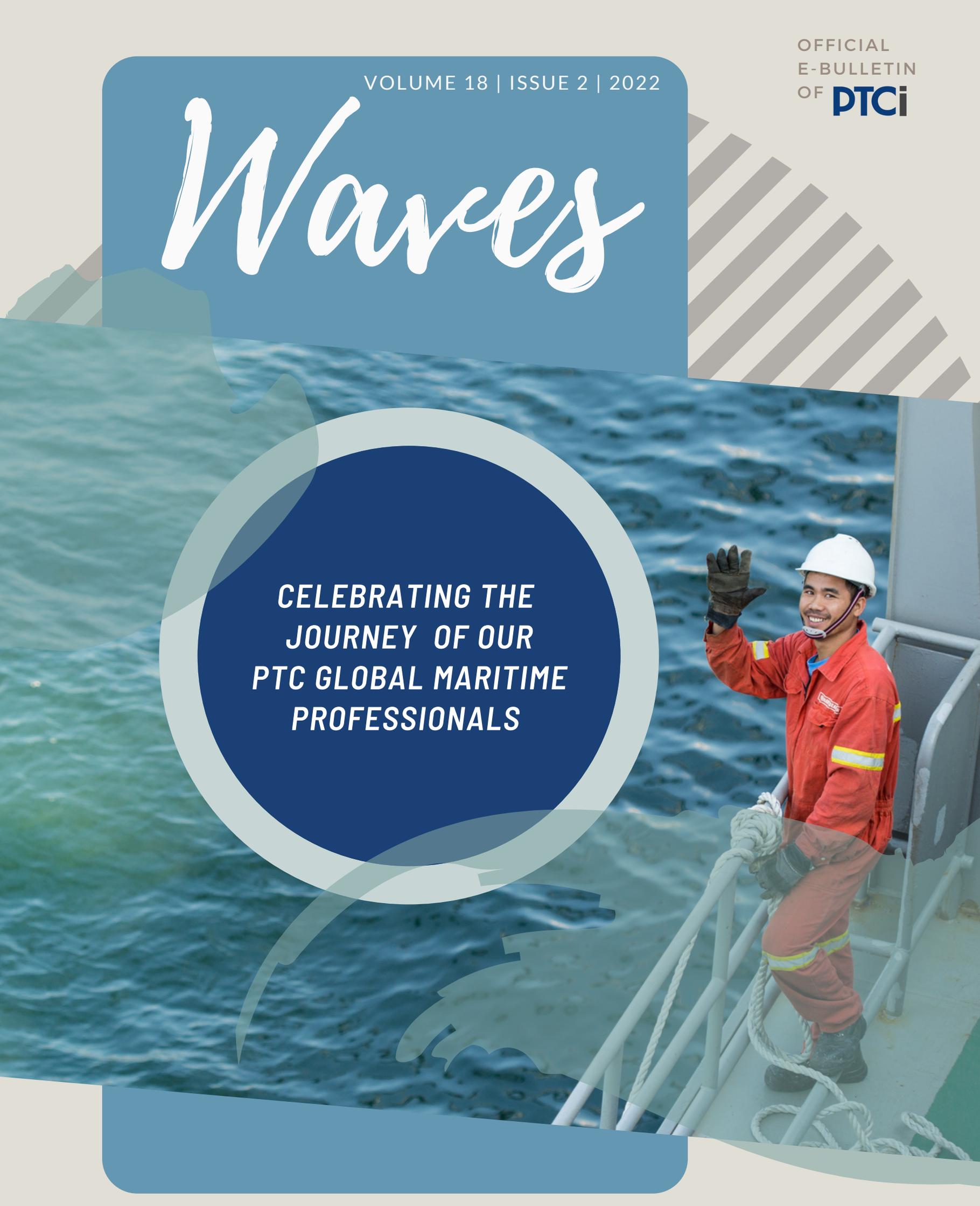


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JOURNEY OF OUR  
PTC GLOBAL MARITIME  
PROFESSIONALS**



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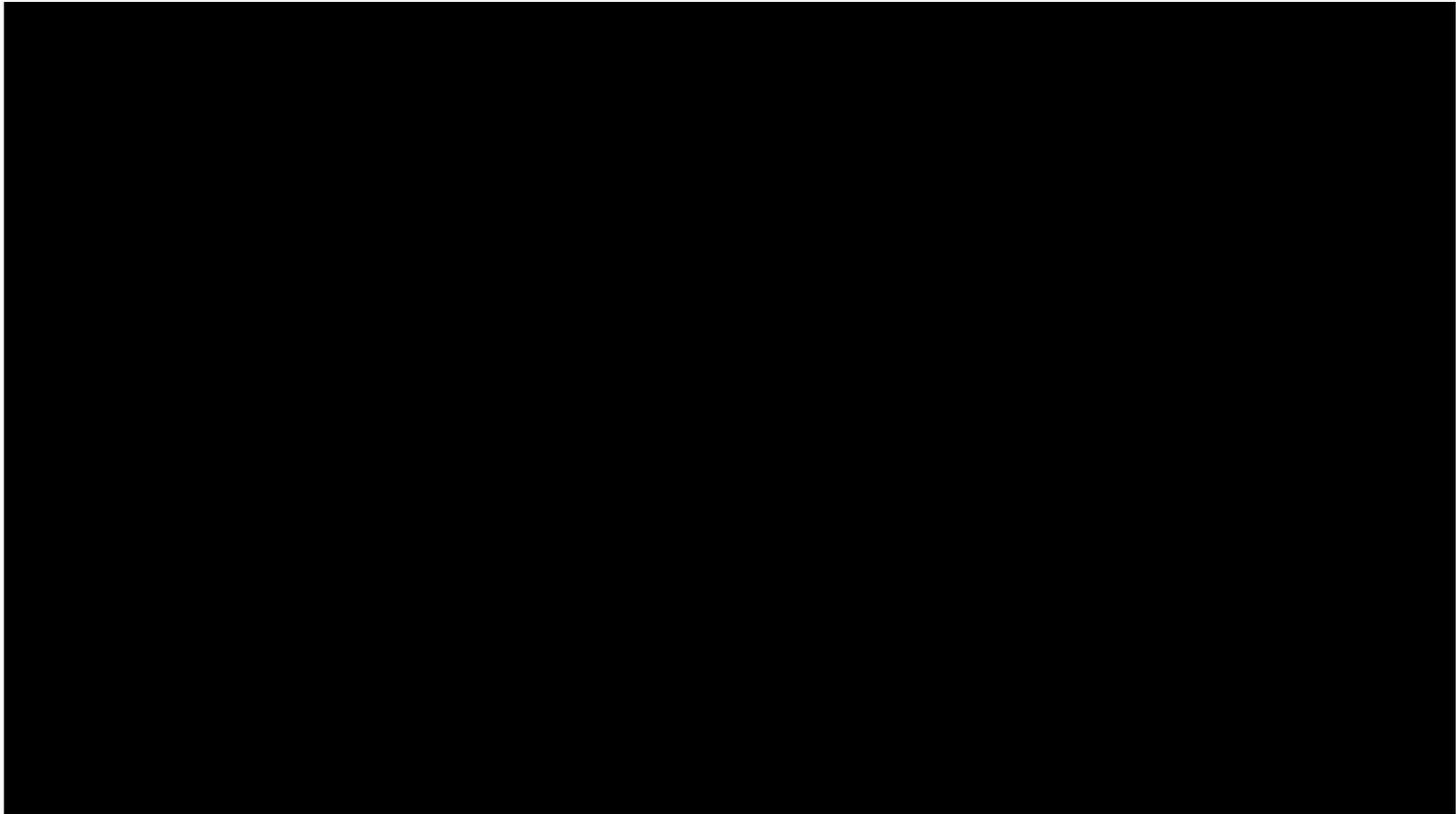
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*Honoring the PTC GMP Journey on the  
International Day of the Seafarer*



