



MAAP CELEBRATES NATIONAL SEAFARERS DAY 2017

The Midshipmen Fleet of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific enjoins the whole Maritime community in celebrating the 22nd National Seafarers' Day last September 24, 2017 with the theme "MARINONG FILIPINO: NAG-UUGNAY SA MUNDO". The Manila celebration was held at the Cuneta Astrodome.

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Former president Fidel V. Ramos earlier issued on July 9, 1996 Proclamation No. 828 declaring August 18 as National Seafarers Day wherein the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) was tasked to coordinate with the public and private sector in activities related to the celebration of said event. The purpose of the Proclamation is to give due

recognition to the vital role of Filipino seafarers towards the development of the Philippines as a maritime country. Later, Proclamation No.1094 was issued in 1997 by President Ramos which moved NSD to every last Sunday of September every year.

The activities nationwide led by the Apostleship of the Sea include Oratorical Contest, On the spot Poster Making Contest, The Search for the Ten Outstanding Maritime Students, Eucharistic Mass, and other contest for the students and Seafarers. The Grand Parade participated in by more than 4000 stakeholders from maritime schools, government agencies, manning agencies, training centers, maritime organizations, unions, families and private institutions

C/E Marcial Quirico Amaro graced the activity in Cuneta Astrodome as the Guest Speaker. He also officially opened the National Maritime Week 2017 at the said activity.