

9th Quality Day Celebrated Individual Contributions Propel MAAP's Advancement – Santos

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The positive contribution of employees working towards the improvement of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific in attaining significant milestones in terms of external audits and best practices was recently celebrated during the 9th Quality Day held on April 30, 2018 at Sinagtala Farm and Resort, Brgy. Tala, Orani, Bataan.



"I'd like to congratulate every one of you for your individual work. Maraming salamat sa inyong pagtulong upang tayo ay lalong gumaling at maraming salamat sa pagsama-sama ng lahat upang makamit natin ang ating objective ngayong taon," remarked MAAP President VADM Eduardo Ma R Santos in his message.

Reaching Level III status in accreditation by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) served as the crowning glory of the audit achievements in 2017. MAAP also passed the audits "with flying colors" conducted by PAES-P of the International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), setting as a model for other countries like Kenya, as well as the audit by Japan's Ministry of Infrastructure, Land, Transportation & Tourism (MILT), which resulted to the exemption of MAAP graduates from taking the Japanese International Seafarer System (JISS) examinations for another five years. Meanwhile, the president also enjoined the MAAP community to practice quality work on a daily basis because the Academy is raising the bar a notch higher. "Hindi pa tapos, we are going to aim for Level IV PACUCOA this year so that we will have little autonomy from CHED. We are going to do that because we need it to improve the competence of MAAP graduates," Santos

told the employees. He added, "Do your best every time because you know that there is a reward for you in the end."

Hence, the event also featured the 9th Quality Day Awards where individuals and offices were recognized. As to the purpose, Quality Management Representative Michael Amon said, "A celebration and recognition [of their] contribution to quality maritime education and training, highlighting customer and stakeholder satisfaction."

The following bagged the awards: MAAP Simulator Center (Quality Department), Printing Office (Quality Division), Ms. Riza R. Rubiano (Model Document Custodian), Capt. Daniel S. Torres, Jr. (Model Internal Quality Auditor), Criterion VII-Library (Model PACUCOA Team), Dr. Leonora dela Cruz, PhD (Model PACUCOA Committee Member), Dr. Jason T. Bauto, MD (Model Health and Safety Committee Member) and Ms. Maria Celeste A. Orbe (Quality Practitioner).

For the students' choice awards, the winners were: C/M Fidel Villanueva (Best Educator, Deck Professional Subjects Category), 2/E Jason Javier (Best Educator, Engine Professional Subjects Category), Engr. Cypress Leila Alminaza (Best Educator, Mathematics and Sciences Category), Mr. Ricardo Deguidoy, Jr. (Best Educator, Communication Arts, Social Sciences and Physical Education Category), Ms. Merlina Poñe (Best Facilitator) and Angelo S. Satore (Best Tactical Officer).

The Quality Day was inspired by a practice from DNV which improves and enhances a company's quality standards system, shared Amon. Starting as an awards-night-themed event during its first conception, the Quality Day presently evolved into a merger of both Quality Day and Family Day where employees are given chance to unwind and spend time with their own family and their MAAP family as well.

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