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PHILCAMSAT and PTC GMP Capt. Ruben Magallanes honored at the Crew Connect Global Awards

The PTC Group is proud to have been recognized at the prestigious Crew Connect Global Awards, held at Shangri-La The Fort BGC on November 14, 2024. This recognition came at the conclusion of the three-day Crew Connect Global Conference, which gathered industry leaders and maritime professionals from around the world. The event provided a platform for sharing insights, fostering collaboration, and acknowledging outstanding contributions to the maritime industry.



PHILCAMSAT was honored with the Industry Partner Award which highlights PHILCAMSAT's significant contributions to the advancement of maritime training and education. Its dedication to industry collaboration and innovation continues to positively impact maritime professionals by improving standards and driving progress within the sector. PHILCAMSAT's unwavering commitment to safety and career development is an inspiration to all in the industry. The award was received by Capt. Pol Haboc, Head of PHILCAMSAT and The MAST.



Additionally, PTC Global Maritime Professional Captain Ruben Magallanes was named 2024 Seafarer of the Year. Captain Magallanes, who sails onboard MMA Offshore, was recognized for his exceptional work ethic, technical competence, and commitment to promoting safety and wellness on board, particularly in supporting the well-being of his fellow crew members. Capt. Magallanes' dedication to both personal and professional growth sets a remarkable example of leadership and service within the maritime community. Representing him at the ceremony was Engr. Peter Lague, PTC's Vice President for Crewing Operations.



PTC leaders address industry advancements at Crew Connect Global Conference

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PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo served as a moderator at the Seatrade Maritime Crew Connect Global Conference, held from November 12 to 14, 2024 at Shangri-La The Fort Manila in Taguig.

He led an insightful panel discussion titled "Revising STCW: Where Are We Now, and How Can We Accelerate Progress?" which addressed the ongoing efforts to update and improve the STCW (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Convention. The panel was comprised of key policy influencers and maritime professionals, **examined** the latest advancements within STCW revisions, focusing on implementation timelines and targets needed to meet the evolving needs of the industry.

Joining Mr. Borrromeo were notable figures such as MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, European Commission Policy Officer Justyna Bartnicka, INTERTANKO's Capt. Mahyar Jokhi, ICS Senior Manager Arvind Natrajan, and Danish Maritime Authority Director-General Andreas Nordseth.

Adding to PTC's presence at Crew Connect Global, Ms. Karen Avelino, Executive Director for Business Development in Shipping and SVP of Cruise Operations, participated in the Cruise Connect panel discussion, "Global X Seatrade Cruise: Navigating Talent Acquisition and Training in the Growing Cruise Industry," which explored the future of workforce development in the expanding cruise industry. Topics included innovative strategies for attracting and training new talent while addressing changing workforce expectations and the unique demands of life onboard.



Prior to the conference, PTC organized an exclusive dinner at the Museo del Galeon on November 11, 2024, to welcome the speakers of the Seatrade Maritime Crew Connect Global Conference. This special gathering, hosted by PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo in collaboration with Seatrade Maritime Crew Connect Global, brought together maritime industry thought leaders on the eve of the 3-day conference. The event also offered a unique preview of the galleon museum slated to open on October 2025, celebrating the rich maritime heritage of the Philippines.





PTC celebrates National Maritime Week 2024



The PTC Group celebrated National Maritime Week (NMW) from September 22 to 27, 2024, with a series of activities that recognized the crucial role the maritime industry plays in both the local and global economy.

The event also honored the important contributions of PTC and Jebsen PTC global maritime professionals (GMPs) in upholding safety and professionalism within the shipping sector. The 2024 theme “Navigating the Future: Safety First,” underscored the critical importance of Filipino seafarers in the country’s journey toward becoming a leading maritime nation.

The celebration kicked off last September 23 at First Maritime Place (FMP) with the PTC Family and Crew Relations (FCR) team organizing exciting activities to honor PTC GMPs. Free snacks and treats were distributed throughout the week. These activities highlighted the essential role GMPs play in ensuring maritime safety and contributing to the global maritime community.



