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My warmest felicitations to the board of directors, officers and members of the Alliance of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Students of the Philippines (ANAMESP), a special affiliate of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers Inc. led by its ANAMESP President (S.Y. 2016-2017) **Ms. Mika Ramos** of the Department of Marine Engineering, Mariners Polytechnic College Foundation, on the occasion of their 2nd ANAMESP National Convention with theme "*Progress on Shipbuilding*" at Golden Peak Hotel and Suites, Cebu City on January 5 to 8, 2017.

As a nationwide student body organization that provides a forum for students to come together to interact, share ideas, and participate in resolving the current issues and concerns on the maritime industry particularly the shipbuilding sector, ANAMESP undoubtedly plays an important role in ensuring that its members are updated, capable and competent to meet the global challenges in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. The theme of the Convention in essence, expresses the commitment of ANAMESP to advance the art, science and practice of the design, construction, operation, repairs and maintenance of marine vessels, structures, machinery and related fields thru the exchange and recording of information, and supporting education to enhance the status and integrity of its membership.

It is worth citing that during the **2015 IMAREST Ph branch launch** and technical seminar & in **the 2016 IMAREST Gordon Hodge Memorial prestigious lecture**, both held at the AMOSUP convention Hall, the ANAMESP officers and members are well represented and had actively participated in the forums, a positive indicator of ANAMESP passion to be counted and updated, needed for professional growth.

MAAP, IMAREST and NI supports ANAMESP Convention in facilitating the exchange of information and ideas among its student members to advance education, affecting the maritime industry for global competitiveness As requested, I am sending MAAP External Relations Director /IMAREST PH branch Secretary **Dr Angelica M Baylon** to speak on "Preparation of funded research project on global trends in shipbuilding". For any topics of interest in future IMAREST Activities, please contact Dr. Baylon at +639209669226 or at email address ambaylon@maap.edu.ph, so the same may be included in IMAREST annual programme of activities as we support future initiatives towards global competitiveness of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering in the maritime industry.

To you all, Anchors a-weigh! And sails on!

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