## *Honoring the PTC GMP Journey on the International Day of the Seafarer*

The PTC Group held an advanced Day of the Seafarer celebration to honor its noble Global Maritime Professionals (GMP) on Friday, June 24, 2022. In support of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) theme for this year's event, "Your voyage, then and now, share your journey," PTC prepared special treats and activities to recognize the unique #SeafarerJourney of PTC and Jepsen PTC GMPs.



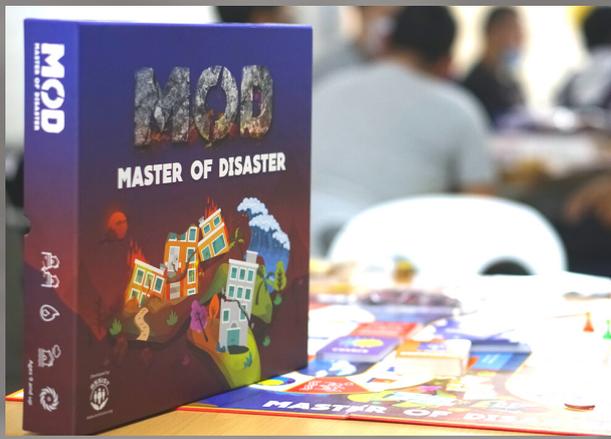
### **Snack and refreshments for GMPs**

The day started with free coffee and donuts in the morning and Filipino snacks and refreshments in the afternoon for the GMP community.



PTC Group associates were also treated to free *taho* (a Filipino favorite) courtesy of the Shipping Cluster's HR Team.

# Gamifying Disaster Preparedness



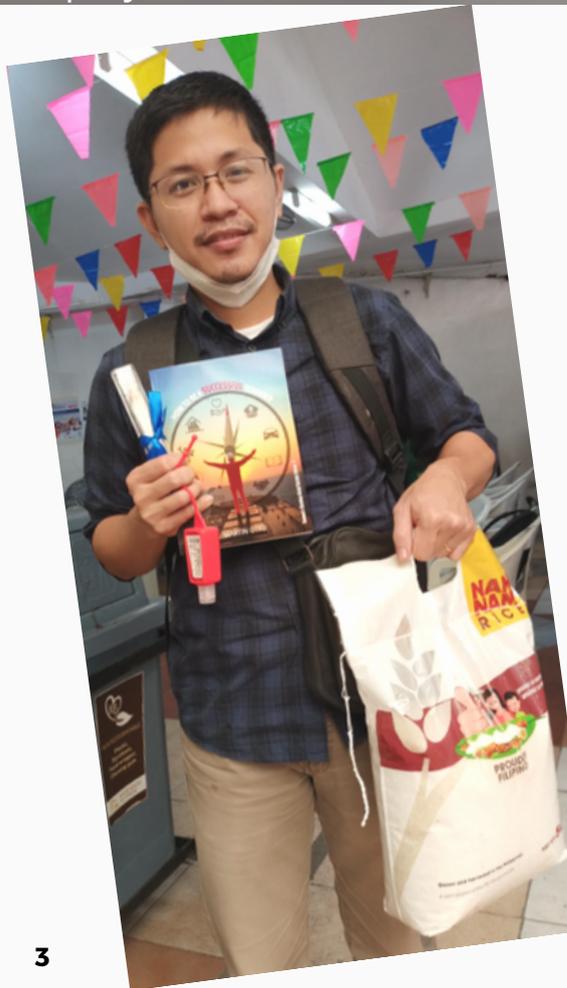
To teach GMPs about disaster preparedness, Project Rise organized a Master of Disaster (M.O.D.) Board Game Tournament for the GMP community.

Josh McCarver and Capt. Stan Santiago of PTC's Social Infrastructure Platform - Pipeline Engagement Program (SIP-PEP) facilitated the tournament. Winning GMPs received special prizes and their very own sets of the M.O.D. Board Game to take with them onboard and play with their fellow crew.



## Special GMP Gift Bags

All visiting seafarers also went home with a goodie bag containing gifts of 5kgs. of Namnam Rice, books from PHILCAMSAT, special pens from PTCAT, and hand sanitizers from Health Metrics, Inc. The event was organized by PTC's Family and Crew Relations team.



