

IMO 34TH SESSION

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Dr. Angelica M. Baylon, External Relations Director of the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP) in the Philippines, distinguished herself once again on the global maritime stage through her participation in the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) recent session held at IMO Headquarters, Albert Embankment, London, United Kingdom.



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The Philippines, as host of the reception, warmly welcomed global delegates, with representatives from various countries lining up to convey their greetings to the Philippine delegation. The Philippines was represented by officials from the **Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)**, **Department of Migrant Workers (DMW)**, **Department of Tourism (DOT)**, and the **Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)**. Delegates expressed messages of goodwill, friendship, and support, reflecting strong international ties and cooperation.



The event also provided an opportunity to reconnect with institutions, including The Nautical Institute (UK), IMarEST (UK), IFSMA, and fellow International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU) member institutions. Among those present were representatives from World Maritime University (WMU), Sweden; Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), Egypt; Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pelayaran (STIP), Jakarta, Indonesia; Korea Institute of Maritime and Fisheries Technology (KIMFT), Korea; Satakunta University of Applied Sciences (SAMK), Finland; and Vietnam Maritime University (VMU), Vietnam.

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The Philippine Booth was honored to be greeted by His Excellency, IMO **Secretary-General Arsenio Domínguez**, and his presence was warmly celebrated. It provided a meaningful opportunity for fellowship. Dr. Baylon and other Philippine delegates expressed their gratitude to dear friends and colleagues for the memorable photo souvenirs marking the moment.



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ODr. Angelica Baylon was honored to be invited at the South Africa Reception. During the event, her and other colleagues were able to meet **Capt. Chris O'Flaherty**, MA, MSc, AFNI, Senior Technical Manager of The Nautical Institute (UK). A souvenir photograph was taken with MARINA Administrator Sonia B. Malaluan and MARINA Regional Director Annabelle Lagas, commemorating the occasion and the strengthening of professional and international maritime connections.



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Dr. Angelica Baylon met with **Ms. Karen Avelino**, Secretary and Development Contact Person of The Nautical Institute (NI) Philippine Branch, together with MAAP President VADM Eduardo Ma. R. Santos, AFP (Ret), FNI, who has served as NI Philippine Branch President since 2014.



The delegation was honored to visit **The Nautical Institute Headquarters** for the first time, located at Lambeth Road, London. They were warmly welcomed by Nautical Institute's Chief Executive Officer **Capt. John Lloyd**, together with key Nautical Institute officials and Fellows, including **James Luetchford**, MNI, Member Engagement Manager; **Mr. Sato**; **Martin Fothergill**, MNI, Head of Membership and Branches; **Katerina Staellou**, MNI, Senior Communications Manager; **David Patraiko**; and **Steven Gosling**, AFNI, Head of Information and Publications.

Dr. Baylon expressed her sincere appreciation to Capt. John Lloyd for the invitation and to Mr. James Luetchford for the kind arrangements.

On November 28, 2025, Dr. Angelica Baylon was honored to witness the three-minute presentations delivered by all member countries nominated under **Categories A, B, and C**, prior to the voting process during the 34th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).



As Secretary of the Nautical Institute Philippine Branch, Dr. Baylon also accompanied MARINA OSS **Director Ramon Hernandez** and Regional **Director Annabelle Lagas** to the new office of the Nautical Institute. During the visit, they met with NI Chief Executive Officer Capt. John Lloyd, RD, MBA, CMMar, FNI, and Mr. James Luetchford, MNI, FRGS, NI Member Engagement Manager.



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The Philippine delegation, composed of IMO Maritime Attaché **Atty. Sharon Alejo**, PCG CDR **Atty. ML Barbero**, DFA **Atty. Dennis Flores**, and MARINA Regional Director **Annabelle Lagas**, attended and expressed appreciation for the plenary presentation by the World Maritime University (WMU) on the 2025 Arctic Report. The session was led by WMU President **Dr. Max Mejia**, with contributions from **Prof. Dimitrios Dalaklis** and WMU PhD candidate **Antonis Andreadakis**, in collaboration with **Executive Director Pen Hadow** of the 90 North Foundation.



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The sessions featured commendable presentations by external organizations, including the World Maritime University (WMU) led by **Dr. Max Mejia** and the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI). Commendation statements were delivered by numerous countries, including the Philippines (**Atty. Sharon Aledo**), Sweden, Peru, Indonesia, and others. IMO Committee reports were presented, discussed, commented on, and approved, while a new, improved IMO logo and other relevant agenda items were introduced, deliberated, and decided upon. The Philippine delegation, alongside representatives from IMO member countries such as The Nautical Institute (NI), International

Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations (IFSMA), and IMarEST, including **John Dickinson and Ibrahim**, actively appreciated the sessions. They noted the various comments and recommendations provided by member states, which were thoroughly discussed, resolved, and incorporated into decisions.



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Dr. Angelica Baylon expressed her gratitude to **Lydia Ferrad**, the ITF-accredited representative to the IMO Maritime Seafarers Section, for arranging a visit to the ITF office. The trip was a pleasure to reconnect with colleagues, including **Jacklyn Smith**, **Fabrizio Barcellona** (Seafarers and Inland Navigation Coordinator), **Kulsoom Jafri** (Lead Campaigner, Seafarers and Inland Navigation), and **John Canlas** (Maritime Operations Coordinator). The delegation also had the opportunity to meet **Mr. Park Taemin**, Director of the Federation of Korean Seafarers Union.