PTC FCR invited GMPs and members of the PTC Shipping Cluster to take the “Oath to the Ocean” in observance of both the National Maritime Week and Maritime and Archipelagic Nation Awareness Month (MANA Mo). This oath represents a deep commitment to maritime safety, professionalism, and environmental stewardship.



In solidarity with the global maritime community, PTC also joined the celebration of World Maritime Day last September 26. To show its support, PTC lit up First Maritime Place and its offices at the CSJ, EHB and Pilgrim buildings in blue for the entire week, symbolizing the organization’s unity with the worldwide efforts to promote maritime safety and a more sustainable shipping industry.



First Maritime Place



CSJ, EHB and Pilgrim Building

Jebsen PTC



Jebsen PTC likewise held a week-long celebration with its Makati, Cebu, and Iloilo offices all participating in the festivities. They kicked off the week with free Belgian waffles for GMPs reporting to the Makati office on Monday.

The treats continued the following day, with GMPs enjoying free Pickup Coffee and Potato Corner snacks. Additionally, Jebsen PTC’s preferred partner, Health Metrics Inc. (HMI), provided free back massages and health consultations, encouraging GMPs to prioritize their well-being.



Governance Council convenes to discuss MARINA's Strategic Goals for the Philippine Maritime Industry

The second MARINA Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) meeting for CY 2024 was hosted by PTC at First Maritime Place last September 17. Chaired by the PTC Group CEO, Gerardo A. Borrromeo, the Council is composed of key industry leaders from sectors including maritime education and training, governance, ease of doing business and incentives, maritime safety, environment, and legal and regulatory affairs. Together, they guide MARINA in its efforts to enhance its governance framework. Also present during the meeting were DOTr Undersecretary Elmer Sarmiento, MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, Executive Director Samuel Batalla, and other key officials from MARINA.

The core of the meeting centered on MARINA's updated governance documents, which include the strategy map, strategic shift agenda, and agency scorecards. One of the primary objectives for MARINA is to maintain the Philippines' leadership as the top global provider of seafarers, ensuring that Filipino seafarers continue to make up 25% of the world's maritime workforce.



EU partnership boosts Philippine seafarer training and certification



PTC is proud to support the launch of the Sustainable Connectivity Package (SCOPE) Seafarers project, which aims to enhance the education, training, and certification of Filipino seafarers. On November 11, 2024, the European Union extended its technical assistance to the Philippines, marking a crucial milestone in the country's maritime sector. The initiative was highlighted by Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Jaime Bautista, who expressed gratitude to the EU delegation led by Ambassador Massimo Santoro for their vital contribution. Secretary Bautista emphasized that the project will strengthen transport connectivity and technical cooperation between the EU and ASEAN nations, focusing on digital solutions, sustainability, maritime safety, and labor standards. As Chairman of the MARINA Multi-Sector Governance Council, PTC CEO Gerardo A. Borrromeo recognizes the significance of the SCOPE project in advancing the capabilities of the Philippine maritime workforce. The SCOPE initiative will also foster stronger collaboration within ASEAN maritime education institutions and stakeholders, emphasizing women empowerment, career development, and skills enhancement.



Empowering women and innovating the Maritime Industry: Highlights from the 3rd WIMA Asia Conference



The 3rd WIMA Asia Conference took place in the vibrant city of Busan, South Korea, from September 10-13, 2024, which was part of the Korean Maritime Week celebration. The conference, themed “Tides of Change: Leading a Sustainable and Innovative Maritime Future,” brought together a diverse group of leaders, professionals, and enthusiasts from the Asian maritime sector to discuss the pivotal role of women in leadership and the future of the industry. Among the notable participants were Normita S. Hernandez, PTC Family and Crew Relations (FCR) Manager and an officer of the Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHIL). Her dual roles place her at the intersection of family welfare within the maritime industry and the advocacy for women's empowerment in this traditionally male-dominated field.