Jerome Concepcion  
*Winner*



## "My PTC GMP Journey" *winners announced*

PTC announced the winners of the "My PTC GMP Journey" photo contest on June 24 as part of the company's Day of the Seafarer (DOTS) celebration. Taking inspiration from the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) theme for this year's DOTS campaign, the contest invited Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) to send photos of their first and most recent voyages while sharing the changes that they have seen in the maritime industry throughout the years.

Winning first place was PTC GMP Jerome Concepcion who shared how advancements in the safety of vessels and their passengers, improved means of communication with his loved ones at home, and increased awareness of his strengths as a seafarer are among the most significant changes he observed during his four years of working at sea.



Edmar Rosales  
Ogao-ogao  
*Runner-Up*



Jhon Marvin Raquedan  
*Runner-Up*



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## *PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo recognized with Crew Welfare Leadership Award*

PTC CEO Gerardo Borrromeo was recognized for his maritime leadership at the SAFETY4SEA Crew Welfare Week awarding ceremonies held on June 21, 2022. In his acceptance speech, Mr. Borrromeo dedicated the honor to PTC's noble global maritime professionals, the heart and soul of a ship. He also shared the honor with his PTC colleagues and dedicated the award to PTC's visionary and founder, IMO Maritime Ambassador Carlos C. Salinas.



## *Crew Welfare Leadership Award*

The Meaning Behind the Milestone

**With pride and gratitude, we celebrate another milestone in the distinguished career of our CEO, Gerardo A. Borromeo, who was honored with the Crew Welfare Leadership Award at the 2022 SAFETY4SEA Crew Welfare Awards, June 21, 2022.**

The award has been bestowed in recognition of Mr. Borromeo's contribution as "an Industry Figure who has provided leadership by steering their organization and/or the industry towards crew welfare excellence," according to the Crew Welfare Awards committee.

The Crew Welfare Leadership Award is a testament to an 18-year-long maritime career dedicated to the advancement, career growth, and personal development of our global maritime professionals. In addition, the distinction reflects how Safety4Sea deeply values Mr. Borromeo's contribution to the maritime industry through the development and implementation of the PTC Group's strategic initiatives, his innovative leadership and fresh way of thinking, and taking on the responsibilities of board memberships at key industry associations throughout his career.

The honor signifies the organization's respect for the many ways that Mr. Borromeo continues to shine a positive light upon the sector through his leadership and capabilities, serving to elevate shipping so it is inspiring both within the industry and to future talent who have yet to embark on maritime careers.

The PTC Group community extend its warmest congratulations to Mr. Gerardo A. Borromeo for this distinguished recognition and bringing honor and pride to our country, our industry and our company.



## *PTC presents best practices at Crew Welfare Week*

The PTC Group was honored to present its Crew Care best practices at the 2022 Crew Welfare Week virtual event organized by SAFETY4SEA from June 21 to 23, 2022.

PTC Founder and IMO Maritime Ambassador Carlos C. Salinas highlighted that seafarers are the heart and soul of global trade and acknowledged the significant contribution of all Filipino global maritime professionals who are the driving spirit behind what makes the country a proud tonnage enabler.

Gerardo Borromeo, PTC CEO, stressed the power of collaboration that enables the industry to work as a platform for the development of wellness and acknowledged that seafarers are at the center of all operations. They move world trade, and thus, it is vital to provide a mechanism to maximize the total wellbeing of global maritime professionals.

To view PTC's presentation, please click [here](#).

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**GLOBAL MARITIME PROFESSIONALS AT THE HEART OF PTC**

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Gerardo Borromeo  
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## *Supporting the Maritime Just Transition Task Force*

As home to the world's seafarer of choice, Philippine Transmarine Carriers (PTC) remains committed to ensuring that the key role Filipino Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) play in the industry is sustained through training programs that will help them develop the necessary knowledge, skills, and behavior to fuel the industry's green transition. PTC is proud to be a partner of The Maritime Just Transition Task Force.

The Maritime Just Transition Task Force was founded by the International Chamber of Shipping, the International Transport Workers' Federation, and the UN Global Compact.



Established at COP26 in Glasgow, the Task Force's founding members also include the UN's shipping body, the International Maritime Organization, and the International Labour Organization. It brings together governments, maritime workers' unions, and the shipping industry to pursue a fair and equitable green transition in shipping. Its purpose is to ensure that workers' rights and developing economies' access to zero-emission vessels and zero-carbon fuels remain at the center of policy decisions.

The global shipping industry is responsible for about 3% of global GHG emissions. Reskilling and upskilling the workforce is integral to transitioning the industry to a zero-emission value chain of new fuel production and distribution and building the new infrastructure to support it.



***Ambassador Carlos Salinas reaffirms his commitment to promoting shipping and seafaring at IMO GMA meeting***

IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador (GMA) and PTC founder Carlos C. Salinas expressed his continued commitment to promoting shipping and inspiring the youth to pursue careers at sea at the first meeting of the country's International Maritime Organization (IMO) GMAs hosted by the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) held last May 5, 2022, via video conference.



"As IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassadors, we have been appointed to celebrate the best of maritime, helping to highlight the vital role that shipping plays in moving the world," shared Ambassador Salinas during the meeting.

"From the perspective of the Philippines, we take time to recognize the significant contributions of Filipino global maritime professionals, the heart and soul of a ship, the driving spirit behind what makes the country a proud tonnage enabler, ensuring that global trade brings much needed good things to life across the world."

Ambassador Salinas has been serving as an IMO GMA for four years during which he has endeavored to further promote the importance of shipping and seafaring through various programs and platforms. From a bi-weekly column in the Manila Times to a host of digital maritime campaigns, Ambassador Salinas has engaged in public-private initiatives and discussions with Philippine and global maritime leaders to ensure stronger industry collaboration.

Career talks, maritime immersion programs, mental wellness monitoring, and youth education such as the Maritime Senior High School Program, Sea Mariners, and My Ship My World are among the undertakings that he has espoused and supported.





## *PHILCAMSAT celebrates 30 years of transforming seafarers into global maritime professionals*

The Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training, Inc. (PHILCAMSAT) marked its 30th anniversary last May 26, 2022.

"PHILCAMSAT has a vision to transform seafarers into global maritime professionals. It is a goal that speaks volumes of the PTC Group's desire to ensure that we are not only helping to provide jobs, but we are in fact building long-term careers...careers that carry with them significant meaning and purpose," said PTC CEO Gerardo Borromeo during the anniversary celebration.



