

## **MARINA INTEGRATED PLAN**

### **Highlights of Accomplishment As of the Third Quarter 2005**

On 22-23 February 2005, the MARINA, in collaboration with the Philippine Interisland Shipping Association (PISA), coordinated the conduct of the Philippine Maritime Industry Visioning/Planning Workshop. Said Workshop attended by the representatives of the maritime sectoral associations and the Directorate of the MARINA led by MARINA Administrator, Vicente T. Suazo, Jr., was held at the Development Academy of the Philippines in Tagaytay City. The primordial objective of the workshop is to review the 2002 Philippine Maritime Industry Strategic Action Plan (PMISAP) and come-up with an Adjusted PMISAP in consideration of recent developments in the maritime industry.

To ensure that MARINA will be able to realize its commitments as reflected in the Adjusted PMISAP, the MARINA conducted a 3-day Plan Assessment Workshop on 04-06 April 2005 and adjusted its Integrated Plan for CY 2005-2010. The Adjusted MARINA Integrated Plan (MIP) took into consideration activities assigned to/committed by MARINA in the adjusted PMISAP and activities to implement PGMA's 10-Point Agenda with respect to the maritime industry.

To seal the commitments and to formally adopt agreements during the said Workshops, a Manifesto was signed by all stakeholders on 01 June 2005 at the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) in the presence of the DOTC Secretary and Undersecretary for Water Transport and Special Concerns.

As of the Third Quarter of CY 2005, the highlights of accomplishment are presented hereunder:

#### **A well-developed merchant fleet providing logistic support for the movement of people and goods**

In line with one of PGMA's 10-Point Agenda of linking the entire country through a network of transport infrastructure and pursuant to DOTC D.O. No. 2004-53, MARINA, as member of the DOTC-Expanded Strong Republic Nautical Highway/ Road-Roll On-Roll Off Transport System (SRNH/RRTS), undertook the following activities:

- Continued to actively participate as member of the DOTC Team for the Expanded Strong Republic National Highway (SRNH);
- Encouraged / attracted ship operators / owners to provide RORO shipping services in 15 SRNH routes comprising of 49 ships as of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester 2005;
- Supported the Department of Tourism projects namely the Island Caravan Project and the Island Paradise Adventure Race (IPAR) Visayas leg by providing the required information on rates, schedules and RORO service providers in the route;
- Coordinated with the MROs in extending the invitation to the private sector to participate in the following SRNH/RRTS routes:
  - a. Zamboanga City to Lamitan , Basilan

- b. Polloc Port
  - c. Palawan to Iloilo and vice-versa
- Kept the public posted on RRTS concerns such as the rates, schedules, and service providers of the routes;
  - Submitted comments in a Memorandum dated 12 September 2005 on House Bill No. 335 entitled: "An Act Institutionalizing the Roll-on/Roll-off Terminal System and Appropriate Funds thereof;
  - As an active member of SRNH TWG, attended the following meetings/ fora:
    - Series of DOTC–SRNH TWG Meetings
    - Zamboanga-Western Mindanao RORO Conference
    - Committee on Railways & RORO Meeting in Congress
    - PMS-OP Meeting re Update on SRNH under PGMA's 10–Point Agenda
    - PGMA's 10-Point Agenda (SRNH/RRTS) Oversight Committee Hearing.
    - Channel 4- Tele-Agri Program
    - Western Mindanao RORO Executive Committee Meeting under Sec. Dureza
    - O.P. Top Level Meeting re Action Plan on Mindanao's Shippers Resolution covering issues on SRNH/RRTS, among others.