The conference featured panel discussions, lectures, and networking events aimed at making the maritime industry more sustainable and inclusive. It emphasized the need for collaboration among the government, businesses, and schools to support women in maritime. The conference also highlighted the importance of digital technology, such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT), in improving efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo discusses the future of seafaring at WMU Maritime Week



From August 27 to 30 2024, the World Maritime University (WMU) hosted WMU Maritime Week 2024 - Beyond Horizons: Maritime Sustainability. The conference included researchers, government officials, and international organization experts from around the world who shared their expertise in maritime policy, technology, and aspects of the international convention on significant maritime topics. The overall aim of the event was to share knowledge in each subject area, fostering a mutual understanding and generating both practical and academic insights that can be shared across the global maritime community. The Conference was co-hosted by the Korea Research Institute of Ships & Ocean Engineering (KRISO) & the Korea Maritime Institute (KMI), and sponsored by the Korean Register (KR) and the Korea Shipowners' Association (KSA).

Expert speakers from key agencies and institutions contributed to the successive four-day programme, addressing the topics of safety, sustainability, digitalization, decarbonization, maritime business, and capacity development. PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo spoke on Day 3 of the conference to discuss “The Future of Seafaring in an Age of Safer, Smarter, Greener Shipping.”





PTC's Karen Avelino advocates for inclusion at Maritime SheEO Conference 2024

PTC Executive Director of Business Development for Shipping and Senior Vice President of Cruise Operations, Ms. Karen Avelino, took center stage at the Maritime SheEO Conference 2024, held last November 15, 2024. Under the theme "Setting Sail for Equality: Empowering Women Leaders," the conference gathered industry CXOs to champion diversity and inclusion in the maritime sector. Attendees explored the importance of visible leadership in driving change, shared real-life stories demonstrating the business case for inclusivity, and leveraged networking opportunities to connect with like-minded leaders. Speaking on the subject, Ms. Avelino shared her insights, stating:



"In an era where diversity and inclusion are not just buzzwords but essential components for success, we must recognize the vital role of visible leadership. As we navigate the complexities of the maritime industry, it is imperative that we foster an environment where every voice is heard and valued. Inclusion isn't merely about representation; it's about creating a culture that empowers individuals to contribute their unique perspectives and talents."

To watch the full conference, please click [HERE](#).



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PTC Insures and Sun Life Grepa team up to secure GMP retirements

A strategic partnership between PTC Insurance Agency, Inc. (PTC Insures) and Sun Life Grepa Financial, Inc. was signed in 2024, marking a significant milestone in the pursuit of comprehensive protection and retirement plans for the valued GMPs who dedicate their lives to navigating the world's waters.

The life insurance products available from this partnership range from individual to group family policies at principal sums of P125,000 to P1,000,000. The most significant program available is the Savings Plan Plus which provides protection and allows the GMP to build a retirement fund.





PTC at the historic signing of Seafarers' Magna Carta



PTC's Karen Avelino, president of the Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers, Inc. (PAMTCI), joined legislators, cabinet members, and other stakeholders from the maritime sector to witness President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. sign the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers.

In a ceremony held in Malacañang last September 23, 2024, President Marcos signed Republic Act (RA) No. 12021, or An Act Providing for the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers which aims to protect the rights and overall welfare of domestic and overseas Filipino seafarers, as well as promote their full employment.

In his message, President Marcos said the signing of the Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers is part of the government's collective acknowledgment of seafarers' sacrifices and contributions to the country. "It is our way of telling our seafarers, we see you, we hear you, and we are here to support you," he said.

The new law aims to create a comprehensive framework for preserving and improving the rights and welfare of Filipino seafarers in local and international shipping. It also seeks to improve seafarers' education, training, and cadetship programs to improve mariners' skills.