"PHILCAMSAT has laid the groundwork over the last 30 years to provide a transformative platform. As we look ahead to the next 30 years and beyond, we need to make sure that we have an equal ability to lead seafarers towards a future that will be more complex and more demanding. But we should not worry as PHILCAMSAT has the ability to teach, guide, mentor, and transform."



## *PHILCAMSAT succeeds at MARINA Monitoring Audit*

Congratulations to PHILCAMSAT for successfully passing its MARINA Monitoring Audit conducted last May 25 to 27, 2022 at the Center's Makati office and at The MAST covering its 22 STCW MARINA-approved courses. MARINA noted the Center's Noteworthy Efforts during the closing meeting held on June 1 and commended them for Zero Non-Conformities. The audit was headed by the Office Maritime Education and Training Standard Supervisor (METSS), Ms. Elizabeth Tejuco. This is PHILCAMSAT's first MARINA Monitoring Audit since 2017 as the Center was not required to undergo the audit over the past 4 years owing to its strict and consistent compliance with MARINA standards .



## *PTC's Talent Acquisition Group kicks off campus caravan*

The Education and Training Unit of PTC's Talent Acquisition Group launched its Campus Caravan this April to provide short enhancement and development courses that will give students additional knowledge about the maritime industry and engage them to share their perspectives on the seafaring profession.

The program commenced at the Santiago Syjuco Memorial Integrated Secondary School last April 12. The campus caravan then made its way to the Mapúa-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training on April 26.

"The PTC Campus Caravan is one of the efforts being taken by the Education and Training Unit to build relationships among our partner schools and our future talents. We will create tailor-fit topics based on the maritime industry's current issues and the challenges that stakeholders face," C/E Alfredo Haboc said.



## *PTC launches crewing appointment system via mobile app*



### INTRODUCING **THE PTC CREWING APPOINTMENT SYSTEM**

It's as easy as *1-2-3!*

PTC global maritime professionals (GMP) now have a quicker and more convenient way to set appointments with their crewing office via the PTC Inc. Mobile App! GMPs need only to download the PTC Inc. Mobile App on their Android or iOS device, register as a user, and click on the "Book Appointment" function of the app to secure a meeting with their crewing manager.

Download the PTC Inc. Mobile App by scanning the QR Code below and registering as a user

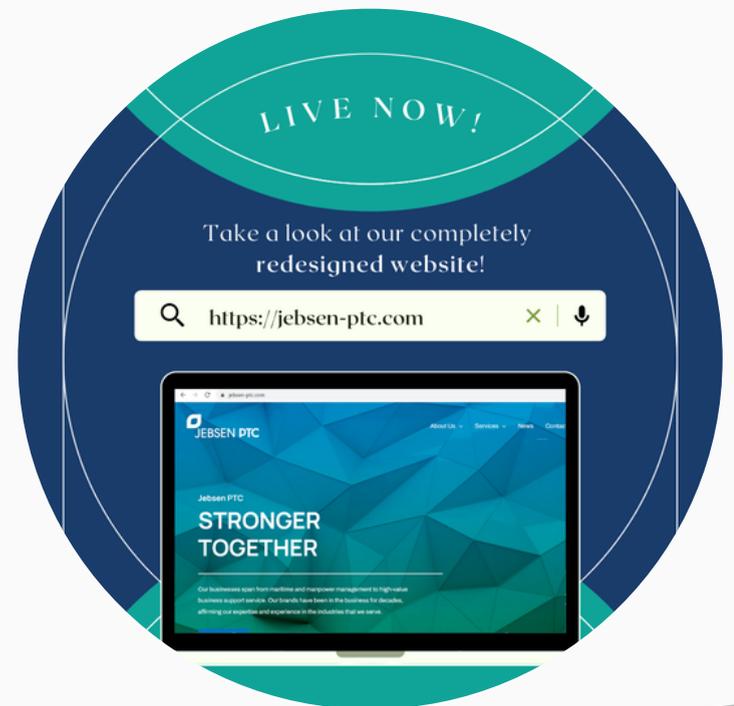


PTC's crewing personnel can likewise use the system to easily manage and create appointments with their respective crew.

Aside from these functions, the PTC Inc. Mobile App can also be used by GMPs to view payslips, make social cost inquiries, manage crew information and documents, and access crew feedback forms.

## *Jebsen PTC unveils newly redesigned website*

In its commitment to deliver an enhanced user experience for Jebsen PTC stakeholders, principals, GMPs, and seafarer applicants, the company unveiled its newly redesigned website which can be accessed at [jebsen-ptc.com](https://jebsen-ptc.com). The website tells the history and heritage of Jebsen PTC, and its expertise and experience in the industries it serves. Convenient access to current career opportunities with Jebsen PTC is also provided on the website.



The graphic is a promotional banner for the 'Vinta Mobile - JP' app. On the left, a smartphone displays the app's login screen with the 'inta mobile application' logo and options to 'Apply now or login your existing account' and 'Apply Now!'. To the right, the text reads 'DOWNLOAD OUR APP Vinta Mobile - JP'. Below this, a white box lists 'KEY FEATURES':

- ✓ 24/7 ACCESS TO THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH JEBSEN PTC MARITIME, INC.
- ✓ APPOINTMENT BOOKING SYSTEM
- ✓ ACCESS TO CREW INFORMATION & DOCUMENTS
- ✓ ACCESS TO DEBRIEFING FORMS & OTHER APPLICABLE FORMS DEPENDING ON CREW STATUS

At the bottom, it says 'Download now via:' followed by the Google Play and Apple App Store logos.

Jebsen PTC has also recently launched the Vinta Mobile-Jebsen PTC app which allows GMPs to view their documents, crew information, and flight details; accomplish debriefing and feedback forms, and book appointments with their crewing office. The app is available via Google Play and Apple App Store. To know more about the Vinta Mobile-Jebsen PTC app, please watch the user guide [here](#).