In its effort to provide adequate, effective, affordable and quality shipping services throughout the country, the following activities were likewise undertaken:

- Identified and declared some 132 new / missionary routes/areas of operation with the issuance of MARINA Advisory No. 2005-01 on 30 May 2005. The initial list of identified missionary routes was issued / published in the Manila Times on 09 June 2005.
- Drafted MC on Missionary Routes providing a built-in incentive scheme, which is incorporated under the Revised IRR of RA 9295, for domestic shipping operators providing services in missionary routes. The MC was endorsed to the MARINA Executive Committee (EXCOM) for consideration and subsequently will be submitted to the MARINA Board for approval.
- Updated the classification of routes as primary, secondary and tertiary which was endorsed to the MARINA Management Committee (MANCOM) for consideration.
- Updated 60% of the MARINA guidebook on inter-island shipping routes.

As member of the Pasig River Ferry Service Project Technical Working Group (TWG), MARINA participated in the following activities:

- Meetings of the TWG
- Drafting and finalization of the Terms of Reference in August 2005
- Bidding and selection of the ferry operator for the Pasig River on 28 September 2005

On the conduct of JICA-Assisted Study entitled "Domestic Shipping Development Plan (DSDP)", the following were accomplished for the period:

- ALMEC completed Phase I of the Study representing the 3<sup>d</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> month of the 13-month Project
- On 04 February 2005, a workshop was conducted participated by stakeholders where environmental scanning / problems and issues in domestic shipping were discussed. The

result of the environmental scanning was summarized in the Progress Report published on 07 March 2005 and presented to the Steering Committee on 11 March 2005.

- Another workshop was conducted on 14 March 2005, where the result of the environmental scanning was presented. The resource speaker from Indonesia presented a case study on their 30-year country experience in public ship finance.
- In preparation of the Interim Report and the draft Final Report of the Study, series of seminars, workshops and meetings were conducted.

On the implementation of RA 9295, to date, MARINA has granted incentives to some seven (7) domestic shipping companies involving 24 ships.

Under RA 9295, Chapter IX, Section 23, which provides for the immediate implementation of the Mandatory Ship Replacement/Retirement Program for all unclassed ships including wooden-hulled, the following accomplishments are noted:

- Prepared the initial write-up on the review of related literature/ studies/ policies/ plans and programs such as i.e., MARINA MCs, FSAAs and previous JICA studies;
- Ongoing updating of Domestic Vessel Inventory based on the documents submitted by the MROs and Annual Reports submitted by the shipping companies;
- Ongoing evaluation of the financial capability of domestic shipping companies based on the annual report submitted.

On increasing the 40% foreign equity for overseas shipping companies, an Executive Order was drafted increasing foreign capitalization in the overseas shipping to incorporate issues in mortgage, cabotage, manning, among others. Said draft was submitted to FSA and INTERMAP for comments. Draft EO was revised in favor of promoting and strengthening the Philippine Flag Registry.

Likewise, a position paper was submitted to the BOI for the inclusion of the domestic shipping, overseas shipping, shipbuilding and ship repair sectors in the 2005 IPP. The 2005 IPP was approved by PGMA on 26 April 2005 and identified the operations of the three (3) sectors as preferred activities. To date, the MARINA submitted comments on the issued IPP for BOI to issue the General Policies and Guidelines on the description/ coverage and entitlement of incentives of the said activities.

### **A well developed shipbuilding, ship repair and shipbuilding capability**

On the implementation of RA 9295 on the monitoring of the grant of investment incentives to SBSR entities, to date, MARINA has granted incentives to four (4) shipyards involving nine (9) ships.

Relative to Rule XVII of the IRR of RA 9295, MARINA drafted an Administrative Order on the Guidelines on the Evaluation of the Shipbuilding Capability.

As a result of the Inter-Agency Workshop to Develop Philippine Project Proposals for the APEC Transportation Working Group (TPT -WG) held on 16 March 2005 at The Pearl Manila, a project proposal entitled "Initiatives to Promote the Competitiveness of the SBSR and Shipbreaking Industry in the APEC Region" was prepared. Said Proposal was submitted

during the 25<sup>th</sup> APEC TPT - WG meeting held in Washington, DC, USA, on 31 May–03 June 2005. The APEC TPT - WG approved the said Project Proposal and endorsed the same to the APEC Budget and Management Committee (BMC). All BMC approved project proposals were submitted/recommended to the APEC Senior Officials, for possible funding. The APEC Senior Officials will meet in Korea in October 2005 to endorse all these projects for consideration/approval of the APEC Ministers and Economic Leaders.

