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AT THE CORE OF  
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## *PTC Gets Vaxxed Up Towards a Better Normal*

Driving towards a better normal, the PTC Group continues its efforts to move the world through the launch of the PTC employee vaccination program last August 2.



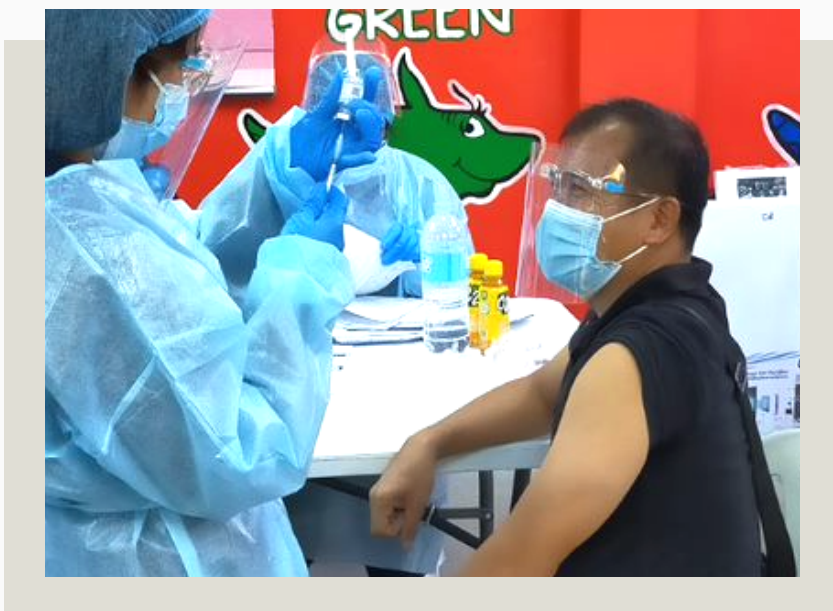
PTC Group personnel were inoculated with their first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 Vaccine. This vaccination initiative is made possible through the "A Dose of Hope" program led by GoNegosyo, the advocacy of the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE), in cooperation with Health Metrics, and SM Prime Holdings, the largest shopping retail operator in the Philippines. It brings together the private sector, the Philippine government, and pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca for the nation's multi-sectoral strategy to beat COVID-19.



The program has since been extended to family members and housemates of employees to ensure that the whole PTC community is protected against COVID-19.

The ongoing program reinforces PTC's commitment to support all national and global efforts to restart and recover.

## *PTC GMPs: Vaccinated and Ready to Move the World*



Working hand in hand with its valued Principals, PTC rolled out its vaccination program for PTC Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) to ensure their safe and healthy return to their essential roles at sea. The COVID-19 vaccines are being administered to seafarers by PTC's preferred partner Health Metrics at the Mall of Asia vaccination site in Pasay City.

The company has also partnered with the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA), Associated Marine Officers' and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP), and participating local government units (LGUs) to inoculate the rest of PTC's GMPs across the country. Registration for this program is arranged through PTC to allow GMPs to receive their COVID-19 vaccine at a MARINA inoculation site nearest them.

## *PTC Vaccine Ambassadors Share their Vaccination Stories*

PTC's very own Vaccine Ambassadors shared their vaccination stories to encourage the PTC community to help protect themselves, their children, their colleagues and the communities around them.

Leading by example are PTC co-founders Ambassador Carlos C. Salinas and Mrs. Isabelita T. Salinas, who received vaccinations at their local inoculation center, as well as PTC CEO Gerardo Borromeo and PTC Executive Managing Director Christina S. Manzano.



*"We are co-workers, we are also community members and citizens. It is our moral obligation to each other and to our nation to do our part in getting inoculated."*

*-Gerardo Borromeo, PTC CEO*

*"My family and I are truly grateful to be fully vaccinated."*

*I fervently pray that the entire PTC family will soon receive their COVID-19 shots. This way, we can safely be reunited with one another and together, drive towards a brighter and better normal for all."*

*-Christina Manzano, PTC EMD*





*"The only way to get over this pandemic is for all of us to be vaccinated. I encourage my entire clan to be inoculated.*

*I am sure we all want to get back to normalcy, so I urge everyone at PTC to register online for your vaccination."*

*-Karen Avelino, PTCi*

*"As a father, husband and PTC community member, I have a responsibility to protect myself and those around me. I am grateful that I have been vaccinated and look forward to the day all of us at PTC are fully vaccinated.*

*Let's all get vaccinated and make the restart happen!"*

*-Rommel Ramos, PTCH*



*"Got my first dose of the vaccine! If you have a chance to get vaccinated, please don't hesitate to do it. The best vaccine is the one that's readily available.*

*Protect yourself, your family, and the people around you."*

*-Ella Agasen, Jebsen PTC*

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As Global Maritime Professionals remain at the core of the Restart, Rebound and Recovery of the Maritime Industry, PTC, in cooperation with Stella Maris-Manila, distributed copies of the "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccination for Seafarers and Shipping Companies: A Practical Guide."