It will "harmonize policies" among concerned agencies such as the Commission on Higher Education, Department of Foreign Affairs, Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Philippine Coast Guard, Department of Labor and Employment, and Department of Migrant Workers.

Meanwhile, the MARINA will be mandated to oversee maritime education with powers to accredit, regulate, and monitor education and training institutions offering maritime degree programs and technical courses.

RA No. 12021 also establishes mechanisms, rules, and procedures to ensure fair, speedy, equitable, and just disposition and execution of decisions granting seafarers' salaries, wages, statutory benefits, and death and disability claims.





IMO commends PTC GMPs onboard Komaya's MT Kingston for bravery at sea

During the 132nd Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council, Captain Francisco Saavedra Jr., Master of Komaya Shipping's M/T Kingston, along with his dedicated officers and crew, was awarded a special certificate in recognition of their exceptional bravery at sea. The commendation, as outlined in Resolution A. 1195(33), was given for the crew's heroic efforts in rescuing and assisting 20 persons in distress in the Mediterranean Sea on October 29, 2023.



The Certificate of Commendation, signed by IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez, honors the remarkable bravery, professionalism, and compassion displayed by Captain Saavedra and his crew during the rescue operation.

The panel of judges for the 2024 IMO Honours for Exceptional Bravery at Sea highlighted their actions as exemplary of the spirit and commitment that defines the global maritime community.



A heartfelt thanksgiving: PTC Group FCR hosts festive celebration for GMP Families

The PTC Group's Family and Crew Relations (FCR) team hosted a joyful Thanksgiving Party on November 9, 2024, for the families of PTC and Jepsen PTC Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) at the Penthouse of First Maritime Place. This special gathering, designed to celebrate the hardworking seafarers and their families, featured a lively costume party for kids, fun games, clown performances, and an abundance of special treats. Among the 38 children and 26 guardians who attended, there was plenty of laughter, excitement, and opportunities for children to display their talents and creativity.



"Thank you to the Jepsen PTC FCR team for this wonderful event. This is the first time that my children have attended such an event and they really enjoyed it so much."

Mrs. Juvelyn C. Cugay
Wife of Oiler Nick C. Cugay,
Hapag-Lloyd Aktiengesellschaft



PTC GMP Malcolm Serrano recognized in ITF Seafarers' Trust Photography Competition

PTC is proud of Malcolm Serrano, an ETO onboard Sarah Oldendorff, for being recognized in the ITF Seafarers' Trust Photography Competition 2024. Malcolm's photo, "Embracing the Beauty of Our Ship from a Different Perspective," was awarded a Highly Commended recognition in the #LifeAtSea2024 competition.

"I took this photo using my drone while the ship was discharging in Go Gia, Vietnam. I was amazed to see things from a different altitude," said Malcolm. "It's a top view of the forecastle, with me lying on the ground. Now I see the beauty of our ship from a different perspective."






PHILCAMSAT and Global Maritime Partners: Leading the Way in Safety and Training



PHILCAMSAT wins SAFETY4SEA Training Award

The Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc. (PHILCAMSAT) was recognized with the SAFETY4SEA Training Award at the 2024 SAFETY4SEA Virtual Awards for its groundbreaking Maritime Just Transition (MJT) training programs. This award highlights PHILCAMSAT's dedication to setting a new standard in maritime training by promoting safety excellence and fostering sustainable practices that prepare seafarers for the evolving demands of the industry. The MJT program, a first of its kind, underscores PHILCAMSAT's commitment to equipping maritime professionals with the skills and knowledge essential for navigating a greener, safer maritime future.

This prestigious honor was awarded through a competitive process that combined open nominations, industry panel expertise, and audience voting, showcasing the maritime community's strong support for PHILCAMSAT's contributions. As a leader in maritime training, PHILCAMSAT continues to pave the way for sustainability-focused education, reflecting its dedication to developing global maritime professionals who uphold the highest safety standards. Congratulations to PHILCAMSAT for this well-deserved recognition!

To watch the virtual awards ceremony, please click [HERE](#). 