Under DOTC Dept. Order 2003-67, the TWG Project Team in coordination with DOTC/PHIVIDEC and the private sector met last 18 August 2005 at DOTC. The MARINA is committed to support the DOTC relative to the establishment of the MIP by providing the following data:

- Categorization of shipyards not only on its capacity but also in terms of capability
- Support by facts disputing security problems in the Maritime Industrial Park (MIP) area in coordination with CDOMRO
- Preparation of letter to SEC by not allowing any entity to use shipyard in its name if it has no shipyard facility

The SBSR Sector was already included in the BOI IPP 2005 with a proposal to extend the duration of the Sector's inclusion up to three (3) years to enable the investors to recover their investments.

To promote the shipbuilding and ship repair industry of the country, MARINA continuously participated in various relevant national and international fora and submitted comments such as the following:

- RP-Turkey Joint Economic Meeting last 27 to 28 July 2005 re: Ship Repair and Maintenance in the Philippines
- Prepared information on Philippine shipyards and price list of dry-docking and repair of vessels and submitted it to DFA in a letter dated 20-26 September 2005 for subsequent submission to the National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC) thru the Office of the Middle East and African Affairs.
- Submitted inputs to the OP on 10 October 2005 on the concerns of the SBSR Sector, to be raised by PGMA during the State Visit of the Korean President in the Philippines on 14-16 December 2005.

## **Global Competitiveness**

The incentives granted by RA 7471 as amended by RA 9301 have been retained under the E-VAT Law and are being implemented by MARINA under MC 201. Subsequently, MARINA conducts monitoring of incentives availment under this Act.

Geared towards the promotion of the Philippine Flag as an alternative ship registry, a Study on the Establishment of a Quality Ship Register under the Technical Assistance of the Dutch Government/JCMA is being pursued. Initially, a Seminar/ Workshop was conducted on 18-20 May 2005 at Casa Marinero, Intramuros, Manila with Dr. Rob de Brujin and Mr. Frans Kamman from Netherlands as the resource speakers. The said seminar/workshop was participated in by 35 MARINA officials/ employees and seven (7) representatives from the

overseas shipping sector associations. In support of the study, the following activities have been undertaken:

- Prepared a comparative matrix for ships and company registration by continent (Asia, European and Mediterranean) and by type of registry.
- Drafted summary report on Norwegian Ship Registry
- Finalized draft Executive Order on Philippine International Ship Registry and presented to the DOTC Secretary, MROs and the Private Sector Representatives on 14, 15-16 and 19 September 2005 respectively.
- Revised Executive Order to incorporate comments from the private sector. The EO was renamed to Promotion and Expansion of the Philippine Ship Registry.

Another activity undertaken by the MARINA in line with the promotion of the Philippine Flag as an alternative ship registry, is the preparation of the Philippine Ship Register User's Handbook. As of September 2005, the initial draft was completed.

To increase flag participation in the carriage of the Philippine government cargo relative to PD 1466, initially the data gathering specifically on the Philippine Export-Import Trade covering the periods 1999-2004 was undertaken following the consultation meetings with the PSB, NFA, NAPOCOR and DOE.

On the appointment of maritime attaches in strategic foreign ports, the position paper was already finalized and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) was drafted. The draft IRR is currently being adjusted.

In line with the optimization of opportunities derived from membership or participation in bilateral / multilateral agreement, the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) and Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK) granted the request to train MARINA ISM Auditors, as part of the institutional capability building program of MARINA. On 20-23 June 2005, ten (10) were trained in Manila and on 18-22 July 2005, three (3) were trained in Singapore.

