

BEACON EXPO 2025

SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Philippines

The first day of BEACON 2025 was marked by meaningful exchanges and camaraderie among maritime leaders, partners, and friends. Dr. Baylon joined esteemed colleagues including Maritime League Chair and President VAdm Eduardo Ma R Santos, AFP (Ret), MARINA Administrator Sonia Malaluan, Mary Ann Pastrana of FASTCAT, Vicky Viray Mendoza, as well as other distinguished speakers and participants.

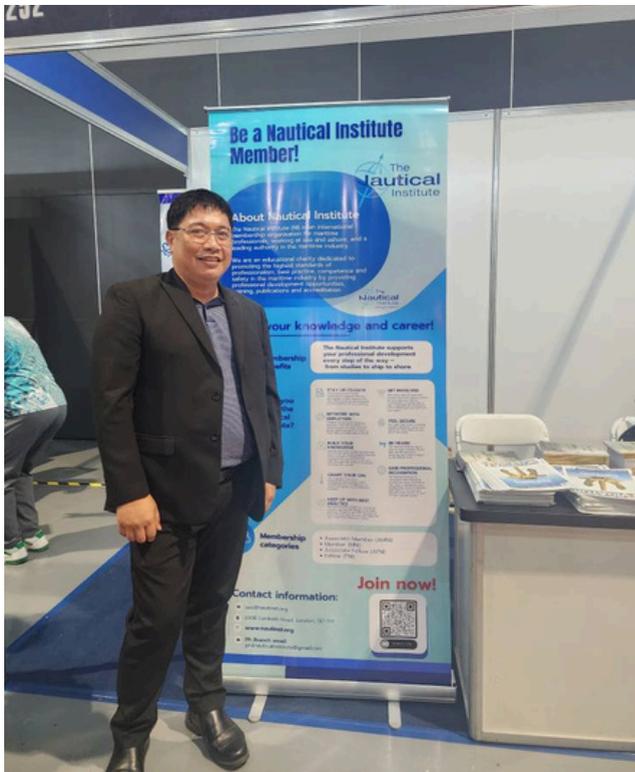




The multi-day event brought together leaders, policymakers, educators, seafarers, students, and private sector partners to engage in a rich exchange of ideas and best practices that shape the future of the maritime sector.

The expo floor featured interactive exhibits and technology showcases, highlighting innovations in ship design, maritime logistics, renewable energy solutions, and training simulators. These exhibits provided attendees with hands-on opportunities to explore the latest advancements driving the industry forward.

Throughout the event, the team provided membership application forms for interested individuals and distributed NI magazines and books by Rev. Fr. Martin Otto to seafarers, maritime schools, and other stakeholders—all free of charge. The initiative aimed to promote continuous professional development, knowledge sharing, and engagement within the global maritime community.





Dr. Baylon and several MAAP faculty members with FastCAT Chair Ms. Mary Ann Pastrana were honored to have a photo souvenir with the NI and IMarEST Philippines Branch President /Maritime League Chair VAdm Eduardo Ma R Santos, AFP (Ret) at the the NI and IMarEST booths.

The NI and IMarEST Booths were feenrously sponsored by MAAP, had served as a lively avenue for engagement–sparking conversations, networking opportunities, and interest in NI’s and IMarEST membership , programs and initiatives.



As Project Leader of the FSTP team, Dr. Baylon extended heartfelt congratulations to all seven institutions for their respective (REAP) accomplishments following the Maritime Security Training held at MAAP and the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong, from October to November 2024.

These achievements were proudly shared with the maritime community during BEACON 2025, on the event's third day under the Maritime Security Session.



The FSTP scholars respectfully invited FSTP Project Proponent and IMO Maritime Goodwill Ambassador VADM Eduardo Ma. R. Santos, who also serves as Maritime League Chair/President, MAAP President, and NI-IMarEST-PH President to join them on stage in recognition of his leadership and invaluable contribution to the success of the FSTP project.

The MAAP President received a commendation from CHED-IAS for the timely submission of the detailed accomplishment report—submitted just one month after the completion of the training.



The CHED-FSTP-funded Maritime Security Training Application Project marked a significant milestone for the maritime education and training sector, showcasing the collaborative efforts of the FSTP team scholars representing seven distinguished institutions: the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Philippine Navy (PN), FastCAT, Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA), Philippine Military Academy (PMA), John B. Lacson Maritime University (JBLMU), and the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific (MAAP).



MAAP is hopeful that its next major initiative, a funded Cybersecurity Training Project, will soon be realized following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with another prestigious foreign maritime institution.