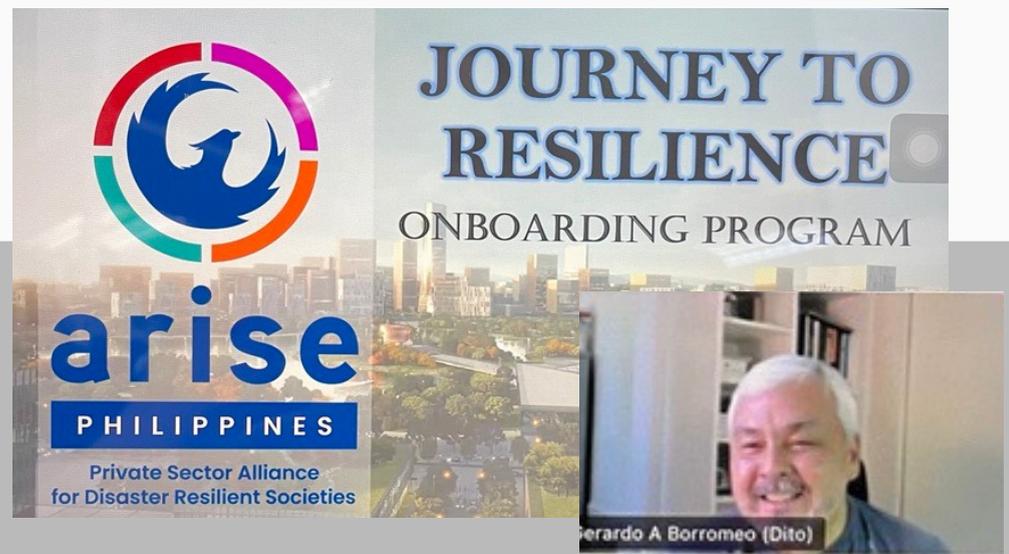
## *PTC is the newest member of ARISE-Philippines*

In line with its desire to build a more disaster-resilient country and company, PTC has officially joined ARISE-Philippines, the local network of ARISE (the Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies).

ARISE is a United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)-led network of private sector entities whose members voluntarily commit to supporting and implementing the Sendai Framework, aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris Climate Agreement, New Urban Agenda and Agenda for Humanity.

Organized through the initiatives of SM Prime Holdings Inc. and with support from UNDRR, the network was first launched at the Top Leaders Forum (TLF) 2015 in Pasay City, Philippines.

To date, it has 146 member private sector organizations that share the vision of a resilient, prosperous future where fewer lives are lost to disasters, capital assets and investments are risk-informed, and infrastructure is resilient to natural and man-made hazards.



Gerardo Borromeo, PTC CEO, and MGEN Restituto Padilla Jr AFP (Ret), Executive Director for Corporate Public Policy, Risks, and Sustainability, along with other members of the Group's sustainability program, participated in an onboarding session conducted by ARISE-Philippines via Zoom on June 17.

## *PTCi affirms commitment to the environment with successful ISO 14001:2015 EMS Audit*



PTC Inc. successfully retained its ISO 14001:2015 certification for the company's Environmental Management System (EMS) following a surveillance audit conducted by TUV last June 10. The hybrid audit was led by TUV auditors Kharen Conception, who conducted the onsite audit at First Maritime Place, along with Madilyn Plaza and Zaenal Arifin who participated remotely from Cebu and Indonesia respectively.

PTC's Environmental Management Representative Benjamin Reyes along with the company's EMS Team headed the efforts to ensure the success of the audit.

## *PCG Auxiliary Chapter launched for the PTC Community*

Project Rise invites the men and women of the PTC Group to be part of the 1st PTC Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Auxiliary Chapter.

The launch of PTC's PCG Auxiliary Squadron serves to further enhance Project RISE's commitment to assist and provide support to communities by helping them become disaster resilient. Through this initiative, PTC's RISE volunteers will serve as Coast Guard Auxiliaries who can help promote PCG's disaster preparedness programs and support the disaster response activities of the PCG.



### Membership to the PCGA has the following privileges:

- Entitled to receive current copies of Auxiliary publications.
- Entitled to attend all PCG Auxiliary national, district, squadron, and division meetings, training sessions, and social events, subject to certain limitations as may be provided for by the host.
- Entitled to vote on any matter in his squadron/division.
- Entitled to be carried in the district membership rolls and receive an Auxiliary membership photo identification card.
- Entitled to wear a PCG Auxiliary uniform with proper devices and insignia subject to the provisions of Chapter 10 under wearing of uniforms.
- Eligible to any elected or appointive position/designation for which he/she is qualified after three years of active membership.
- Entitled to Coast Guard and Auxiliary basic and advanced training subject to availability of slots.

Those who wish to be part of this initiative may fill up the application form which can be downloaded [here](#) and submit it together with their updated CV to Hector Brizuela at [hbrizuela@ptc.com.ph](mailto:hbrizuela@ptc.com.ph).

## *Keeping communities plastic-free with Home Heroes and PTCAT*



PTCAT's Home Heroes is helping the community of Ayala Alabang stay plastic-free with "Drop the Plastic," a project organized by Barangay Ayala Alabang that aims to collect used plastic from residents and turn them into environment-friendly, durable, and reusable items. With the help of other upcycling businesses, new life is breathed into the collected plastic waste, keeping them away from landfills and helping prevent waste from polluting and contaminating the marine ecosystem.

"Drop the Plastic" is held once a month with the first four sessions conducted last March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4.



*Providing learning  
tools to deserving  
students through  
the PTC-CSJ  
Foundation and  
Synergeia*



PTC and PTC-CSJ Foundation donated 15 refurbished desktops through Synergeia Foundation's campaign to distribute old but still usable computers to students from disadvantaged families in Metro Manila.

Synergeia completed the distribution of the desktops last March. With almost all of the 15 beneficiary families having at least two children in school, a total of 34 students now use the desktops for their blended learning at home.



One beneficiary, a single mom, said, "I have two daughters in grade school. I usually just borrow my friend's mobile phone or go to a computer shop to download my daughters' online modules. This desktop truly is a very big help. Thank you very much."

## *Learning about sustainability with PTC-CSJ Foundation and WWF-Philippines*



PTC-CSJ Foundation and WWF-Philippines have again renewed their annual partnership to implement the Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Project.