Prepared by the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS), this practical guide outlines the most up-to-date and relevant information regarding vaccinations for seafarers and includes answers to important questions on the availability and efficacy of vaccinations for ship's crew and shipping companies.

PTC and Jebesen PTC seafarers and crewing managers received the information materials at First Maritime Place (FMP) and Pilgrim Building in Makati. To read a copy of the guide, please click [here](#).



# *GMPs Celebrated for their Essential Role in the Future of Shipping During National Maritime Week*



PTC honored its Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) for the crucial role they play and will continue to perform in the future of shipping as the company celebrated National Maritime Week from September 20 to 26.

Consistent with the company's commitment to the health and wellness of its people, PTC GMPs were provided health packages to help them stay protected against COVID-19 as they prepare to return onboard amid this pandemic. The effort was organized by the PTC Family and Crew Relations team and was conducted on September 24 at FMP Annex following strict health and safety protocols.



## *PTC Commemorates World Maritime Day*



PTC joined the IMO and the international maritime community in honoring World Maritime Day by bathing First Maritime Place (FMP) in a sea of blue light on the evening of September 30. The symbolic initiative drew the participation of IMO member states all over the world and was designed to raise awareness of the vital contribution of shipping to the world. PTC employees took to social media in support of the activity and posted their own shots of FMP.

## *Keeping Seafarers' Mental Health at the Center*



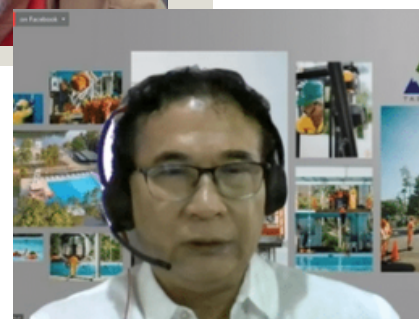
PTC CEO Gerardo Borromeo presented "A Perspective on Seafarers' Mental Health" at a webinar organized by MARINA on September 23 in celebration of the Maritime Archipelagic National Awareness Month (MANAMo) and National Maritime Week.

With the theme "Raising Awareness on Seafarers Mental Health and Sharing Best Practices," the webinar provided key insights on available methods of prevention and intervention that may help seafarers cope with the emotional struggles at sea.

The company's very own Family and Crew Relations team, in partnership with PHILCAMSAT, likewise presented a webinar on "Genuine Self-Care: Taking Care of Ourselves in a Changed World" last September 22. Attended by GMPs at sea and onshore, the session was facilitated by Mr. Mark Que, Behavioral Program Head of PHILCAMSAT.

## *Building a Stronger Pipeline of Maritime Professionals*

Capt. Ronald Enrile, PTC SVP for Shipmanagement, and C/E Alfredo G. Haboc, QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT, served as panelists for a webinar organized by Women in Maritime Philippines, in coordination with Harborscope Philippines, to discuss the "Collaboration of Maritime Stakeholders for a Stronger Pipeline of Maritime Professionals."



Capt. Enrile discussed the present state of seafarer deployment and offered insights on how industry stakeholders can help overcome challenges brought by the pandemic. C/E Haboc shared action plans to build competencies in maritime professionals for a stronger and sustainable human resource pipeline.

## *PTC GMP Honored by MARINA with Exceptional Bravery at Sea Award*

PTC congratulates 2/O Lacruser P. Relativo of MV ANGELES, managed by its principal Marin Shipmanagement Ltd., for being selected as one of MARINA's Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees for 2021.

2/O Relativo saved the life of American mariner Stuart Bee who was adrift at sea for two days after his boat capsized off the coast of Port Canaveral in Florida last November 2020.

According to 2/O Relativo, the rescue of Mr. Bee left a significant impact on his life and will be something that he will never forget. He added that Mr. Bee's story is no different from the countless individuals who seek help today, especially as the world continues to face the challenges of COVID-19. "We must lend help in any way that we can, whenever the opportunity to do so is present," he said.



2/O Lacruser Relativo with  
Stuart Bee

Aside from receiving a certificate of recognition and medal, 2/O Relativo will be given lifetime priority when processing STCW-related applications at the MARINA Central Office, MARINA Regional Offices, and satellite offices across the country.

The virtual awarding ceremony was held on September 24 and was streamed via the MARINA Facebook page.

