The consultation commenced with opening preliminaries led by Ruby Maria O. Gumapon, the PSD Manager from PMO MOC, who served as the Moderator. Following her introduction, PMO MOC Port Manager Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. delivered the Welcome Remarks and officially called the session to order. Attendees were also shown photographs highlighting compliance with the posting of the Notice of Public Consultation, reinforcing the transparency of the process.

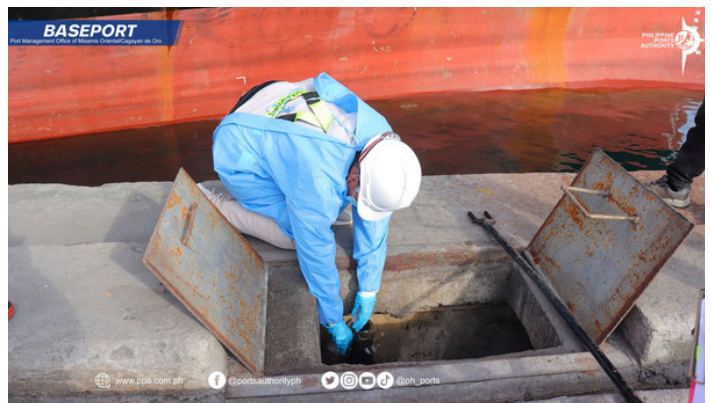


## PMO Actively Conducts Annual Water Potability Tests to Ensure Safe Water Supply



Cagayan de Oro City (Baseport) - The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) initiates the conduct of WATER POTABILITY TESTS for 5 WATER HYDRANTS Supplying Water to Vessel on 4 Parameters today, 20 December 2024, as relative to the Integrated Management System - Occupational Safety and Health (IMS OSH) requirements. The Water Quality Test was facilitated by the PMO MOC Port Services Division (PSD) and Engineering Services Division (ESD) carried out by accredited personnel from a Department of Health (DOH) - accredited Laboratory.

Parameters for testing includes the Heterotrophic Plate, Total Coliform, Fecal Coliform, and E-Coli Count. Such testing shall be conducted annually to maintain and ensure the quality, potability, and cleanliness of the water supply within the PMO MOC. Moreover, the primary goal of the water potability test is to ensure that the water distributed from the hydrants to the vessels meets the standards for safe consumption, in accordance with national health and safety regulations.







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