ESD is geared towards enabling schools and communities to identify and adopt ways to achieve a more sustainable future by maintaining the balance of three pillars – the economy, society, and environment.

This year's ESD Project trained 70 teachers and held sessions with almost 1,000 students from PTC-CSJ's 12 public elementary school partners in Muntinlupa City.

The online sessions via Zoom discussed the role of education in addressing sustainability challenges, especially climate change in particular.

The WWF team also introduced Camp Kalikasan, a newly launched online digital resource center designed for environmental education. The online tool is targeted towards teachers, students, schools and the general public.

Lastly, the students learned about environment-related careers from a conservation scientist and an atmospheric scientist who shared about the work they do to help save the environment.

## *PTC-CSJ Foundation and Santa Catalina School spread the joy of reading to SMS students*



The Santa Catalina School (SCS), through the PTC-CSJ Foundation, donated books for students of the Sisters of Mary Schools (SMS) in Silang, Cavite. The books were received by Sr. Imelda Insalada, SM, and Mr. Juan Nebris during a turn-over ceremony on April 22 at First Maritime Place.

SCS is an all-girls boarding and day school located in Monterey, California. PTC CEO Gerardo A. Borromeo serves as a member of the school's Board of Trustees.

A long-standing partner of the Foundation, SMS offers free academic and vocational training to indigent students from Grades 7 to 12. It provides specialized training on TESDA-accredited programs.

## *Planting the seeds for a greener tomorrow*

ACM's PTC Community in Imus, Cavite turned even greener as ACM personnel and PTC Community residents conducted a tree planting activity last April 8 as part of the company's ongoing 30th-anniversary celebration.



A total of 240 Jaracanda, Indian, and Tabebuia Rosea tree seedlings were planted at the PTC Open Park by the 80 ACM personnel and 120 homeowners who participated in the activity.



## *PTC-CSJ Foundation and Synergeia promote storytelling as an educational tool*

Recognizing the critical role of early childhood education in the formation of students, PTC-CSJ Foundation, in partnership with Synergeia Foundation, supported DepEd-Muntinlupa's online Storytelling Workshop for all its 137 Kindergarten teachers from 20 public elementary schools.

The workshop emphasized storytelling as an important educational tool in promoting young children's brain development, imagination, and curiosity, and developing their social, emotional, linguistic, and communication skills.

Under the guidance of trainer Prof. Shirley Equipado, an early childhood educator and expert, the kinder teachers learned and practiced their skills in storytelling and reading aloud during the workshop held via Zoom on April 6, 2022. As a follow-up activity, the teachers conducted a demo teaching from May 23 to 26.





## *Teaching disaster preparedness through the Project RISE MOD Board Game*



**RISE**

The PTC Project RISE team, in partnership with Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST), conducted an orientation and facilitation of the Master of Disaster (M.O.D) Board Game on May 18, 2022, at the Pamantasan ng Cabuyao (PnC) Activity Center.

25 teams comprised of PnC Senior High School students, college students, faculty, and staff participated in the games. Out of these teams, the Top 5 Masters of Disasters emerged as the day's winners.



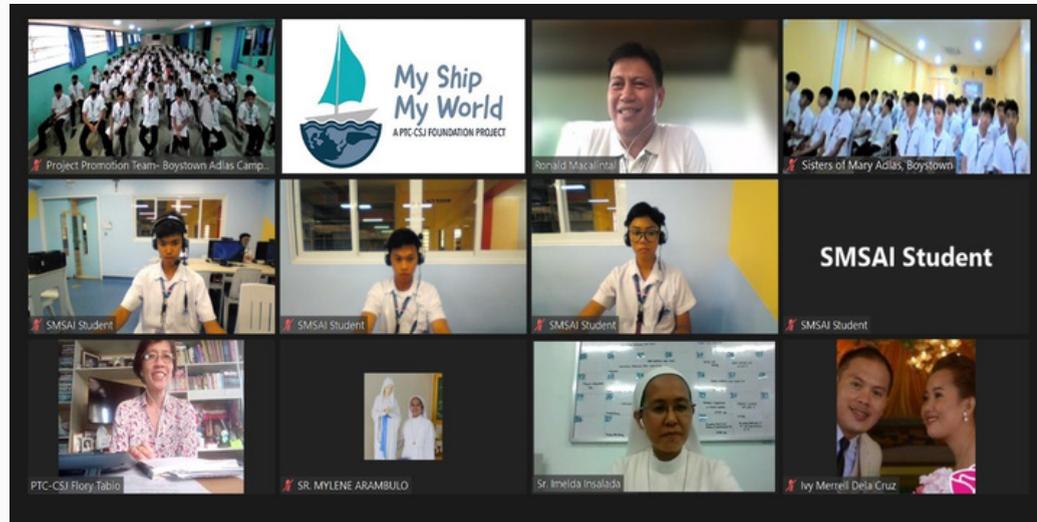
Mr. Niklas Fischer, representing DEG (German Investment Corporation) which funded Project RISE, took part in the unique and fun activity. He expressed his optimism that through the M.O.D. Board Game, many students will understand the importance of disaster preparedness and share their learnings with their respective communities.