## *Jebsen PTC GMPs Rescue Three Sailors in the Caribbean*



Bahri, a principal of Jebsen PTC, lauded their crew on board who were recently involved in a rescue operation near the Caribbean Islands in the North Atlantic Ocean. Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs) onboard VLCC Lawhah rescued sailors from an abandoned yacht with a faulty engine and brought them to safety on board. The rescue operation involved three sailors who were caught in rough weather and winds resulting from tropical storm “Elsa.”

The PTC Group salutes these GMPs for their heroism, bravery and selflessness, and their willingness to go beyond their duties to extend compassion and kindness to those in need.



## *PHILCAMSAT Announces Seven New OPITO Course Offerings*

PHILCAMSAT is pleased to announce seven new OPITO (Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organization) courses under its program offerings following a successful Remote Monitoring Audit conducted on August 11-12, 2021, by OPITO Approvals Auditor Mohd Shirhan.

This brings PHILCAMSAT's OPITO offerings to a total 10 courses. These include:

1. **BOSIET with EBS**
2. **HUET with EBS**
3. **FOET with EBS**
4. **BOSIET with EBS (Digital Delivery)**
5. **CA-EBS Initial Deployment Training**
6. **BOSIET with CA-EBS**
7. **HUET with CA-EBS**
8. **FOET with CA-EBS**
9. **BOSIET with CA-EBS (Digital Delivery)**
10. **Shallow Water CA-EBS Initial Deployment Training**

## *PTC Joins the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network*



PTC Inc. has joined the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN), becoming part of a global business network striving towards the vision of a maritime industry free of corruption.

Established in 2011 by a small group of committed maritime companies, MACN has grown to include over 160 companies globally and has become one of the pre-eminent examples of collective action to tackle corruption. MACN collaborates with key stakeholders, including governments and international organizations, to identify and mitigate the root causes of corruption in the industry.

## *PTC Life Skills Workshop Continues to Transform the Lives of GMPs*

PTC continues to transform the lives of its GMPs and their families through the ongoing "GMP Life Skills Mentorship Program" organized by the company's Family and Crew Relations group. To date, 23 batches comprised of close to 300 GMPs have successfully completed the program.



During the virtual graduation ceremony for one of the batches, Capt. Enrico Soledad, Crewing Manager of 2Go, congratulated the GMPs for completing the program and taking the initiative to further enhance their skills and competencies. "Continue to strive for excellence in your work and in your life. And always remember to take care of your health so that you will be ready for greater opportunities that await you," he said.

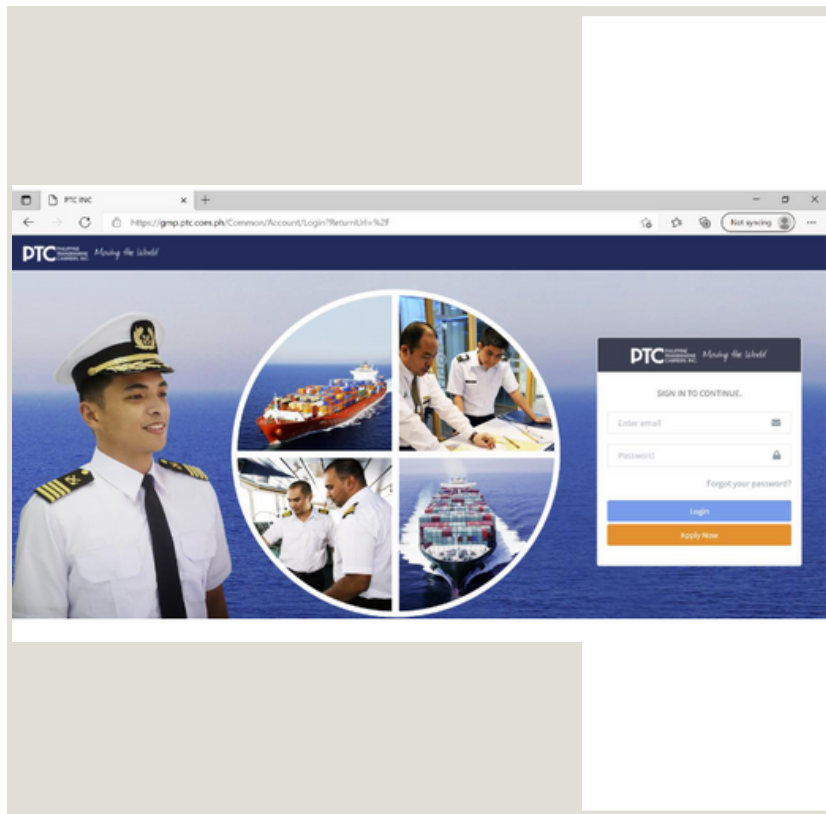


## *Health Metrics Announces Expansion of Iloilo Clinic*

Health Metrics, PTC's preferred healthcare partner, is proud to announce the expansion of their Iloilo clinic in order to provide quality and accessible health care to more seafarers in the Visayas region. The new expanded clinic is located at the 3rd Floor of AMK Building, General Luna St., Iloilo City.



