



BALINGOAN PORT USHERS IN A NEW ERA WITH PORT EXPANSION PROJECT, BOOSTING TOURIM AND TRADE IN NORTHERN MINDANAO



Balingoan, Misamis Oriental — A new chapter unfolds for Northern Mindanao's vital gateway to Camiguin as the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. inaugurated the newly completed Port Expansion Project at the Port of Balingoan on April 22, 2025, alongside Secretary Vince B. Dizon of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) General Manager Jay Daniel R. Santiago, Governor Peter Unabia of Misamis Oriental Province, and Acting Port Manager of PMO- Misamis Oriental Cagayan de Oro, Fernando B. Mapalo, Jr.



This milestone event brought together key officials from the DOTr, PPA, various National Government Agencies (NGAs), and Local Government Units (LGUs). It also marked a highlight of the 50th Founding Anniversary celebration of the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC)



PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Hosts Benchmarking Activity for AFAB Delegation

In an ongoing effort to advance port management standards and inter-agency collaboration, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) hosted a benchmarking activity for the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan (AFAB) today, May 20, 2025. The activity was guided by a structured program flow that aimed to showcase best practices and innovative systems implemented by PMO MO/C.

The Acting Port Manager warmly welcomed guests from AFAB, emphasizing the PMO MOC's commitment to operational efficiency, environmental stewardship, and service excellence. The benchmarking formally commenced with the Invocation Prayer and the singing of the Pambansang Awit. This was followed by the presentation of the PMO MO/C Safety Protocol, underscoring the agency's commitment to safety and compliance.



PMO MOC conducts Mental Health Seminar

The Philippine Ports Authority – PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) conducted a full-day seminar titled “Common Mental Health Conditions in the Workplace,” aimed at promoting mental wellness as an essential part of a productive and supportive work environment on June 20, 2025. The session was led by Dr. Frances Mae O. Gumapon-Lua, M.D., DSBPP, a respected psychiatrist and mental health advocate who brought both depth and empathy to the discussion.

Dr. Gumapon-Lua’s talk shed light on the mental health challenges often experienced in professional spaces—such as stress, burnout, anxiety, and depression—and how this impact not only individual performance but also team dynamics, workplace relationships, and overall organizational efficiency. Drawing on local data, she emphasized the growing need for mental health support in the Philippine workplace, especially amid a shortage of mental health professionals. Through this seminar, common misconceptions and stigma were addressed, helping employees develop a more informed and compassionate view of their own struggles and those of their colleagues.

What made the session especially impactful was the safe and supportive atmosphere that emerged toward the end. Participants—both regular and contract of service personnel—began to open up, sharing personal thoughts, emotions, and experiences.



PMO MOC Conducts Training on Manlift and Boom Truck Operations



In line with its commitment to operational safety and personnel capability enhancement, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) successfully conducted a comprehensive Orientation and Training on the Proper Operations of Manlift and Boom Truck vehicles on May 22, 2025. The activity, held at the PPA PMO MOC Building 2 GAD Hall and Building 2 Grounds, was organized to equip port personnel with essential knowledge on the safe and efficient operation of these critical service equipment.

The training, facilitated by Mr. Edel Gomintong, an Auto Mechanic from BT Industries Inc., was designed as a whole-day event combining both theoretical discussions and practical exercises.



PMO MOC Joins 2025 Day of the Filipino Seafarer Celebration

Cagayan de Oro City — In solidarity with the nation's seafaring community, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly took part in the 2025 Day of the Filipino Seafarer celebration held at the Port of Cagayan de Oro and Xavier University Grade School in Macasandig today, June 25, 2025.

The meaningful event commenced at dawn at the Port of Cagayan de Oro with a Dressing of Ships and Blowing of Ship's Horn, followed by a Floral Offering and Prayer for the Deceased Seafarers. This solemn tribute honored the invaluable contributions and sacrifices of Filipino seafarers, both past and present, who have brought pride and honor to the maritime industry.

The celebration continued at Xavier University Grade School, Macasandig with a program that gathered maritime stakeholders, government agencies, seafarers' families, and partner organizations. PMO MOC personnel actively participated in the activities, which included an Ecumenical Celebration, the singing of the National Anthem, and welcome remarks delivered by MARINA's OIC.

The Day of the Filipino Seafarer is an annual celebration declared under Presidential Proclamation No. 183 (2011), recognizing the vital role of seafarers in global trade, transportation, and nation-building. PMO MOC remains steadfast in honoring their contributions and advocating for their welfare in every port under its care.



PMO MOC Joins Brigada Eskwela 2025 at Macabalan National High School

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) actively participated in the annual Brigada Eskwela program at Macabalan National High School today, June 10, 2025. PMO personnel joined teachers, students, parents, and volunteers in a day of collaborative clean-up and minor repair activities within the school premises. The team participated in repainting classroom walls, cleaning the school grounds, and organizing learning spaces in preparation for the upcoming school year.

