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## **MARINA will launch a 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Program (MIDP)**

The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) is launching a 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Program (MIDP) on June 1, 2017 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

The institutionalization of MIDP is pursuant to Section 5 of Presidential Decree No. 474 (1974), otherwise known as the Maritime Industry Decree of 1974, for the following purposes: 1) to provide a general framework and execution plan with corresponding budgetary requirements for the 10-year Industry Development Program and beyond; 2) to build support and create opportunities for a joint collaboration between government and industry stakeholders in the formulation of a short, medium and long term plan for the country's maritime industry; and, 3) to detail the commitments of offices involved in the project.

Atty. Arthur P. Tugade, Secretary of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), will deliver during the opening ceremony, a keynote speech focusing on the Philippine Maritime Industry in the Overall National Transport, to be followed by the presentation of the MIDP Framework and Processes by MARINA Administrator Marcial Quirico C. Amaro III, Ph.D.

Some of the highlights of the Launching Program includes a Government-Industry Symposium wherein seven (7) position papers will be presented as follows: 1) the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) on the "Overview of the Philippine Development Plan, 2017-2022 and Ambisyon 2040;" 2) the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) on the "Regulatory Reform Policy in the Philippines;" 3) the Filipino Shipowners' Association (FSA) on "Enhancing the Competitiveness of the Philippine Registry;" 4) the Philippine Inter-Island Shipping Association (PISA) on the "Modernization of the Philippine Domestic Shipping Industry;" 5) the Shipyards Association of the Philippines on "Meeting Domestic Demands for Local Ship Construction: Issues and Concerns;" 6) the Joint Manning Group (JMG) on "Protecting the Welfare of Filipino Seafarers: Issues and Concerns;" and, 7) the Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers, Inc. (PAMTCI) on "Sustaining the Competitiveness of Filipino Seafarers Through Quality Maritime Education and Training."

This project expects to generate as a major output the 10-Year Maritime Industry Development Program which shall serve as a blue print for all maritime industry related activities, both promotional and developmental, which is necessary in the effective implementation and enforcement of maritime rules and regulations. It shall contain revitalized and re-engineered strategic directions and action plans responsive to existing conditions, in anticipation of future challenges in the maritime industry, both in the domestic and global arena.

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