## *PTCi Launches New Crewing System*



PTCi is proud to announce that its new crewing system is now live. Developed in partnership with Jebsen PTC, the improved system boasts of an integrated facility that guarantees smoother interaction between PTC and its Global Maritime Professionals (GMPs). It is accessible to GMPs all over globe through any device and web browser.

## *PTC is Selected as UNDP EPICC Finalist, Advocates for Community-based Plastic Waste Recycling*



The PTC Group has been shortlisted as one of the 18 Finalists of the Ending Plastic Pollution Innovation Challenge (EPPIC), an ASEAN-wide competition calling for innovators to share their ideas for tackling plastic pollution. EPPIC will provide innovators with the opportunity to receive seed funding and incubation training to help maximize their chances of success.

The initiative is spearheaded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad).

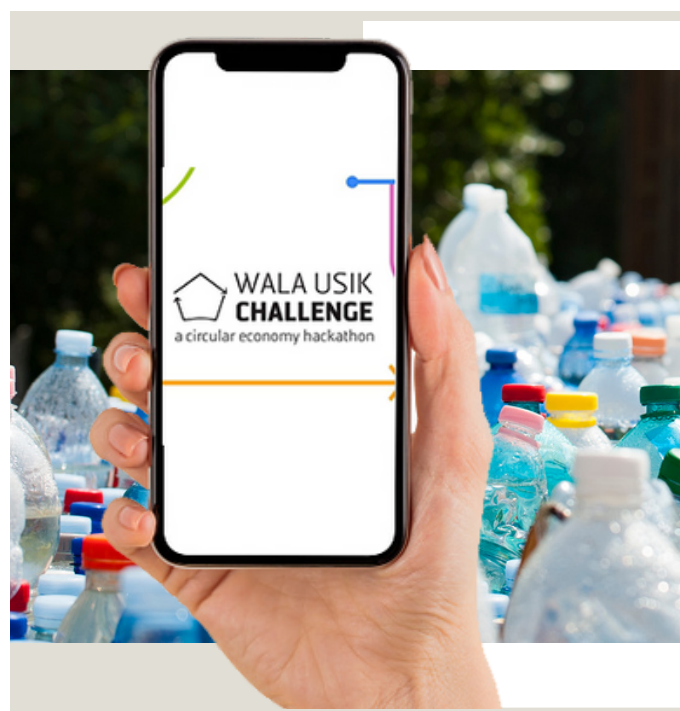
PTC's team pitched a program that promotes a ground-up model integrating plastic waste recycling into communities by incentivizing residents, consumers, and businesses to adopt a circulatory mindset. This is a collaboration project with the Regional Director for Tourism in Davao, the Samal Mayor's Office, and Envirotech Waste Recycling, Inc. that will set up local recycling banks to collect plastic waste within Samal communities and transform these into furniture, building materials, and common household items.

As a finalist, the PTC team will need to complete a three-month incubation training to prepare and better equip them for the final phase of the competition in October. Winners will receive up to \$18,000 and opportunities to network with the impact investing firms and other key development players in the ASEAN region.



## *PTC Takes on the Philippine Reef and Rainforest Conservation Foundation's Wala Usik (No Waste) Challenge*

Not only moving the world but looking after it, the PTC Plastic-Free-Starts with Me team took on the challenge to be part of "Wala Usik (No Waste): A Circular Economy Hackathon." 'Wala Usik' is a regional phrase that refers to the circular practices for ensuring that 'nothing is wasted' and natural ecosystems are thriving.



The hackathon was organized by the Philippine Reef and Reforest Conservation Foundation, Inc. for the "Rethinking Plastics-Circular Economy Solutions to Marine Litter" project, co-founded by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by GIZ and Expertise France.

As one of the finalists, the PTC team participated in 4 days of mentoring, discussion, ideating, and the redesigning of their proposed circular innovation that would phase out waste and pollution, keep materials in use, and regenerate natural resources in the town of Balayan, Batangas. All 18 challengers took their zero-waste pitches to the next level in order to hack Wala Usik.

## *PTC-CSJ Foundation Continues to Move Hearts to Action with PCNC-Accreditation*

The PTC-CSJ Foundation has successfully renewed and received its new five-year (2021-2026) certificate of accreditation with the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC).