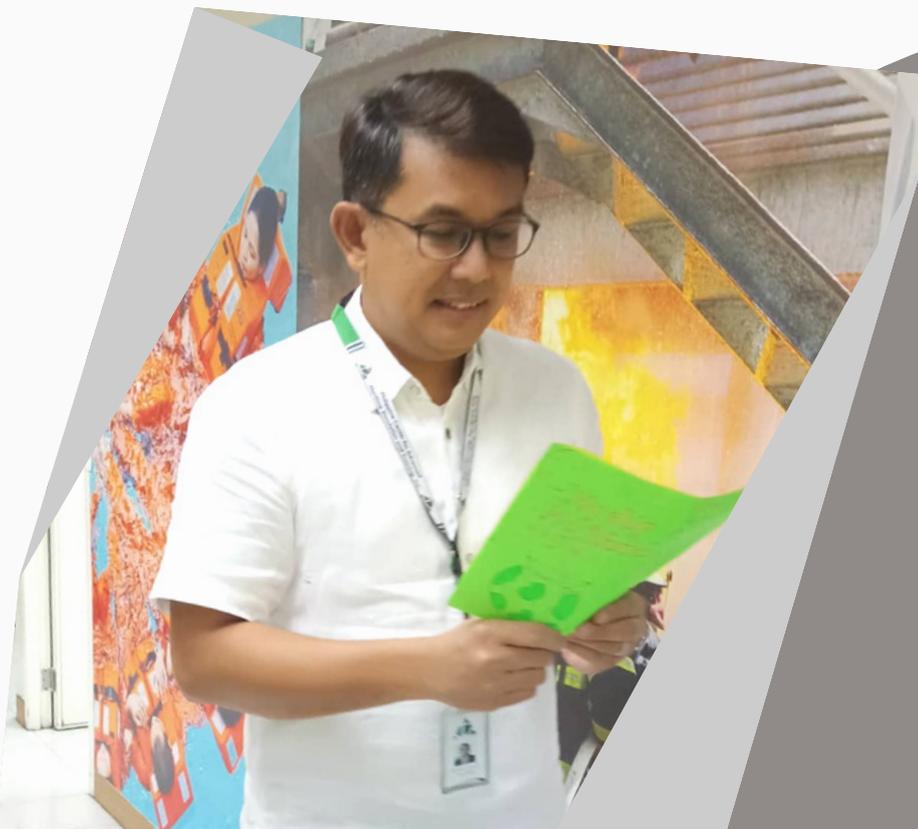
The activity was made possible through the cooperation of PnC with the support of the Vice President for Research and Extension, Dr. Gie Bautista Camarinta; and the Director for NSTP and Extension, Engr. Pong Andaya; ASSIST Philippines through its Project Management Lead, Ms. Korina Marie Torres; and DEG through its Project Manager, Mr. Niklas Fischer.

## *My Ship, My World successfully holds Virtual Pep Talk Series with SMS*

The PTC-CSJ Foundation successfully conducted My Ship, My World's (MSMW) series of four virtual pep talks/career orientations on May 28, June 4, 11, and 18 for high school students of the Sisters of Mary Schools' (SMS) Adlas Boystown Campus in Silang, Cavite.



Four speakers from the PTC Group – Mr. Dean Anthony O. Canson, Jr., C/E Ronald Macalintal, Chef Eduardo Pelisigas, Jr., and Capt. Pol Winston Haboc – shared about their educational experiences and the challenges and triumphs that they encountered as Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs). All of them emphasized that the maritime industry presents limitless opportunities to anyone who believes in and relentlessly pursues their dreams, just like they did.



At the end of each session, the students shared how they were greatly inspired by the speakers' experiences, especially as they could relate to the same challenges and triumphs in their educational journey.

To express their appreciation for seafarers, the students prepared thank you cards which were distributed to the four speakers and to PTC's GMPs in celebration of the Day of the Seafarer last June 25.



In his closing remarks, IMO Maritime Ambassador and PTC Founder Carlos C. Salinas encouraged the students "to let your dreams set sail. To stay anchored as you look to new horizons. To ask questions when you do not know the ropes. To let your commitment to your profession serve as your compass. And finally, to know that no matter the weather, your family and your country, are your safe harbors."

My Ship My World aims to educate young students about shipping and inspire them to pursue a maritime career. It is one of several undertakings espoused and supported by IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador Carlos C. Salinas.



## *Bringing global careers to Cabuyao youth*

PTC brought its global career opportunities to the youth of Laguna through "*Kamustahan sa Cabuyao*" held last April 4 at the Pamantasan ng Cabuyao (PnC). Mayor Mel Geolea of Cabuyao welcomed the team from PTC as they met with graduating PnC students and presented sea-based career paths available at PTC as well as land-based opportunities offered by Lifelinks International Resources.

"The PTC Group needs talented and driven Filipinos for the global careers that we offer and we see the potential of PnC graduates to be among PTC's crop of global Filipino professionals," said Capt. Ronald Enrile, PTC's Senior Vice President for Shipmanagement, Head of the Talent Acquisition Group. "We are very thankful to be given the opportunity to help pave a rewarding career path at sea, in the air, and on land for the youth of Cabuyao."



"Kamustahan sa Cabuyao" was organized by PTC's Social Infrastructure Platform - Pipeline Engagement Program (SIP-PEP) Group.

## *Bulan National High School receives maritime books from PHILCAMSAT*

PHILCAMSAT, in partnership with ANGKLA, donated maritime books to Bulan National High School (BNHS). The books, which were turned over on April 8 to the school's library, will be used by BNHS maritime senior high school students and faculty members.

Ms. Marivic A. Añonuevo, Assistant Principal of BNHS, recognizes the importance of collaboration among schools and industry leaders. "I would like to thank PHILCAMSAT and ANGKLA for their generous donation. Through this partnership, our learners can now have easier access to maritime publications and get updated with the latest developments in the maritime field," he said.



Ms. Jessa Mandagan, Research and Development head of PHILCAMSAT, proudly shared, "It is our honor to be a part of these students' journey as they fulfill their dreams to become Global Maritime Professionals."

PHILCAMSAT's C/E Alfredo Haboc added, "We affirm our commitment to provide quality education for all and we join the universal call to ensure that no learner is left behind."

## *PTC-CSJ and TK Foundation scholars attend orientation for their onboard training*

Four maritime scholars of the PTC-CSJ Foundation and TK Foundation attended an orientation organized by PTC's Education and Training Team, led by C/E Alfredo Haboc, and the Mapua-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training of Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapua PTC-CMET).



The orientation focused on the STCW provisions of the Onboard Training (OBT) requirements for finishing BA Marine Transportation (BS MT) and BS Marine Engineering (BS MarE). Also tackled was the circular jointly issued by the Commission for Higher Education (CHED) and Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) which provides the specific responsibilities of the school and maritime students concerning the monthly monitoring of students' performance while on OBT. The session also covered MARINA's Circular No. SC 2022-01 on the guidelines for the domestic OBT of cadets. The orientation was held on April 20, 2022, at First Maritime Place, Makati.

