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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 31, s. 1976

DEC FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF MARITIME PROGRAM - SEAMEN

To the: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents

1. Attached is a copy of a memorandum of agreement entered into by the Philippine Coast Guard, the National Seaman Board, the Maritime Industry Authority, and the Department of Education and Culture.
2. It is desired that the functions and responsibilities of this Department to the Maritime Program, as specified in the attached memorandum of agreement be brought to the attention of all concerned and that necessary steps be taken toward the proper discharge of said functions and responsibilities.

(SGP.) JOSE T. NAYRE
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:

Department Order No. 4, s. 1976

Attachment: 1-3--(D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Quarterly Index
under the following subjects:

BUREAUS and OFFICES
COMMITTEE
PROGRAM, -SC-CCL
SCHOOLS

(Enclosure to Department Memorandum No. 3, s. 1976)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, made and entered into by and among the PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, represented by the COMMANDANT, and hereinafter referred to as the PCG;

The NATIONAL SHIPPERS BOARD, represented by the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, and hereinafter referred to as the NSB;

The MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, represented by the ADMINISTRATOR, and hereinafter referred to as the MARINA;

The DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, and hereinafter referred to as the DEED;

W I T N E S S E T H

WHEREAS, the development of the maritime industry is an essential factor in the enhancement of the national economy;

WHEREAS, the complement of merchant seamen in both domestic and foreign vessels is an indispensable aspect of the industry;

WHEREAS, there is presently a pressing demand for able, trained and qualified seamen to supplement not only Philippine registered vessels engaged in coastwise and foreign trades, but also foreign registered vessels;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Government to produce Filipino seamen ~~unassisted with the necessary skills~~ and training sufficient to meet international standards;

WHEREAS, in the attainment of this goal, it is imperative that the functions and responsibilities of, and the coordination that should exist among, the participating agencies herein be defined;

WHEREAS, in the implementation of the reforms which this project seeks to realize, it is necessary that the participating agencies create committees for the purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties agree, as they do hereby agree, to discharge the following as their respective functions and responsibilities and coordinate in upgrading the quality of instruction in all seaman schools for pre-entry rating in the Philippines:

A. Maritime Industry Authority

1. In coordination with the NSB and the PCG formulate policy guidelines on seaman training and development, for recommendation to the DEC;
2. In coordination with the PCG and the NSB, formulate curricula to be adopted by all seaman schools, for recommendation to the DEC;
3. In coordination with the PCG and the NSB, recommend to the DEC the recognition/accreditation of seaman schools;
4. In coordination with the three other agencies, supervise the evaluation of standards and facilities of all seaman schools;
5. Shoulder the expenses of the MARIMA representative(s) who may be assigned to participate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement;
6. Perform related functions.

B. Department of Education and Culture

1. Consider the policy guidelines on seaman training and development recommended by the MARIMA, the NSB and the PCG;
2. Consider the curricula of seaman schools recommended by the MARIMA, the NSB and the PCG;
3. Recognize and accredit seaman schools considering the recommendation of the NSB, the MARIMA, and the PCG;
4. Shoulder the expenses of the DEC representative(s) who may be assigned to participate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement;

5. In coordination with the three other agencies, evaluate standards and facilities of seaman schools;
6. Perform related functions.

G. Philippine Coast Guard

1. In coordination with the MARINA and the NSB, formulate policy guidelines on seaman training and development for recommendation to the DDC;
2. In coordination with the MARINA and the NSB, formulate curricula for recommendation to the DDC;
3. In coordination with the MARINA and the NSB, recommend to the DDC the recognition/accreditation of seaman schools;
4. Supervise shipboard training of seamen;
5. Issue seaman's certificate to qualified seaman;
6. Shoulder the expenses of the PCG representative(s) who may be assigned to participate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement;
7. In coordination with the three other agencies, evaluate standards and facilities of seaman schools;
8. Perform related functions.

H. National Seaman School

1. In coordination with the MARINA and the PCG, formulate policy guidelines on seaman training and development for recommendation to the DDC;
2. In coordination with the MARINA and the PCG, prescribe curricula for all seaman schools;

3. In coordination with the POC and the NARFMA, recommend to the ICS the recognition/accreditation of seaman schools;
4. In coordination with the three other agencies, evaluate standards and facilities of seaman schools;
5. Shoulder the expenses of the USB representative (a) who may be assigned to participate in the implementation of this Memorandum of Agreement;
6. Perform related functions.

In order to obtain effective and efficient implementation of the foregoing coordination of functions among the participating agencies, the following committees are hereby created:

a. A Special Advisory Committee to be composed of four members - one from each of the four participating agencies. This committee shall take charge of the review of the present standards set for seaman schools and the formulation of new and more relevant ones which shall serve as the guiding principles for the courses of action which shall be taken later on. The committee shall meet regularly, once a month or as may be mutually agreed upon to discuss and resolve the standards and the courses of action to be taken thereon. This committee shall also act as an advisory body to the Technical Committee on seaman schools.

b. A Technical Committee on Seaman Schools which shall be responsible for the implementation of the whole project. As the implementing arm, it shall receive orders and guidance from the Special Advisory Committee. Inspection, supervision and technical assistance shall be the main functions of the Committee. It shall be composed of four members - one from each of the participating agencies.

This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon execution hereof and shall remain in full force unless terminated by any of the parties concerned, in which case prior

notice of at least ninety (90) days should be manifested by the withdrawing party.

This Agreement shall be subject to amendments as occasions therefor may arise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto set their hands this 6th day of January, 19 76 at Manila, Philippines.

MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

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