The PCNC accreditation signifies that the Foundation “passed the impartial scrutiny and verification of satisfactory compliance with the PCNC standards of NGO good governance, transparency and accountability.”

Given its PCNC accreditation, the Foundation has also received its Certificate of Registration as a donee institution from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). As a registered donee institution, PTC-CSJ is able to provide donors with a Certificate of Donation which entitles the donor to full or limited deduction and exemption from donor’s tax.

Lastly, PTC-CSJ has also received its Certificates of Registration and License to Operate (2020-2023) as a social welfare and development agency from the country's Department of Social Welfare and Development. “Moving hearts to action,” PTC-CSJ has, since 2010, implemented projects and initiatives focused on education benefiting underprivileged and disadvantaged individuals and groups.

## *WeTeam Now Available to All PTC Group Employees*



After its successful roll-out to seafarers, WeTeam's emotional well-being support services have now been made available to PTC Group personnel. The move is part of the PTC Group's commitment to look after the health and well-being of its people, especially as the company continues to drive towards a better normal, greater, faster, and stronger together.

WeTeam is 100% confidential and provides professional counseling 24/7.

## *PTC-CSJ Pilots Peer Tutoring Program with Alabang Elementary School*

The PTC-CSJ Foundation piloted a peer tutoring initiative with the Alabang Elementary School (AES), one of its partner schools for the Growing Good to Great Kids (3G) Program in Muntinlupa City.



**3G**  
PROGRAM

GROWING GOOD  
TO GREAT KIDS

The pandemic has presented challenges to young learners, especially given the Department of Education's blended learning approach. The peer tutoring initiative is meant to help and enrich the learning experiences of 20 struggling Grade 6 learners of AES.

For four Wednesdays in June, the students participated and learned from young volunteer tutors in Math, Science and English. At the end of the program, the learners expressed their thanks and shared their positive feedback to the tutors.



## *PHILCAMSAT Selects New Batch of Cadets for TK Foundation's Work Immersion Program*

Sixty-three maritime senior high school students from the Ismael Mathay Senior High School (IMSHS) in Quezon City were accepted to the TK Foundation Work Immersion Program and will be given the opportunity to be mentored by PHILCAMSAT's competent faculty roster and experience the Center's world-class facilities.

The selection process, conducted last September 21 via Zoom, was led by C/E Alfredo G. Haboc, QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT, and Dean Anthony O. Canson Jr., Project/Education and Training Officer. C/E Haboc highlighted the importance of the Work Immersion Program, saying "Through this partnership with ISMHS, the students will be exposed to and become familiar with the maritime environment to enhance their competence. These will prepare them to meet the needs and challenges of employment or higher education after graduation."

Norman H. Carido, IMSHS Grade 12 student, expressed his gratitude and excitement for the opportunity. "I would like to thank PHILCAMSAT and the TK Foundation for choosing our school for the work immersion. I am looking forward to gaining relevant and practical industrial skills under the guidance of PHILCAMSAT's expertise," Carido said. The 10-day Work Immersion Program will start in November. This includes synchronous online lectures, simulations and drills, and a virtual ship tour.

## *PTC-CSJ Equips Guidance Teachers with Mental Health Facilitation Skills*

Thirty-two guidance teachers/designates from Muntinlupa City's 20 public elementary schools completed a Mental Health Facilitation training organized by the PTC-CSJ Foundation from July 29 to 30, 2021.

The “Helping Skills Training” workshop provided an overview and introduction to mental health facilitation skills and processes, specifically listening and support skills which are meant to provide initial support to community members in need.

The training is the Foundation’s response to the clamor of its partner-schools’ Principals given that the current pandemic has exposed the need for mental health support for students who are learning at home with very limited social interaction. The situation has also emphasized the importance of trained professionals to cater to the mental health needs of the academic community.

*“Though serious mental health problems require professional counselors, the vast majority of academic community members can benefit from trained mental health facilitators in providing emergency emotional psychosocial support.”*

Dr. Paul Hilario  
Helping Skills Training Workshop  
resource person and trainer



## *Sea Mariners Introduces its Youth-Centered Advocacy to New Program Partners*

The PTC Group, together with the Sweden Alumni Network Philippines (SANPh), hosted a "fika" to introduce PTC's youth-centered advocacy of Sea Mariners to its new program partners. The Sea Mariners program engages children aged 11 to 21 years old as community ambassadors of disaster preparedness and advocates of marine and coastal conservation.