PHILCAMSAT: Global standards compliance milestones



CHED-MARINA Monitoring Audit

The Mapúa-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training at Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna has successfully passed the Joint CHED-MARINA Follow-Up Monitoring held on October 3-4, 2024. The monitoring aimed to ensure the closure of identified audit findings from the initial review conducted last June 21. The evaluators focused on addressing key areas identified in the Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation and Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering programs.

UKMNTB Monitoring Audit

PHILCAMSAT has once again passed the UK MNTB Annual Monitoring Audit, reaffirming its commitment to excellence in maritime training. The audit was conducted by Ms. Kathryn Nielson, Director of the UK Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) and the Maritime Educational Foundation, who also serves as the Maritime Skills Commissioner. The evaluation took place over two days: November 11 at PHILCAMSAT's Makati office and November 15 at its training facility, The MAST.

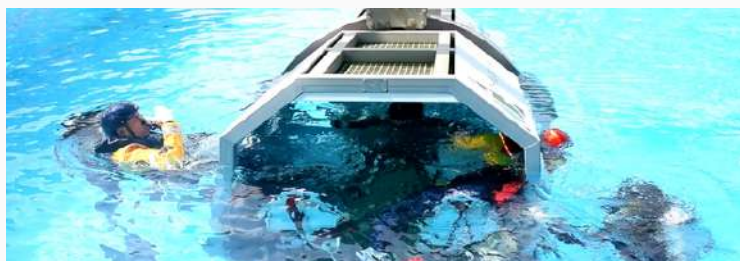


ISO 9001:2015

The two-day periodic audit was conducted by DNV on PHILCAMSAT's ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) at both its Makati office and The MAST in Cavite. With zero non-conformities, the audit results underscore PHILCAMSAT's dedication to maintaining and continuously improving the quality of its services, ensuring that the highest standards of excellence for its clients and stakeholders are met.

MARINA accreditation for IGF Code courses

The Center achieved MARINA Accreditation for its Basic and Advanced Training for Service on Ships Subject to the IGF Code. Held last August 26-30, this accreditation audit reaffirms PHILCAMSAT's commitment to providing top-notch maritime education and training, ensuring that its programs meet the stringent standards set by MARINA. The Basic and Advanced IGF Code courses are essential training programs for maritime personnel serving on ships that utilize gases or low-flashpoint fuels, such as liquefied natural gas (LNG).



OPITO accreditation for comprehensive offshore safety programs

PHILCAMSAT successfully passed the rigorous two-day audit conducted by the Offshore Petroleum Industry Organization (OPITO) for its 10 approved courses designed to equip offshore personnel with critical safety skills and knowledge. The OPITO audit covered both traditional and digital delivery methods for the BOSIET and CA-EBS courses, highlighting PHILCAMSAT's adaptability and dedication to providing comprehensive safety training.

PHILCAMSAT achieves Global Wind Organization accreditation

The certification audit by Bureau Veritas for the Global Wind Organization (GWO) standards was successfully conducted from July 25 to 27, 2024 at The MAST, Maragondon, Cavite. The MAST underwent rigorous requirements set by the GWO for wind turbine components to ensure that its programs meet the highest standards of safety and quality. The approved training programs include Basic Safety and Basic Safety Refresher, covering modules such as First Aid, Manual Handling, Fire Awareness, Sea Survival, and Working at Heights, as well as a combined Manual Handling and Working at Heights course.



PTC's Dagupan Recruitment Day

PTC, through its Talent Acquisition Group, in collaboration with the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) of the City Government of Dagupan, successfully conducted a Recruitment Day on November 9, 2024, at the Dagupan City People's Astrodome, bringing together job seekers and industry leaders under one roof.

Several business units from The PTC Group were present, namely, Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc., Lifelinks International Resources Inc. and Smartpark Solutions Inc., showcasing a wide range of career opportunities for Pangasinenses.