The scholars in attendance - Cadets Melbert Jim Arreo, Hanna Claire Samiano, Juan Patricio Castillo, and Jonnar Mina - are all enrolled at Mapua PTC-CMET and are expected to embark on their OBT shortly after the orientation. Meanwhile, another scholar, Cadet Justin Caliguia (BS MarE), already commenced his OBT last April 22.

PTC-CSJ Foundation President, Mrs. Carla S. Limcaoco, in her send-off message to the scholars, said, "You have all proven your mettle while at school and during the pandemic. Now the final challenge begins - the shipboard training. I am extremely confident that you will succeed. Keep your hearts open to learning and your mind to being formed."





## *Project RISE successfully charters Sea Scouts ship*



Last May 24, 2022, Project RISE successfully chartered the Sea Scouts ship #7473 (RISE) for PTC. Sea Scouts is the maritime arm of the Boy Scouts of America which aims to invite young people ages 13 to 17 to participate in the maritime scouting program. In the Philippine context, maritime scouting is seen as a complementary program to prepare the youth to build resilience through proper training in water-related activities and preparedness while learning in a dynamic environment of camaraderie and volunteerism.

Sea Scouts Ship #7473 shall commence activities at PTC through the help of various partners and collaborators who share the same spirit of scouting for a better world.

The Sea Scouts ship is under Sea Mariners, an endeavor of the Pipeline Engagement Programs of PTC. Sea Mariners will cultivate interest in the youth towards basic seamanship, climate change and disaster resilience, and sustainable living.

Sea Scouts Ship 7473 is open to membership for Filipino youth aged 13 to 17. For more information, email Angelica Samson at [asamson@ptc.com.ph](mailto:asamson@ptc.com.ph)

## *PTC Group amps up COVID-19 booster drive*

PTC continues its drive towards a better normal as it amps up its COVID-19 booster shot campaign to ensure that all members of the PTC Group community are optimally protected against the virus.

All PTC Group personnel who received their second dose at least three (3) months ago have been given their 1st booster shot or 3rd dose. Meanwhile, immunocompromised personnel with an interval of at least three (3) months since their first booster received their 2nd booster dose.



PTC Group personnel roll up their sleeves to receive their Moderna booster shot at the Legaspi room of First Maritime Place on April 29.



## *Promoting a bright future for shipping in the Asia-Pacific Region*

The Filipino Shipowners Association (FSA) sees a bright future for Philippine shipping. At a conversation with Esben Poulsson, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICS,) of which the FSA is a proud member, Mr. Poulsson confirmed the commitment of ICS to promote a bright future for shipping in the region as a whole and the Philippines, specifically.



Speaking on behalf of ICS, Mr. Poulsson endorsed the voice of the international shipping industry as the Chamber accounts for over 80% of world tonnage. Echoing this positive outlook, FSA Chairman Dario (Roy) Alampay emphasized the Filipino shipowners' commitment to implementing the remedial steps that will accomplish the ongoing course correction to address the concerns raised by EMSA.



***“Our beloved Filipinos seafarers comprise 25% of the world’s maritime workforce, they are the heart and soul of shipping, and we are determined to advocate for their safe and continuous employment,” said Mr. Alampay.***

Further, Mr. Alampay reassures the global maritime community that Filipino shipowners and crew alike are prepared to augment any manpower gaps resulting from the evolving situation in Eastern Europe. “Our Filipino seafarers are here to support the industry and ensure the uninterrupted trading of goods required by the world’s people and industries every day.”

The FSA has been the primary voice of the private overseas shipping industry since its foundation in 1950. PTC Founder Ambassador Carlos C. Salinas serves as Chairman Emeritus of FSA while PTC CEO Gerardo A. Borromeo is the Vice President. The PTC Group's Maria Theresa Paguio and Karen Avelino are members of the FSA Board of Trustees.



## *PTC strengthens partnership with the Bureau of Quarantine*

PTC expressed its grateful appreciation to the Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ) for the assistance it extended to PTC's Global Filipino Professionals during the height of the pandemic up until the present. PTCi Executive Director for Business Development Karen Avelino conveyed this message as she met with Dr. Ferdinand Salcedo, BOQ Director, and Dr. Carlos Dela Reyna, Chief International Health Surveillance Division, last March 24 to discuss BOQ and PTC's shared commitment to ensuring the health and safety of GMPs.



## *MARINA commends partners during launch of Strategic Voyage Plan*

MARINA made public its 10-year Maritime Industry Development Plan (MIDP), Strategic Voyage Plan 2022-2028, and the Philippine response to the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) report during a ceremony held on March 31.

Through the MIDP, MARINA envisions accelerating and expanding domestic shipping services that render the country's economic environment more conducive for the flourishing of businesses, influx of investments, and facilitation of trade. Meanwhile, the Voyage Plan outlines a six-year organizational strategy that focuses on accelerating the development of the maritime industry in the Philippines.

As for the country's response to the EMSA report, MARINA shared its 200-page document titled, "2022 Philippine Response — our strategic actions in addressing the EMSA Audit."



The event also served to recognize MARINA's partners who contributed to the finalization and completion of the Philippine Report to EMSA. Among those recognized was C/E Alfredo Haboc, Education & Training Head of the PTC Talent Acquisition Group, who took part in the 10-day workshop for the preparation of the report as a representative of CHED.

## *Belgian Ambassador Michel Parys visits First Maritime Place*



The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Philippines, Michel Parys (4th from left), visited First Maritime Place on May 6 to meet with the management team of the PTC Group.

Also present during the occasion were Mr. Francis Macatulad (leftmost), Director for Strategy & Project Management of Asia Society for Social Improvement & Sustainable Transformation, Inc. (ASSIST), and Mr. Sreeni Narayanan (3rd from left), founder and Group Managing Director of ASSIST.

ASSIST is PTC's partner for Project RISE Philippines (Resiliency Improvement for Seafarers & Seafaring Enterprises).

## *PTC welcomes the US Embassy's Nonimmigrant Visa Team*



Ms. Elizann Carroll, Nonimmigrant Acting Visa Chief of the US Embassy in the Philippines, visited First Maritime Place on March 18 to meet with the management team of PTC's Shipping Cluster. Joining Ms. Carroll were the officers and local staff of the Nonimmigrant Visa Department.

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