During the event, PTC, together with ASSIST Asia, discussed the objectives of Sea Mariners and the various ways that other organizations and companies can be part of the initiative. The program is supported by the Embassy of Sweden, SANPh, Swedish Institute (SI), Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training (PHILCAMSAT), and Far Eastern University (FEU).

Former Ambassador of Sweden to the Philippines Harald Fries, who ended his tour of duty in the Philippines last August, was present in this virtual event together with his wife, Susan Fries, and delivered a short message of appreciation to all the groups who worked hard to make the program possible.

A special message was shared by Ambassador Carlos Salinas to thank Ambassador Fries and Susan Fries for endorsing the Sea Mariners program to the Swedish Institute and Team Sweden. PTC-CSJ Foundation President Carla S. Limcaoco likewise expressed her gratitude to Ambassador Harald and Susan Fries for the years of cooperation, partnership, and friendship that he has extended to PTC during his term.

## *PHILCAMSAT and Ignacio B. Villamor Senior High School Sign Agreement for TVL - Maritime Specialization*



The Philippine Center for Advanced Maritime Simulation and Training (PHILCAMSAT) inked a partnership with the Ignacio B. Villamor Senior High School (IBVSHS) to establish the delivery of a Technical-Vocational Livelihood (TVL) maritime specialization starting in the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

“We are truly grateful that through the cooperation with Ignacio B. Villamor Senior High School we can now impart our vision to the youth of Manila and inspire them to dream of a better future for their families, their communities, and the country through a rewarding career in the maritime industry,”

Capt. Pol Winston G. Haboc  
Head of PHILCAMSAT and The Mast

School Principal Jonathan P. Nacua said, “Today, Ignacio B. Villamor Senior High School is introducing the new TVL Maritime track. We believe that having PHILCAMSAT as our partner, we will continue to bring hope to the community of IBVSHS through this program.”

"We encourage senior high school students to consider this very interesting career. It is a career that requires a lot of competencies, a lot of sacrifices, but the financial rewards, and the individual rewards of recognition that one gets by realizing what kind of global contribution they make far outweigh all of the different challenges."

Gerardo A. Borromeo  
PTC Group Vice-Chairman and CEO

According to C/E Alfredo G. Haboc, QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT, they developed the program under the guidance of the STCW Table Competence for Deck and Engine Watchkeeping, as well as the Ship's Catering Services NC1-TESDA curricula to be shared with school partners, like IBVSHS.

Given this, future graduates of the TVL Maritime Specialization may eventually take the assessment for Certification of Ratings Forming Part of a Watch (Deck and Engine). This will allow them to qualify for career opportunities in the maritime industry upon graduation and evaluation.

## *Promoting Maritime Careers at Malayan Colleges Laguna's Viewpoints*

Capt. Ronald Enrile, PTC SVP for Shipmanagement, and C/E Alfredo Haboc, QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT, graced "Viewpoints," Malayan Colleges Laguna's (MCL) career talk series last July 3 which was streamed live via Facebook and Youtube.

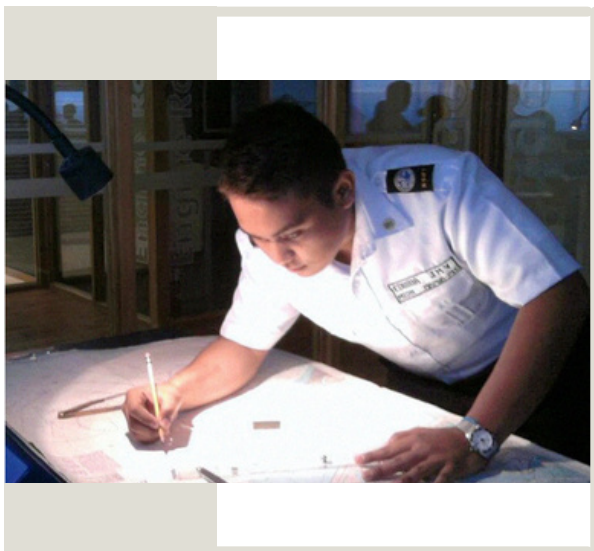
In his inspirational message to the students, Capt. Enrile recalled his maritime career journey and acknowledged how the industry has given him many opportunities. "When I was in high school, I was not aware of the maritime profession. Luckily, I've chosen to be in this industry, and I'm so grateful for how it has changed my life," he said.

C/E Haboc presented essential facts about the shipping industry to the aspiring maritime professionals. "90% of the world's food, products, and energy are transported by sea," he said. He also conducted a very engaging discussion on the different types of ships at sea.



