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## *Belgian Maritime Inspectorate renews PHILCAMSAT and Mapúa-PTC CMET's certification*

The Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc. (PHILCAMSAT), and the Mapúa-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training (CMET) of Malayan Colleges Laguna (MCL) have received a 5-year renewal of certification from the Directorate-General for Maritime Transport under the Federal Public Service Mobility and Transport agency of the Kingdom of Belgium.

The renewal audit was conducted on June 28-30, 2022 and was led by naval architect-director Bart Heylbroeck along with Tom Clijmans. The auditors verified that the content, method of instruction, delivery, and assessment administered by PHILCAMSAT and Mapua-PTC CMET in their courses are in accordance with the Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) convention.



Through this recognition, PHILCAMSAT trainees and graduates of Mapua-PTC CMET are assured that their education and training follow international standards and are duly recognized by European-flagged ships, thereby helping secure their employment on board these vessels.

In a statement, Bart Heylbroeck said that "It is in fact the 8th verification to be done for PHILCAMSAT and Mapua-PTC CMET. They remain to be the only Center and Institute, particularly in Asia, to be recognized by any European country worldwide. Despite the challenges that have been faced by the industry the past few years, the standards at PHILCAMSAT and CMET have been kept very high. "