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## **MARINA spearheads Day of the Filipino Seafarer**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) spearheads this year's Day of the Filipino Seafarer celebration. With the committed participation of various maritime stakeholders and interest groups in the Metropolitan area, the culminating program is all set on 25 June 2017 at the Philippine Trade Training Center, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

The highlight of the program will be the job fair for seafarers and the oath-taking of new merchant marine officers which may be attended by President Duterte. The program includes an ecumenical service in the morning, presentations by the Joint Manning Group (JMG), Filipino Association for Mariners' Employment, Inc. (FAME), and the Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers, Inc. The organizers also prepared for fun and exciting activities like raffle draws and games knotted throughout the program, and a concert in the afternoon. The traditional nationwide blowing of horns and decorating of ships is being coordinated by the Philippine Coast Guard and the Philippine Ports Authority. A fun-run organized by FAME will be held at North Park, Mall of Asia on Saturday, 17 June 2017.



This year's theme is "**Seafarers Matter.**" International Maritime Organization Secretary General Kitack Lim emphasized that the idea for this year's celebration is to particularly engage ports and seafarer centers to demonstrate how much seafarers matter. The idea is for ports and seafarer centers to share and showcase best practices in seafarer support and welfare.

The official banner of the 2017 celebration of the Day of Filipino Seafarer can be downloaded from the MARINA and STCW Office website.

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