As part of its commitment to community development and corporate social responsibility, PMO MOC also formally turned over its donations to the school administration. These donations included cleaning materials, paint supplies, and various school essentials that will support the school's readiness and safety initiatives for students and faculty alike.

PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro remains steadfast in its mission to serve not only the maritime industry but also the communities in which it operates, continuing to promote inclusive growth and active civic engagement.



PMO MOC Joins the 83rd Araw ng Kagitingan Celebration



Cagayan de Oro City — The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly joined the City Government of Cagayan de Oro in commemorating the 83rd Araw ng Kagitingan on April 9, 2025, at the Community Amphitheater.

With this year's theme, "Kabayanihan ng Beterano: Sandigan ng Kaunlaran ng Bagong Pilipinas", the celebration paid tribute to the bravery and heroism of Filipino veterans, whose sacrifices laid the foundation for the country's freedom and progress. Representatives from PMO MOC participated in the mass wreath-laying ceremony alongside various government agencies, organizations, and civic groups. Adhering to the solemn wreath-laying mechanics, the delegation respectfully offered a floral tribute, symbolizing their deep appreciation for the veterans' courage and legacy.

The event commenced at 6:30 AM, beginning with the assembly of participants. Highlights of the program included the Philippine National Anthem and a 21-gun salute rendered by the 4th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army. The Cagayan de Oro City Chorale also graced the event with musical renditions that added solemnity and pride to the occasion.

PPA PMO MOC Gives Tribute to MWPA Porters in Celebration of Labor Day 2025

In celebration of the 123rd Labor Day today, May 1, 2025, the Philippine Ports Authority Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PPA PMO MOC) dedicated a tribute to the hardworking and dedicated Porters of Macajalar Wharf Port Association (MWPA) by giving a simple token of snacks with vitamins and hand towel as PMO MOC's gratitude for their tireless service and continued support to the PMO MOC's mission, held at the Amenity Building, Port Terminal Complex of Cagayan de Oro City.

The MWPA Porters tirelessly embody the values of care, service and utmost dedication that is in line with this year, 2025's Labor Day theme: "Mangagawang Pilipino, Kaagapay sa Pag-unlad, Sandigan ng Mas Matatag na Bagong Pilipinas." The PMO MOC acknowledges the endless support and collaboration of MWPA in ensuring a smooth flowing and seamless travel experience for passengers – whether assisting families with their baggage, helping the elderly/pregnant/PWD passengers aboard the vessels, or simply offering directions to first-time travelers. The Porters' contributions create a positive and efficient environment that reflects the values of a truly progressive and inclusive nation.



PMO MOC Conducts Walk-through Inspection at Admin Building 1 and Passenger Terminal Complex



As part of its continuing commitment to improving port operations, the Port Management Office–Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) recently conducted a walk-through inspection at Admin Building 1 and the Passenger Terminal Complex (PTC). The inspection was led by the Acting Port Manager in coordination with the Port Police Division on May 21, 2025

One of the major outcomes of the inspection is the decision to prohibit non-cargo vehicles from entering through Gate 3. This change is intended to ease traffic congestion and ensure that cargo-related movements are given priority, thereby streamlining port logistics.



Golden Milestone: PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly celebrated its 50th Founding Anniversary from May 7 to 9, 2025, marking five decades of dedicated public service, development, and partnership with the community and port stakeholders. The three-day celebration reflected not only the office's operational achievements but also its strong advocacy for health, wellness, teamwork, and cultural pride.

The anniversary festivities commenced with a Bloodletting Activity in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross – Misamis Oriental-Cagayan de Oro Chapter, and in collaboration with Sunrise Multi-Purpose Cooperative on May 07, 2025. Held at the port premises, the blood donation drive drew enthusiastic participation from PMO employees, partner agencies, and port stakeholders. The activity reflected PMO MOC's unwavering commitment to public welfare and community service.

In the afternoon, the spirit of camaraderie came alive as employees from PMO MOC faced off with colleagues from the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) in a series of friendship games. The following day, the excitement continued with more friendship games, this time between PMO MOC and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) – First District Engineering Office. These matches served as a fun and engaging avenue to strengthen inter-agency relations while promoting the importance of physical wellness and team spirit.



Port Inspection and Coordination Visit at the Ports of Jasaan, Balingoan, Medina, Gingoog, Magsaysay and AMADI

The Philippine Ports Authority – Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PPA PMO MO/C), through its Task Force on Private Ports (TFPP), completed the private port inspections under the jurisdiction of PMO MOC from March 25 to 27, 2025, following the initial round held on March 18–19.