For the period under review, the draft model agreement is being revised to incorporate the comments of the DFA. Likewise, presented hereunder is the status of the bilateral/multilateral arrangements/agreements with our maritime trading partners:

#### RP-Saudi Arabia

- A NEDA-TRM Meeting with the representatives of both countries was conducted on 27 April 2005.
- Proposed draft agreement with Saudi Arabia based on the model agreement was re-submitted to DFA on 15 September 2005

#### RP-Cyprus

- Transmitted letters to DFA and BIR soliciting their comments / recommendations on the Cypriot proposal which shall form part of the Philippine position.
- NEDA-TRM Meeting was conducted on 28 April 2005 to finalize the Philippine position on the proposed amendments to the draft agreement.

- The RP-Cyprus Merchant Shipping Agreement was signed by both parties on 21 June 2005

### RP-Germany

- Conducted NEDA-TRM Meeting on 25 May 2005 to finalize Sub-Com position on some of the issues on the proposed RP-Germany Merchant Shipping Agreement.

To further enhance cooperation and mutual understanding between the Philippines and other maritime nations, the MARINA has submitted comments / position papers in relation to maritime-related concerns/issues such as the following:

- Comments on the List of Possible Actions for inclusion in the draft Bali Plan of Action under the APEC Ocean Related Ministerial Meeting (AOMM2) submitted to DFA on 26 July 2005
- Proposal for Australia to invest in shipping as an agenda for the Philippine-Australia Ministerial Meeting
- Comments on the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on High Seas on 09 August 2005
- Position Paper on putting up of Philippine Representative Office for purposes of Ship Registration in Dubai submitted to Al-Tamimi Shipping L.L.C. on 30 August 2005
- Comments on the Japan-Philippine Economic Partnership Agreement

### **Prime Employer/Supplier of Qualified Seafarers**

To promote the efficient and effective means of identification of Filipino seafarers and to maintain a complete and continuing record of sea services onboard domestic and overseas vessels, MARINA is currently implementing the "Bilis" Release Project for the SIRB and QDC.

At present, MARINA is actively participating as member of the Technical Panel for Maritime Education (TPME) which oversees more stringent rules for schools and monitors their compliance with international standards.

To enhance / increase shipboard training opportunities to become qualified / competent marine officers on board international and domestic vessels in the future, the Shipboard Training Scheme Program being implemented by the MARINA under the assistance of the Government of Japan thru the MICC (now SECOJ) since 1990, is now on its 17<sup>th</sup> year of implementation. To date, a total of 758 cadets have undergone the 14-month training in Japan.

Likewise, to continuously sustain the country's image as the number one supplier of competent shipboard labor, the 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee on Maritime Affairs (JCMA) with Netherlands was conducted on 25 May 2005.

Under the assistance of the Government of the Royal Kingdom of Norway, a MARINA-NMD Project entitled "Competency Based Professional Development for Filipino Seafarers via Distance Learning" is currently being implemented for marine deck officers to acquire the management level competence required by the STCW. To implement the Project, a project

team was created composed of MARINA as chairman and members are the University of the Philippines-Open University, CHED, MTC, Subject Matter Experts (SME), NMD and Aalesund University College. For the period under review, a workshop for the development of syllabi for the Management Level Course (MLC) was conducted on 24-26 June 2005 at the Maritime Academy for Asia and the Pacific (MAAP). Five meetings by the Sub-TWG were conducted to complete the review of the curriculum of MLC.

Under the MIP, one of MARINA's priority program/project is the establishment of the MARINA Training Center with the objective to continuously upgrade the knowledge, skills and abilities (KSA) of our seafarers. In pursuing this, the following activities were undertaken:

- Conducted initial meeting with the Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers, Inc. (PAMTCI) on the establishment of a MARINA Training Center.
- Completed the identification of maritime manpower groups.
- Identified training requirements and qualification standards.
- Drafted survey questionnaires on the training needs of our seafarers.
- Identified initially two (2) training programs for Shipbuilding Managers and Executives.

