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**New CHED Technical Panel for Maritime Education sworn-in**

Ten new members of the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) Technical Panel for Maritime Education (TPME) were sworn-in Tuesday, October 9 by CHED Officer-in-Charge Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III at the CHED Central Office in Quezon City.

Dr. De Vera described the newly reconstituted TPME as a “fully-functional technical panel” that is now chaired by Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) Administrator Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero. In his remarks, he expressed that the TPME is the first reconstituted technical panel based on the adoption of a new framework for technical panels that ensured equal representation of industry, academe and government.

The new representation among industry, government, and academe in the TPME is critical to ensure that the country will meet the requirements of international and regional demands of Maritime Education.

“We have to harness the strength of the maritime industry, for after all, our maritime education graduates will be hired by them. We also have to make sure that the government, represented by MARINA and CHED, is present in the panel so the curriculum will be guided by international agreements and commitments. And of course, we need the academe for curriculum development and quality standards,” OIC De Vera said.

The other members of the CHED-TPME include:

Vice Admiral Narciso A. Vingson, Jr., Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Executive Director, MARINA

Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro, OIC – Director IV, Office of the Executive Director and Director IV, Legal and Legislative Services, CHED

Engr. Feliz M. Oca, Vice President, Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific / President, Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI)

Capt. Reynold M. Sabay, Training Operations Manager, OSM Maritime Group / Founder and CEO, MyMETPH Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Jamie B. Morales, Training Superintendent, Anglo-Eastern Manila Training Center

Atty. Maximo I. Bañares, Jr., Director II, Legal Service, MARINA

VAdm. Richard U. Ritual, President, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA)

Capt. Ireneo U. Delos Santos, President, Genesis Quezon Tugs, Inc. / President and Chief, Harbor Pilot – Quezon Harbor Pilotage District

Engr. Sammuel T. Lim, President, Great Southern Maritime Services Corporation / Chairman, Philippine Register of Shipping / President, Great Swiss Shipping Corp. / Founding President & Chairman, Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers Inc. (SONAME)

Among the main responsibilities of the new TPME is to create a roadmap for Maritime Education for the next ten years.

Last July 10, CHED and MARINA signed the Joint CHED-MARINA Memorandum Circular No. 1 or the “Guidelines on Joint CHED-MARINA Monitoring of Maritime Education Programs,” which outlines four important areas of collaboration: (1) qualifications and composition of the monitoring team; (2) key areas of evaluation; (3) conduct of monitoring and evaluation of findings; and (4) reporting and appeal procedures. Through this effort, the two agencies intend to build on the monitoring and compliance of Maritime education programs in the country and to ensure the competitiveness of Filipino seafarers worldwide.



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On October 9, 2018, CHED OIC Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III administered the oath-taking of the Chair and Members of the Technical Panel for Maritime Education at the CHED Executive Lounge. The panel is headed by MARINA Administrator Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero.