Jebsen PTC Maritime Job Fair Caravan in Davao



Jebsen PTC Maritime participated in the Job Fair Caravan for Overseas Employment, held at the NCCC Mall - Victoria Plaza Event Center in Davao last September 13. This full-day event was organized by the Department of Migrant Workers, in collaboration with the Davao City Public Employment Service Office (PESO), to provide employment opportunities for skilled professionals seeking global careers.

Through this job fair, Jebsen PTC Maritime continues to strengthen its commitment to Filipino seafarers while supporting the growth of the maritime workforce in the Philippines. It was also an opportune time to meet up with the Jebsen PTC Family Circle in Davao, where discussions on future Family and Crew Relations and Project RISE activities took place.

PTC at the DMW Mega Job Fair

On September 22, 2024, PTC Group proudly participated in the Department of Migrant Workers' (DMW) Mega Job Fair held at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. The event was part of the celebration of the 25th National Maritime Week and the 29th National Seafarers Day. This year's job fair, themed "Disenteng Trabaho Para sa Mga Marinong Filipino," aimed to provide Filipino seafarers with employment opportunities within the maritime industry.

As part of the Mega Job Fair, PTC, represented by its Recruitment and Training Department (RTD) offered a variety of career opportunities for aspiring global maritime professionals (GMPs). The company presented openings for both cargo vessels and cruise ships, giving Filipino jobseekers a chance to explore meaningful and fulfilling global careers at sea.



Welcome Aboard! Sea Mariners joins first-ever PTC Camp

The first batch of PTC Sea Mariners and Ship Advisers successfully participated in the inaugural PTC Sea Mariners Welcome Aboard Camp, held at The MAST in Maragondon, Cavite. This event marked the official launch of the Sea Mariners program for participating schools.



Over the course of two days, participants engaged in the Sea Mariners Masterclass, which provided essential training in Basic Seamanship and Basic Drills and Commands. These interactive sessions are designed to equip Sea Mariners with the foundational skills necessary to thrive in the maritime industry.

Represented at this event were the following schools: IMSHS - Sea Mariners Organization (Ismael Mathay Senior High School, QC), TNHS - PTC Sea Mariners (Tunasan National High School, Muntinlupa), Baliwag Maritime Academy (Bulacan), and SRNHS TVL-Maritime (Minalin, Pampanga).

During the camp, Sea Mariners had a unique opportunity to observe and take part in live maritime drills and training at PHILCAMSAT's world-class facilities. This immersive experience deepened their understanding of maritime operations and provided meaningful connections with industry professionals and mentors.

Master the Seas: The ultimate ship simulation experience at First Maritime Place



On December 6, 2024, First Maritime Place transformed into a gateway to the maritime world as PTC Sea Mariners hosted "Master the Seas: The Ultimate Ship Simulation Experience." This event offered Sea Mariners an exciting ship simulation tour and hands-on experience that brought maritime careers within reach, made possible with the support of the Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc. (PHILCAMSAT).

Ms. Marah Ramos, PHILCAMSAT's Business Development Officer for School Programs and Partnerships, introduced the Sea Mariners to work immersion opportunities designed to prepare them for future roles in the maritime industry. Adding to the wealth of knowledge, Sir Peter Lague, Vice President for Crewing Operations at Philippine Transmarine Carriers, Inc. (PTCI), shared maritime career tips and guidelines. The participants eagerly voiced their questions about the industry and received expert advice to guide their journey.

