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GUERRERO CALLS FOR RENEWED COMMITMENT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, PRESIDES MARINA FLAG RAISING CEREMONIES

Manila, Philippines. - Newly appointed MARINA Administrator and former AFP Chief of Staff, Rey Leonardo B Guerrero on Monday exhorted officials and employees to be mindful of their obligation and responsibilities to serve their clients with utmost professionalism, integrity and excellence when he presided over the Agency's 5th Flag Raising Ceremonies for 2018.

Speaking before central office staff and Directors, Guerrero reminded them including those in MARINA Regional and Extension Offices to remain faithful to their sworn duty as public servants and challenged them to live up to the highest level of ethical standards for government officials and employees.

“And always bear in mind that – where a position of governance is higher, the expectations and demands will also be higher. Therefore, corrupt and non-performing employees will have no place in this Organization”, the new MARINA chief warned.

At this assembly, Guerrero bared his initial 14-point priority Agenda and instructed concerned Directors to submit substantial accomplishment by the end of the year.

Among these programs include the following: **(a)** re-engineering of the MARINA website; **(b)** Completion of the draft 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Program (MIDP) pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 474, s. 1974 or the charter creating the MARINA; **(c)** Full compliance with the Audit Findings of the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) relating to the Philippine maritime education, training and certification system following the country's implementation of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978, as amended; **(d)** Assessment on the Implementation of Republic Act No. 9295 otherwise known as the “ Domestic Shipping Development Act of 2004”, **(e)** Completion of the draft Revised Philippine Merchant Marine Rules and Regulations; **(f)** Completion of the draft Philippine draft Philippine Fishing Vessels Rules and Regulations (PFVRR); **(g)** Completion of the MARINA Quality Procedures covering all major services at the MARINA Central Office Service Units in preparation for the eventual implementation of the MARINA Integrated Management System (IMS); **(h)** Preparation for the Philippine Audit under the IMO Member State Audit Scheme (IMSAS) in 2021; **(i)** Implementation of Regulatory Reforms to Ease Doing Business in the Maritime Industry and the Expanded Anti-Red Tape Act of 2017; **(j)** Accelerated Filling-Up of Vacant Plantilla Positions (equally in the Central Office and Regional Offices);

(k) Proposal for new Organizational Structure of the MARINA; **(l)** Strengthened and Substantial Philippine participation in international meetings and conferences, where MARINA participants should have with them prepared and cleared positions, interventions and papers before allowing them to travel; **(m)** Validation by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) of MARINA's Implementation of the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS); and **(n)** Revival of the MARINA Performance Governance System (PGS).

The new MARINA Administrator likewise directed the holding of a Mid-Year Agency Plans Assessment and Re-Alignment of Sectoral Plans and Programs in June 2018.

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