The inspections, conducted in 13 private ports under PMO MO/C were assessed for compliance with Statutory requirements for safety, security, environmental, and infrastructure standards set by the PPA.

Key inspection areas included:

- Security: Validity and posting of the Statement of Compliance of Port Facility (SoCPF)

- Environment: Functionality of Shore Reception Facilities (SRF) and environmental initiatives

- Safety: Availability of safety equipment and maintenance schedules

- Engineering: Project developments within the Zone of Significant Port Interest (ZSPI)

- Statistics: Cargo throughput and port utilization data

- Compliance: Adherence to Certificates of Registration (COR), Permits to Operate (PTO), and BDMS requirements



Port Inspection and Coordination Visit at the Ports of Jasaan, Balingoan, Medina, Gingoog, Magsaysay and AMADI



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO-MOC) Senior staff conducted a port inspection and coordination visit on May 23, 2025, covering the Ports of Jasaan, Balingoan, Medina, Gingoog, Magsaysay and Amadi in Lagonglong. The activity aimed to assess current port conditions, validate ongoing and proposed developments, and engage with local stakeholders on matters concerning port operations, infrastructure planning, and development initiatives.

The PMO MOC inspection team met with local government units and stakeholders to gather data, review project progress, and discuss operational concerns. Key areas of focus included infrastructure improvements in Jasaan, passenger facility enhancements in Balingoan, verification of port layout and land use planning in Medina, zoning coordination in Gingoog, and proposed development planning in Magsaysay.

Following the inspection, PMO-MOC's way forward actions includes follow-ups on technical support, documentation, and coordination with relevant agencies.

This port inspection and coordination visit is part of PMO-MOC's continuing efforts to promote efficient port operations, responsive planning, and collaborative development in support of regional and national growth.



Anchored in Faith and Service: PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Marks 50th Anniversary with Lenten Reflection

In a celebration marked by solemnity and gratitude, the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) commemorated its 50th Founding Anniversary with a meaningful observance aligned with the spirit of the Lenten Season. The PMO hosted a series of spiritually enriching activities to honor this golden milestone while respecting the sacredness of Holy Week. This mindful celebration showcased not only the port's half-century of dedicated service but also its strong commitment to nurturing the spiritual well-being of its community.

The day began with a recollection grounded in the theme "Anchored in the Cross", highlighting the significance of Holy Week as a spiritual harbor—a place to pause, reflect, and realign with one's purpose. The participants were guided through the three key movements of Holy Week which are Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. This reflective session not only prepared the participants spiritually but also served as a metaphorical navigation point for both personal faith and organizational direction. A Holy Mass was then celebrated—offering thanks for five decades of public service, resilience, and collective growth. The liturgy underscored themes of gratitude, unity, and renewed purpose, setting a reverent tone for the rest of the day. After the mass, an oath-taking ceremony was held for the Pantalan and Sunrise officers of PMO MOC. The ceremony marked a formal reaffirmation of the PMO's mission as it looks toward the future, guided by faith and the values of service.



BRP Miguel Malvar Docks at Port of Cagayan de Oro

The BRP Miguel Malvar (FFG-06), one of the Philippine Navy's newest and most advanced guided-missile corvettes, was open for free public viewing at the Port of Cagayan de Oro from September 17–18, 2025, as part of the Navy's "Show-the-Flag" mission. The visit offered the public an exclusive opportunity to explore the capabilities of the Navy's modern fleet.

The public viewing allowed visitors to tour the ship, exploring its command center, weapon systems, and bridge, gaining firsthand knowledge of its operational capabilities.

This initiative was part of the Navy's broader strategy to increase public awareness of its modernized assets and emphasize the importance of maritime security. The event also highlighted the Navy's ongoing efforts to engage with local communities and build stronger ties with stakeholders. By opening the BRP Miguel Malvar to the public, the Philippine Navy reaffirmed its commitment to regional stability and the protection of the nation's maritime borders, while showcasing its enhanced defense capabilities in the face of growing security challenges. The presence and support of PMO MOC led by its Port Manager further underscored the value of inter-agency cooperation in strengthening the country's naval and port operations.



PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Joined the Turn-Over and Change of Command Ceremony of CGNM



PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Joined the Turn-Over and Change of Command Ceremony of Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) had the honor of witnessing a momentous occasion in the maritime community with the Philippine Coast Guard's (PCG) Turn-Over and Change of Command Ceremony held on May 16, 2025, at GAD Hall Building 2. The formal event marked the official passing of command and leadership within the Coast Guard District Northern Mindanao presided by the Deputy Commandant for Operations VADM Edgar L Ybanez.



The Consulate General of Japan in Davao Visits the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC)



Cagayan de Oro – In a gesture of goodwill and diplomatic engagement, the Consulate General of Japan in Davao visited the Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) today June 04, 2025.