The Mapúa-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training (CMET) under MCL is a maritime school based in Cabuyao City, Laguna, offering baccalaureate programs in Marine Engineering (BSMarE) and Marine Transportation (BSMT). Mapúa-PTC CMET is a collaboration between the Mapúa Institute of Technology, the country's leading engineering school, and PTC. The partnership harnesses the strength of its unique academe-industry linkage to ensure that competencies of its graduates meet the needs of both domestic and international shipping operations.

## *PHILCAMSAT Joins Mapúa-PTC CMET in Welcoming Freshmen and Returning Students*



Mapúa-PTC College of Maritime Education and Training (Mapúa-PTC CMET) formally welcomed its freshmen and returning students for Academic Year 2021-2022 last August 26 through a virtual assembly led by its College Dean, Capt. Armando A. Ternida. Representatives from PHILCAMSAT were also present at the said occasion.

C/E Alfredo G. Haboc, QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT, lauded the new and returning cadets for choosing Mapúa-PTC CMET in the pursuit of their maritime education. He reminded the students to stay focused on their studies despite the current learning setup due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Do your best to pass all your courses during your classroom instruction and utilize all the available resources and support provided to you by the school,” C/E Haboc said.

Dean Anthony O. Canson Jr., Project/Education and Training Officer of PHILCAMSAT, who is also an alumnus of the college, shared his journey as a student. “Mapúa-PTC CMET gave me the best learning experience inside and outside of the classroom and provided me a lot of opportunities after graduation. Working here at PHILCAMSAT is one of them,” Canson said. Academic policies were discussed by Mr. Angelito D. Platino, Director for Student Services, and Capt. Armando A. Ternida, Dean of Mapúa-PTC CMET. Onboard Training services were presented by Mr. Renato C. Batara, Onboard Training supervisor.

## *Maritime Students Learn About Business Continuity Management through Project RISE*

### Project RISE

**Resiliency Improvement Support and  
Education for the Seafarer Community  
in the Philippines**

Implementing Partners:



PTC and the Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation (ASSIST), through the Resiliency Improvement for Seafarers and Seafaring Enterprises (RISE) Philippines project, organized a Business Continuity Management System (BCMS 101) Webinar last August 6, 2021 for over 230 maritime students.

The webinar was designed to educate maritime students on disaster preparedness, specifically on mitigating disasters to minimize its impact on business operations.

“BCMS implementation does not only make a difference in the success and resiliency of shipping operations, but this cuts across all industries. For shipping operations, this helps a lot in attaining the IMO Mission statement, which is to promote “safe, secure, environmentally sound, efficient and sustainable shipping through cooperation,”

C/E Alfredo G. Haboc,  
QA and Program Director of PHILCAMSAT

C/E Haboc's sentiments were echoed by ASSIST Director for Projects and Strategy, Francis Macatulad, who said, “BCMS is very relevant to the industry as a whole and to maritime students, being our country’s future crop of merchant marine professionals. BCMS is currently practiced by most of the large fleet operators around the world. We believe that the students will have a better understanding of crisis and disaster management for the seafaring industry, which will better prepare them for their future career.”

This training is the first of many initiatives under the RISE project as ASSIST, ECCI International, and the PTC Group continue to conduct training on disaster preparedness. To date, the project has intensively trained 52 members of eight domestic fleet operators on BCMS. Seven more domestic fleet operators will be included in the program and a total of 10,000 participants from maritime schools and seafaring communities will be equipped with knowledge and skills on disaster preparedness.

## *The PTC Group Strengthens its Commitment to the Environment, Business Continuity and Quality Management with Successful ISO Audits*



PTCi's Environment Management System (EMS) has been recertified for ISO 14001:2015 following an audit conducted by international certifying body TÜV Rheinland Philippines, Inc. last July 6.

The auditors cited several positive findings for the company including the significant reduction of its electricity and paper consumption, efficient ecological waste management and successful implementation of employee health programs to ensure continuous operations.



PTCi successfully passed the first surveillance audit of its ISO 22301:2012 Business Continuity Management System (BCMS) conducted remotely by TÜV Rheinland Philippines last September 3.

Based on the audit report, PTCi has effectively established and maintained a robust system ensuring the company's compliance with its BCMS policy and objectives.



Lighthouse Shipmanagement Phils., Inc. has successfully passed the ISO 9001:2015 recertification audit of its Quality Management System. The remote audit was conducted last September 13 by TÜV Rheinland Philippines and involved the inspection of all vessels managed by Lighthouse. The company yielded zero non-conformities during the audit attesting to its strict compliance with the stringent requirements of the ISO 9001:2015 standards.



## *WIMAPHIL Celebrates 14th Year of Promoting Gender Equality in Shipping*



PTC congratulates Women in Maritime Philippines (WIMAPHIL) on its 14th year of promoting gender equality and advocating for the greater role of women in shipping.



