Invitation to the Conference on Continuing Maritime Learning for Safe Seafaring

On behalf of the Steering Committee of the MARINERS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES FOUNDATION (MPCF) and its LIBRARY for SAFE SEAFARING (L4SS)), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the CONFERENCE on SAFE SEAFARING with the theme “Toward Higher Quality Maritime Education and Training (MET); Innovations in Continuing Learning on Safe Seafaring.” The Conference will be held on April 20, 2016, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Lagoon, Hotel H20, Ocean Park by the Manila Bay, Philippines.

The Conference is being organized by the MPCF and its affiliate schools and training centre with the cooperation of the Philippine Association of Maritime Institutions (PAMI) and Philippine Association of Maritime Training Centers (PAMTCI) where Mariners has been an active member institution since formation and the international Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST) and Nautical Institute (NI). Inspired by the lessons from the Elsevier Foundation supported library project, the conference aims to gather major stakeholders -- from the industry to the academe - to arrive at a common understanding and shared plans to achieve higher standards of quality maritime education and training (MET) to address the increasingly challenging environment on seas through innovations like e-learning, digitalized learning materials, technological applications and the like. A continually developing library or a learning facility at every seafarer's abode -on sea or land- is the avowed L4SS mission. This Conference is not to be missed!

Aside from shared study on issues of health, security, piracy and health, a seascape: a situationer on the state of the seas will also be brought to a higher level of discourse by Dr. Jay Batongbacal, Director of the UP Institute of Maritime Affairs. The Philippine edition of a book on safety entitled “MARINERS’ GUIDE TO PREVENTING COLLISION by the author himself, Capt. Yashwant Chhabra will be launched at the Conference and will talk on the subject. Other expert presentations on various topics of interest on maritime challenges, trends and standards by Dr. Angelica Baylon, Dr. Maragtas Amante, Capt. Richard Teo; Apps Software and learning technology expert Engr Rudolfo Lozada, IMO, seafarers’ health and rights experts from academic and industry professionals. CHED Commissioner Cynthia Bautista is Keynote Speaker and Dr. Maximo Mejia leads the afternoon session.

Please note that we are unable to cover the costs of any of the fees related to your participation in the conference. Costs related to travel tickets, accommodation, transportation, and conference registration fee will be your own responsibility. However, standard fees are already well discounted way ahead. For interested participants coming from the provinces or abroad, please feel free to contact as soon as possible so we can help refer you to possible sites. Please refer to the attached papers including the Registration Form.

If interested to join, we would appreciate receiving your confirmation to attend on or before April 10, 2016 by sending us back the accomplished Registration Form attached here. Should you have questions or other clarifications, please let us know through the Secretariat via (02-9299526) for Ms Irene or (02-522-3532) for Ms Sylvia or mobile number +632-9178289675 and at email address: safeseafaring.conference2016ph@gmail.com.

We look forward to having you with us in this groundbreaking discussion and learning event that we are certain would redound to the mutual benefit of all.

Sincerely yours,

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