The visit aims to further strengthen the longstanding ties between Japan and the Philippines, particularly in the Northern Mindanao region. Through this engagement, the Consulate General seeks to foster mutual understanding and explore areas of possible collaboration, especially in matters concerning port operations, maritime safety, and trade facilitation.

The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro, being one of the busiest and most vital gateways in Mindanao, plays a crucial role in regional commerce and international shipping.

Such diplomatic courtesy calls are part of broader efforts to maintain and enhance the friendly relations between Japan and the Philippines, with Japan being one of the country's key partners in trade, investment, and infrastructure development. The forthcoming visit is anticipated to pave the way for more meaningful dialogues and cooperative initiatives beneficial to both Japanese stakeholders and the port community in Northern Mindanao.



PMO Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro Joins Cagayan de Oro's 75th Charter Day Celebration



The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) proudly participated in the 75th Charter Day celebration of Cagayan de Oro City held this morning, June 15, 2025 at the historic Kiosko Kagawasan, Divisoria Plaza.

With the theme “Mapasigarbuhon sa Kagikan, Madasigon sa mga Damgo”, the milestone event commemorated the city's founding as a chartered city in 1950. PMO MOC officials and personnel joined other government agencies, civic organizations, and city residents in the program that began with a Foyer Honor and the ceremonial Entrance of Colors at 6:30 AM.

The program featured the singing of the Philippine National Anthem by the Cagayan de Oro City Chorale, an interfaith prayer led by religious leaders from various faith communities, and cultural performances.

The participation of PMO MOC in this significant celebration underscores its continuing commitment to community involvement and civic pride, standing in solidarity with Kagay-anons in honoring the city's rich history and promising future.

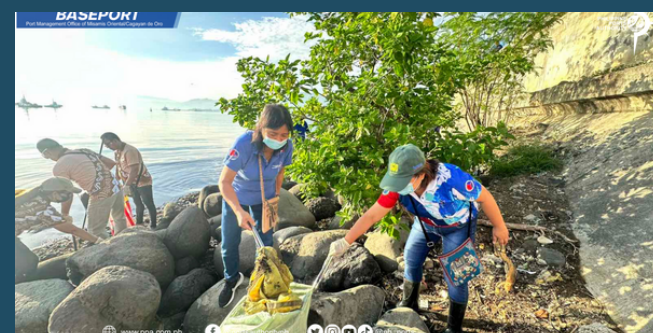




PPA PMO-MO/C Joins Coastal Clean-Up in Celebration of the Month of the Ocean 2025

In celebration of Month of the Ocean 2025, the Philippine Ports Authority – Port Management Office Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PPA PMO-MO/C) joined a coastal clean-up spearheaded by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on May 23, 2025. With the theme “Unlocking Ocean-Based Solutions to Climate Change,” the activity aimed to promote ocean conservation and climate awareness. A total of 24 personnel from PPA PMO-MO/C participated, with the office assigned to Bitan-ag Creek (Coastal Road) alongside volunteers from Barangay Lapasan, CLENRO, PCG, and other partner agencies. The activity also forms part of the PMO’s compliance with the conditions of its Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) and its continued implementation of the Green Port Award System (GPAS), highlighting its commitment to sustainable and environmentally responsible port operations.

Further, volunteers gathered at the San Juan covered court at 5:30 AM for a short program. A representative from Barangay Lapasan welcomed participants and stressed the importance of community action in protecting marine ecosystems. The DENR focal person gave instructions on clean-up procedures and documentation using the Trash Data Form. After a brief group dance to energize the crowd, volunteers proceeded to their assigned areas.





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The Port Management Office of Misamis Oriental/Cagayan de Oro (PMO MOC) took part in the WISE Oil Spill Response Exercise Tier 2 2025-01 held today, April 30, 2025, at Berth 10, Cagayan de Oro Port. The drill simulated a Tier-2 Oil Spill Incident from the Tanker M/T TANKEE.

PMO MOC personnel observed in the event, including Chief Safety Officer Ryan P. Nalzaro, the Environmental Specialist, Terminal Supervisor Jonathan T. Saliring, and Station Commander Medardo Sosobrado, alongside staff from OPM, PSD, and PPD divisions.

Within 10 minutes of the simulated spill, two tugboats, Limay and Charger, arrived to initiate containment. Using a 750 mm inflatable oil spill boom measuring 250 meters, the tugs established a U-shaped formation to contain the oil slick before transitioning to a J-formation to guide the oil toward the recovery point beside Tugboat Limay.

A spreader arm on Tug Limay simulated dispersant spraying (using seawater), followed by the deployment of a skimmer to recover surface oil, which was then transferred into Intermediate Bulk Container (IBC) tanks. A rubber boat remained on standby for boom adjustments and potential man-overboard incidents. Onshore, recovered oil was handed over to a licensed waste disposal contractor for proper treatment.



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