WIMAPHIL was co-founded by PTC in 2007 as a response to the call of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for enhanced participation by women in the maritime industry. Today, the organization continues to galvanize seafarers' wives, female cadets, government and private sector personnel, and other women leaders in the industry to promote gender equality and other relevant advocacies.

While it remains committed to advocating for the expanded role of Filipinas in the maritime sector, WIMAPHIL also now leads the governing council of WIMA Asia. The participating 18 member countries of WIMA Asia aim for regional integration, support, and cooperation of women in national maritime associations. Its focus is the promotion of greater and active participation towards the adoption of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. WIMAPHIL also collaborates with IMO's other regional networks in Latin America, Middle East, the Caribbean, and the Pacific to promote women empowerment.

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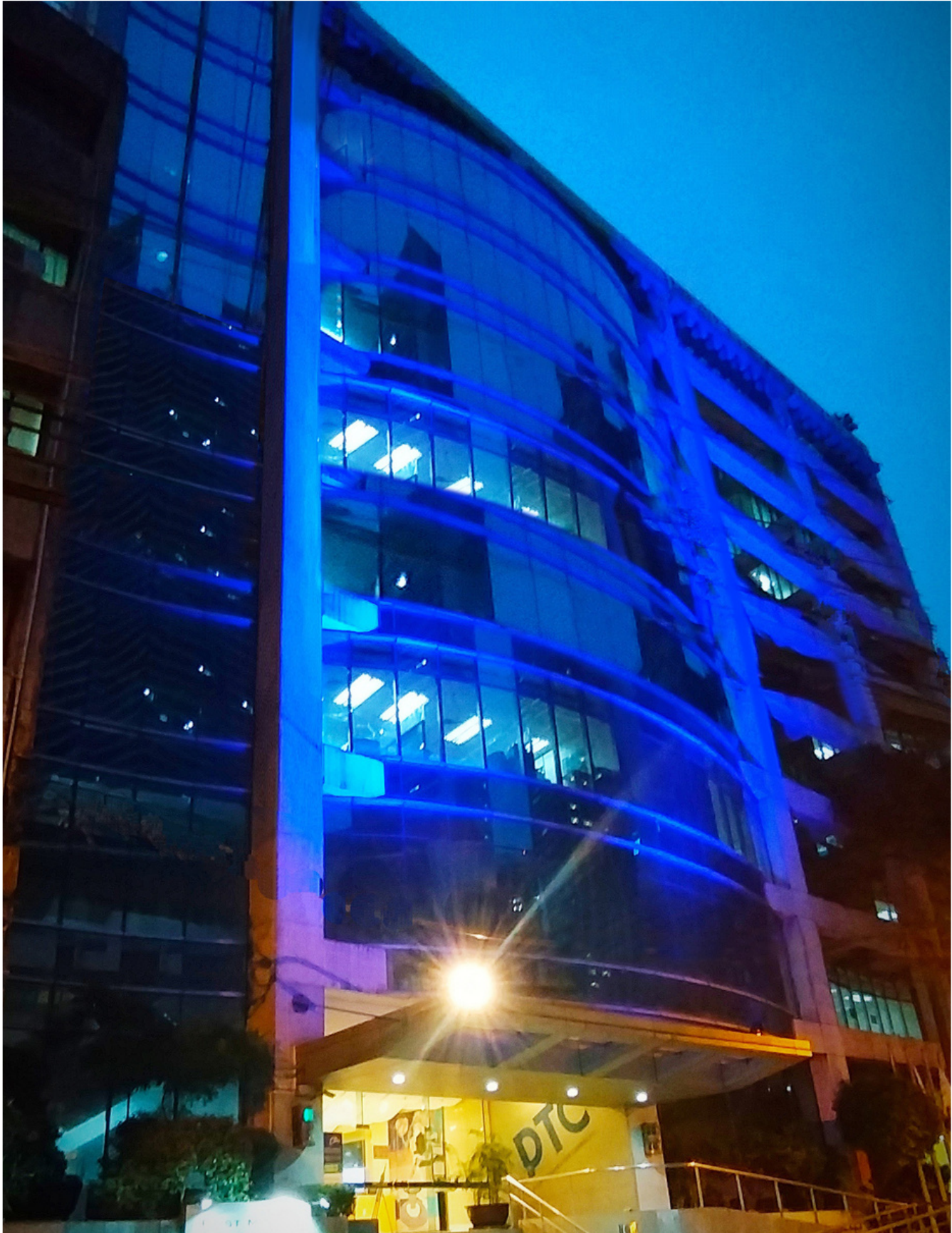
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