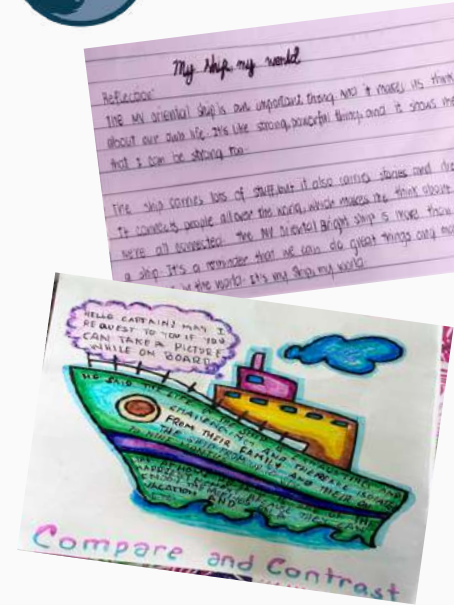
The event brought together students from Baliwag Maritime Academy, Sto. Rosario National High School, Tunasan National High School, Ismael Mathay Sr. High School, and San Pedro Relocation Center National High School. Through this immersive experience, the Sea Mariners gained valuable insights and inspiration to chart their course toward a future in maritime professions.



PTC-CSJ wraps up My Ship My World 2024

My Ship My World (MSMW) 2024 was successfully completed in 41 public elementary schools in Malabon, Muntinlupa, and Quezon City, supported by 120 Grade 6 teachers and 53 ship officers from 17 PTC Principals. Together, these teachers reached more than 13,500 students who benefited from the program.

MSMW introduces shipping and its benefits to young students with the aim of encouraging them to pursue a maritime career. Every week, the ship officers answer questions focused on basic concepts in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies and how they apply to ships and shipping. They also share glimpses of their lives and experiences on board. The teachers then integrate these into the weekly lesson plans and discuss them in their classes, creating a more experiential learning for their students.



PTC-CSJ Foundation scholars make an impact through outreach and maritime competitions

On October 5, 2024, PTC-CSJ Foundation's BS Marine Transportation scholars at Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (MMCL), Jiro Andres and Michelle Belling, led a group of MMCL students in an outreach program in Porac, Pampanga, aimed at connecting with the indigenous Aeta community.

Themed "SAMAKATUTUBO: Hearts and Minds for the Aetas," the initiative focused on contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of No Poverty, Zero Hunger, and Reduced Inequalities.



Last September 24, maritime schools and academies across the Philippines gathered at the AMOSUP Convention Hall in Intramuros, Manila, to commemorate the 29th National Seafarer's Day. Representing MMCL's Mapua-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training (CMET), Michelle Belling, a PTC-CSJ Foundation scholar, participated in the Oratorical Competition. Notably, Michelle was one of only two women who reached the top 10 finalists.

PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo speaks at the GCNP Sustainability Summit



The Global Compact Network Philippines (GCNP) held its sixth Sustainability Summit last October 23 at the Dusit Thani Hotel in Makati. PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo was among the esteemed speakers during the CEO Forum where he shared insights on the company's focus on human capital development and the value of education in sustainability.

The theme of this year's Sustainability Summit was "Tracking SDG Impact: Global and Local Perspectives." Joining him for the CEO Forum were Mr. Rick Danao, Chairman and Senior Partner of PwC Philippines; Ms. Chaye Cabal Revilla, CFO and Chief Sustainability Officer, Metro Pacific Investments Corp.; and Mr. Michael Coman, Chief Strategy Officer, International Care Ministries. The panel was moderated by Mr. Jos Ortega, CEO, Havas Ortega.

Sailing towards sustainability: PTC Shipmanagement's role in the Circular Explorer's mission



The PTC Group joined One Earth One Ocean (OEOO), Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST), and HOLCIM in the Circular Explorer milestone event on August 15, 2024. This landmark event highlighted the significance of a circular economy, a system designed to eliminate waste and promote the continual use of resources by bringing together industry leaders and environmental advocates.

PTC Shipmanagement provides crew and ship management services to the Circular Explorer, the world's first solar-powered ambassador vessel that aids in cleaning up Manila Bay, having collected 40,000 kg of marine litter as of July 2024, with around 40% of this being plastic. In addition to waste collection, it also gathers data to assist researchers in developing recommendations for policymakers on potential solutions.