As to the development of a certification process for the competency of maritime manpower both in shipping and shipyard, the MARINA shall accredit assessment centers with simulator for MAP/MIP passers prior to issuance of Endorsement Certificate and Certificate of Competence (COC). For the SBSR Sector, it is still to be determined as to which agency will issue COC.

To protect the interest of the seafarers onboard ships plying the overseas trade, a Bill entitled "An Act creating the National Seafarers Administration Prescribing its Powers and Functions and Appropriating Funds, otherwise known as the National Seafarers Administration Act of 2004", is currently with the House of Representatives-Committee on Overseas and Workers Affairs since 12 January 2005. MARINA together with the support of the private sector will push for the re-filing of the said Bill.

Further, MARINA, in coordination with the Public Information Agency (PIA) and the Office of the President (OP), is currently developing marketing strategies to maintain the good image of Filipino seafarers abroad.

### **Excellent Maritime Safety Records**

In support of the global concern to protect the marine environment, a follow-up seminar course on the implementation of the MARPOL Convention 73/78 was conducted on 9-13 May 2005 under the auspices of the Royal Kingdom of Netherlands / JCMA. In addition to MARINA, said seminar-workshop was participated in by other government agencies such as DOTC, PPA, PSB, MTC, BI and BOC.

The review and revision of the 1997 PMMRR is underway. To ensure the implementation of this activity, Special Order No. 308-05 was issued on 23 June 2005 creating a TWG composed of representatives from MARINA and the private sector. Series of meetings were conducted by the TWG. A meeting of the Technical Evaluation Committee was held on 23

September 2005, wherein accomplishments of the different TWG were presented. Further, a letter signed by the Administrator requesting for Technical Assistance on the PMMRR Review and Revision Project was sent to the IMO Regional Coordinator.

To enhance MARINA's Safety Management System Audit, a Project Proposal entitled, "Development of Guidelines for Maritime Administration Seeking to Implement Audit-Based Systems and Procedures to Enhance Ship Survey/Inspections" with the objective to develop/formulate procedures, checklist and guidelines was submitted by MARINA to the IMO-ASEAN. The Project was approved in principle and now awaiting advice on the start of the Project. In this regard, the Philippines, thru the MARINA, was tasked to act as Lead Coordinating Country for this IMO-ASEAN Project as a follow thru of the ASEAN Forum on IMO Conventions.

On 21-23 June 2005, an ISM Internal Auditor's Course was conducted by ABS with some MARINA Technical Staff attending. Drafting of MC on the supervision of recognized organizations/ classification societies is ongoing.

In compliance with PGMA's Six Point Directive on Maritime Safety, the review of the National Maritime Safety Plan and Formulation of Regional Maritime Safety Plan have already been started. To date 80% of the Plan has been drafted. Furthermore, the MARINA shall also develop a standard ship design and an alternative boat-building technology such as i.e., steel, fiberglass and aluminum, for the replacement of wooden-hulled ships. As of to date, MARINA has prepared the preliminary standard ship designs which were submitted to the Administrator for consideration.

### **Superior Customer Service (Effective Delivery of Frontline Services)**

On the continuing formulation/ adoption/ review/ assessment of laws, rules, regulations, policies, the following Memorandum Circulars were issued for the period under study:

- MC 205 – Issued on 21 April 2005 on the Revised MC 203 on the Rules Governing the Implementation of the Ship Safety Inspection System (SSIS)
- MC 204 – Issued on 21 April 2005 on the Assumption of Functions under Republic Act 9295
- MC 203 – Issued on 19 January 2005 on the Rules Governing the Implementation of the Ship Safety Inspection System (SSIS)

