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INNAGURATION OF THE WORLD'S ONLY FULL SCALE BILGE / OILY WATER SIMULATOR & LABORATORY

Another milestone at NTC-Manila was carved out on March 9th , with the inauguration ceremony of its new bilge / oily water simulator and laboratory. The Bilge / Oily Water Lab is the only one of it's kind in the world and NTC are already conducting 3 courses a month to facilitate the request for this course.

It was a well attended affair with about 110 guests, mostly various personalities from the shipping industry, Philippine Government and the Norwegian community. Director Odd Magne Skei in his welcoming speech to the guests outlined various plans of NTC-M in developing new courses and other projects which the shipping industry will benefit from in the future.

Madam Trine Jøranli of the Norwegian Embassy in turn delivered the speech of the Norwegian Ambassador . Guests of Honor were the head of Philippine Coast Guard Vice Admiral Arthur N. Gosingan and the Taguig Mayor Sigfrido R. Tinga .As part of the time-honored tradition, after all speeches there was the ribbon cutting ceremony. This was followed by cocktails, food, music from the Coast Guard Brass Band and fellowship among the guests which lasted through the rest of the evening.



SSBT PRACTICAL ASSESSMENT RECOGNIZED BY PRC

The Ship Simulator and Bridge Teamwork Course (SSBT) that has been accredited by the Maritime Training Council at Norwegian Training Center - Manila has been recognized by The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) effective February 16, 2005.

NTC-M can now conduct practical assessment simulation for operational and management level deck officers.

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BACKGROUND

The Norwegian Training Center-Manila (NTC-M) was established by the [Norwegian Shipowners' Association \(NSA\)](#) in order to provide relevant upgrading training for Filipino seafarers serving on the ships of its members. NTC-M came into operation in February 1990 and was shortly after made part of Norwegian Maritime Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (NMFPI), chartered in May 1990. Improving the human factor in ship operation was a key objective and the establishment of NTC-M constituted an important element of this challenge.



Seafarers of all nationalities, also from non-Norwegian principals are welcome to attend any of the courses provided the space is available and their course fees are paid for by their local agents or their sponsoring companies.

NEW BUILDING @ NTC-Manila

Our new wing will be able to house a new state of the art Bridge Simulator including Dynamic Positioning System (DP), a Crane Simulator as well as our new Liquid Cargo Handling simulator. The building will be completed late August and the first LNG Cargo Handling Course for officers will start in end of September 2005.

The Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator will be supplied by Kongsberg, Norcontrol. It is capable of simulating liquid cargo operations especially on LNG's. The simulator is comprised of 1 instructor station and 4 student stations with two 17" color monitors each. Other liquid cargo handling vessels such as LPG, Crude Oil and Chemical Tankers can also be incorporated.

The 3rd level of the new wing has a six meters height under the ceiling and has the possibility to accommodate a new full mission Bridge Simulator including DP-operations and a Crane Simulator for various crane operations such as offshore-, vessel-, harbor- and construction cranes.

NTC-M is in the final stage to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with a highly recommended training institution within simulator training which will bring new training possibilities to the Asian region such as dynamic positioning operation, ice navigation, lock entries and various crane operations. In time we will also be able to provide joint training, through connecting the various simulators.

LNG FAMILIARIZATION COURSE FOR DECK AND ENGINE RATINGS

NTC-M has developed the said course with emphasis on Design and Construction, Characteristics and Properties of LNG, Hazards and Precautions, Cargo Equipment Precautions, Basic Cargo Operations and Emergency Procedures. One LNG Simulator will initially be used for the course.

This is a 4 days course with the following schedules:

Week 16: April 18-21,	Week 19: May 09-12,	Week 20: May 16-19,
Week 21: May 23-26,	Week 24: June 06-09,	Week 25: June 13-16,
Week 26: June 20-23,	Week 27: July 04-07,	Week 29: July 18-21,
Week 31: August 01-04,	Week 32: August 08-11,	Week 34: August 22-25,
Week 35: August 29-01 Sept,	Week 36: Sept 05-08,	Week 37: Sept 12-15

Note: Above schedule is only until Wk 37 as we have to make new schedules starting end September adding LNG Course for officer after the installation of additional 4 student stations in our new building.