One of the event's highlights was the launch of an innovative educational toolkit designed to empower students with the knowledge and tools to understand and implement circular economy principles. This initiative further expands the Circular Explorer team's youth outreach through a partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), aiming to deploy the educational toolkit on circularity to select primary and secondary schools in NCR. The goal is to eventually incorporate the modules into the educational curriculum to teach children the value of conserving resources and preventing waste through circularity. This initiative represents a significant step toward a more sustainable future, where society thrives within the Earth's ecological limits.



PTC Group volunteers champion early childhood nutrition at Servathon 2024

The PTC Group proudly participated in Servathon 2024, organized by Hands On Manila, last September 29 at Space in One Ayala, Makati. A total of 90 employee volunteers from the PTC Group joined the event, dedicating their time and creativity to making colorful alphabet flashcards. These flashcards were donated to nursing mothers across the country, aligning with this year's theme, "Fight Malnutrition, Save Futures!" The event highlights the importance of proper nutrition in the early stages of child development and PTC's role in supporting this cause.

As a long-time supporter of Servathon, PTC continues to embrace the values of corporate volunteerism through active participation in the country's largest annual volunteer event. This collaboration not only emphasizes PTC's commitment to fostering community engagement but also strengthens its mission to address societal challenges like malnutrition through meaningful initiatives.

PTC's involvement in Servathon 2024 exemplifies its dedication to service, community support, and the well-being of future generations. By contributing to this cause, PTC remains steadfast in its role as a responsible corporate citizen, making a positive impact on the lives of mothers and children across the nation.

Celebrating International Coastal Clean-up Day: PTC's commitment to a sustainable future



On September 21, 2024, a total of 24 PTC Shipping volunteers put on their gloves and grabbed their sacks to clean the shores of Manila Bay in celebration of the 39th International Coastal Clean-up Day with the theme 'Clean Seas for a Blue Economy.' The volunteers worked in teams to efficiently segregate and collect three types of waste, namely: plastic bottles, food wrappers, and recyclable paper.

In the spirit of collective action, the tireless efforts of the PTC Shipping volunteers resulted in the collection of 254.85 kilograms, or 34 sacks, of marine litter. This collaborative endeavor underscores the importance of protecting the marine environment and promoting cleaner and greener oceans for future generations.

The PTC Group's relief efforts for Typhoon Carina

In the aftermath of Typhoon Carina, the PTC Group demonstrated its unwavering commitment to its employees and partner communities by swiftly mobilizing relief efforts through the PTC RISE Program and the company's ERT, SSRB, and HR teams.



PTC RISE and Sagip Kapamilya conduct relief operations in Nasugbu, Minalin and San Mateo

The PTC RISE Program team, in collaboration with ABS-CBN Foundation Sagip Kapamilya, successfully conducted relief operations for families affected by Typhoon Carina in Nasugbu, Batangas; Minalin, Pampanga; and San Mateo, Rizal.



RSE Foundation's milestone: DEAL project in cooperation with SDI



In a groundbreaking initiative to bridge the digital divide and enhance education, the RSE Foundation has successfully installed Starlink connectivity in 27 public schools across the municipalities of Minalin, Pampanga, and Lumban, Laguna. The project, under the Digital Enablement and Learning Program (DEAL), has equipped these schools with the necessary infrastructure to support students and teachers in their digital learning journey.

Through the DEAL program, the RSE Foundation installed Starlink units in selected public schools, providing high-speed and reliable internet access, opening up a world of possibilities for students and educators alike. With this connectivity, students can now access a wealth of online resources, participate in virtual learning platforms, and engage in an interactive educational experience. Teachers, on the other hand, can leverage technology to enhance their teaching methods, explore innovative learning approaches, and stay updated with the latest educational trends. The project is expected to benefit more than 3,000 students in the two communities.



The completion of the DEAL program marks a significant milestone in the RSE Foundation's commitment to digital inclusion and education. By providing these schools with the tools and resources they need to thrive in the digital age, the project has laid the groundwork for enhanced learning outcomes and a brighter future for the students of Minalin and Lumban.

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