Conducted public consultation/ hearing on the following draft (new/revised) MCs/Rules & Regulations/Administrative Orders held in Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Manila on 04, 05 and 10 August 2005:

- Compulsory Passenger Insurance Coverage Program
- Financial Capability of Applicants for Issuance of CPC
- Amendment of MC 79/79A on Accreditation
- Annual Tonnage Fees
- Official Number and Marking of Ships
- Omnibus Fees and Charges
- Accreditation of Suppliers / Manufacturers of Life Saving Appliances

- Re-admeasurement of Ships

Under the Codification of MARINA Rules and Regulations pursuant to Special Order No. 765-04 dated 17 November 2004, the summary of accomplishments per Sector is presented hereunder:

### **Domestic Shipping Sector**

- Drafted proposed amendments of MCs 79/79-A and 186 on the Accreditation of Domestic Shipping Companies and Entities.
- Introduced new sections for acquisitions through local sale and local charter on the Acquisition of Ships for Domestic Trade (MCs 104, 121, 177, 184 and IRR of RA 9295)
- Incorporated provisions of RA 9295 and its IRR on the issuance of special permit (MC 105 and IRR of 9295)
- Proposed MC amending MC 161 by introducing a new set of standards/procedures for determining the financial capability of CPC applicants/holders for approval of the MARINA EXCOM
- Proposed MC on policy measures for operators providing water transport services in missionary routes for approval of the MARINA EXCOM
- Amended procedural requirements, forms, certificates, flowcharts and fines & penalties relating to application systems. Still to incorporate licensing previously delegated to PCG (Chapter XV of PMMRR, MCs 177, 102, 109 and 110)

### **Maritime Safety Sector**

- The TWG has accomplished approximately 75% of the codification work. What remains to be done by the TWG is to incorporate the valid provisions of the MCs into the appropriate Chapters and Regulations of the PMMRR'97 and subsequent to edit and finalize the Codified Maritime Safety Rules and Regulations.
- The MC on the Accreditation of Suppliers/ Manufacturers of LSA was subjected for public consultation held in Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Manila on 04, 05 and 10 August 2005 respectively.

### **Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Sector**

- The draft of the Shipbuilding, Ship Repair and Shipbreaking Rules and Regulations has been submitted by the Sector.
- The Administrative Order on the Guidelines on the Conduct of Annual Assessment of Shipyard Capability per Rule XVII of the IRR of RA 9295 has been drafted and ready for presentation / discussion to the MARINA MANCOM.
- The draft MC on Re-admeasurement of Existing Vessels was submitted to the Board and was remanded to Management for Public Sector Consultation. Thus, it was subjected for Public Consultation on 04, 05 and 10 October 2005 in Cebu, Cagayan de Oro and Manila respectively.
- A total of 20% accomplishment was reported under the Codification of MCs.

## **Overseas Shipping Sector**

- Prepared initial draft of the following MCs:
  - Accreditation
  - Acquisition
  - Ship Documentation
  - Issuance of CSR
  - Supernumeraries
  - Availment of Incentives
  - Logbook of Registration
  
- Reported a total of 60% accomplishment under the Codification of MCs

## **Maritime Manpower Sector**

- The draft amendatory circular to MC 163 on the Revised Rules on the Issuance of Seafarer's Identification and Record Book (SIRB) was presented to the MANCOM on 15 August 2005. The MC is to be adjusted based on comments of the MANCOM Members. The amendatory MC is due for finalization and submission to the MARINA board for approval.
- The draft amendatory circular to MC 164 on the Rules Governing the Adoption and Implementation of a Qualification Document Certification in the Domestic Trade is scheduled for presentation in the MANCOM.
- The draft amendatory circular to MC 170 on the Rules on the Conduct of Examination and Issuance of License to Major Patrons, Minor Patrons, Boat Captains and Marine Diesel Mechanics was partially presented to the MANCOM. Another presentation is scheduled in the next MANCOM Meeting.
- Incorporated the procedures in the conduct of examination and issuance of license for harbor pilot as an addendum to MC 141
- The draft amendatory circulars to MC 174 and 185 was presented during the TWG meeting but discussion was deferred due to the Administrator's plan to establish a MARINA Training Center.
- The MCs on the Authentication of Seafarer's Documents and the Registration of Training Record Book are scheduled for presentation to the MANCOM.

## **Administrative Matters**

- The TWG has finalized the review of existing fees and charges with 20% across the board increase including new/revised fees concerning CPC applications under RA 9295. The final draft of the MC was taken-up in the MANCOM and Pre-EXCOM Meetings and for submission to the scheduled Board Meeting in October.
- The final draft of the Omnibus MC on Fines and Penalties will be submitted by the end of October 2005.

The MARINA is continuously undertaking the Development/ Implementation/ Enhancement of Application Systems, Database creation and Information Sharing, to wit:

- Update and maintenance of the MARINA Website
- Maintenance of database system of seafarers re: MARINA SIRB/QDC
- Generation of database and reports on the Philippine Domestic Ship Registry pursuant to MC 198
- Development of Domestic Shipping Office Application System (DSOAS) such as Application on Ship Acquisition and Application for Special Permit
- Development of Systems/Programs for the Generation of Safety Certificates relative to the SSIS Implementation
- Development of Overseas Shipping Office Application Systems (OSOAS) such as Application on Accreditation of Overseas Shipping Companies, Application on Ship Acquisition, Application for Special Permit and Desk Top Monitoring.
- Development of Shipbuilding and Ship Repair Application System (SBSRAs) such as Application on Licensing and Inspection of SBSR Enterprises
- Implementation/Improvement of Document Tracking System (DTRACKS) to include assessment/elimination of bottlenecks in the evaluation procedures/process flows and periodic reporting
- Development of Systems/Programs for the Issuance of Company CPC under RA 9295
- Establishment and Development of enforcement/monitoring computer database system (FSC Computer Data base system)

### **A Graft and Corruption-Free Agency**

On the continuing streamlining of procedures and requirements, coordination with relevant MARINA Offices/Units is currently being undertaken relative to the review of MC 169 with RA 9295 and RA 9301 as basis. This effort is geared towards establishing Standard Processing Time (SPT) for the processing of the different applications by the MROs.

### **MARINA, as a Strong Maritime Administration**

On the enhancement of the image of the Philippines as a responsible member of the international maritime community and to strengthen / enhance institutional linkages, MARINA officials / staff is continuously participating / attending in relevant national / international maritime conferences / meetings such as the following:

- DOTC-GAD FP/TWG and Trainers as Special Agency Representative on 18 January and 13 September 2005
- IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Expert Working Group Meeting on 18 April 2005
- Roundtable discussion on the National Territory UNCLOS on Treaty of Paris on 19 April 2005
- Meetings concerning Maritime Security and Border Crossing with Australian Officials
- Third Secure Trade in the APEC Region Conference at Incheon, Korea on 24-27 February 2005
- 19<sup>th</sup> Asean Senior Transport Officials Meeting at Vientiane, Laos on 19-20 May 2005

- 25<sup>th</sup> APEC Transportation Working Group Meeting at Washington DC, USA on 31 May - 03 June 2005
- 94<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council of IMO at London – IMO Headquarters on 20 – 24 June 2005
- Meeting between the Philippines and Turkey for the 1<sup>st</sup> EC on 28 July 2005
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Philippine – Vietnam Joint Permanent Working Group Meeting on Maritime and Ocean concerns, Hanoi Vietnam on 08 – 13 August 2005
- 10<sup>th</sup> Asean Maritime Transport Working Group (MTWG) Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand on 24-26 August 2005
- First APEC-ISPS Code Implementation Workshop held on 05-13 March 2005 at the Westin Philippine Plaza, Manila.