

# d'Amico holds 3rd Manila Sea & Shore Staff Seminar



d'Amico Ship Ishima Philippines Crew Director Joven Riñon welcomes everyone in this year's Manila Sea and Shore Staff Seminar.



The attendees, visitors and d'Amico principal owners (center-middle row) of this year's Manila Sea and Shore Staff Seminar

Established in Manila in 2006, d'Amico Ship Ishima Philippines held their 3rd Manila Sea and Shore Staff Seminar at the Peninsula Manila Hotel, Makati City, June 18-19, 2015.

d'Amico Ship Ishima Philippines Crew Director Capt. Joven Riñon welcomed the attendees in this annual company program, followed by the opening message of Mr. Salvatore d'Amico, Fleet Director of d'Amico Group.

This two-day training aims to gather all the sea and shore staff of the d'Amico Group and meet as a family to be up-to-date of the new regulations, requirements and operations affecting the vessels, as well as to be aware of the future plans of the company.

"This Sea and Shore Staff Seminar is aimed at putting together, in one room, the sea staff and the shore staff, and this occasion allows the company to communicate and transfer many important messages. It is

significant to create a virtuous circle of activities, which enhance positive actions in all the seafarers; the messages that are shared here will be taken across the entire fleet. It is a continuous training and sharing process," Mr. Salvatore stressed.

The event was attended and participated by 60 Filipino, Russian and Ukrainian officers and 25 visitors of different nationalities from the d'Amico Group, including Sirius Crew Management based in Italy, as represented by CEO Mr. Filippo Guadagna, and other invited speakers from local and international organizations.

Among the topics discussed in the first day of the seminar included Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Solid Cargoes in Bulk + Environmental Update on Sulfur Oxide Emission Control Area, Maritime Leadership and Values, Principles and Protection and Indemnity Case Studies, Port State Control and Human Fac-

tors, Financial Wellness and Health Awareness.

Having launched the previous year, the 2nd Sea Jewels Seminar was simultaneously conducted in another event hall. It was fully supported by Ms. Antonia d'Amico, member of the fourth generation of the d'Amico family based in Singapore.

This parallel seminar focused on financial management, mainly savings and investments, and on a livelihood activity such as a food processing workshop for the benefit of the 26 Filipino and Ukrainian officers' wives affiliated with the company.

"We have been the first ones to launch a program specifically dedicated to the wives because we care about our family values and tradition as much as we care about the families of our seafarers," Mr. Salvatore explained.

The topics tackled in the second day of the seminar revolved around the following:

Safety Aspects and Incident Reports, Incident Investigation and Root Cause Analysis, Commercial Operation in Dry Ships, New Generation Main Engines, Dry cargo Practices and Crew Management and Crew Performance.

Towards the end of the seminar, two d'Amico-selected IMEC cadets were awarded by Ms. Luciana Maccarrone, Crew Manager of d'Amico Rome and Atty. Adorlito Ginete, President of d'Amico Manila, for their outstanding performance in their respective maritime institution.

The training was closed by Mr. Salvatore d'Amico, together with the rest of the d'Amico executive board.

The Sea and Shore Staff Seminar is conducted in three different countries annually: February in India, June in the Philippines and November in Italy, while the Sea Jewels Seminar is planned to be held twice a year in Manila.



Mr. Salvatore d'Amico, Fleet Director of d'Amico Societa di Navigazione, discusses about the importance of the seminar in his opening message.



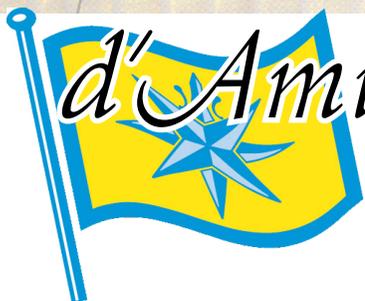
d'Amico Filipino officers' wives for the 2nd Sea Jewel Seminar, with Mr. Salvatore d'Amico in the center, side by side with two seafarer children.



d'Amico- IMEC cadets from Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific, DCT Virmon Luberts Dimanlig - Cum Laude (middle) and from University of Cebu, DCT Ariel Secreto - Magna Cum Laude (4th from left) after the brief awarding ceremony, with C/E Ricky Villavicencio, Training Manager (left), Luciana Maccarrone, d'Amico Rome Crew Manager (2nd from left) and Atty. Adorlito Ginete, d'Amico Manila President (right)



The d'Amico Group with Italian Ambassador Massimo Roscigno (5th from top left) and One Meal Foundation representatives headed by Maria Teresa Chan (3rd from bottom left)



## d'Amico family extends gratitude to Filipinos in Iloilo

Following the success of the 3rd Sea and Shore Staff Seminar in Manila, the representatives of the d'Amico Group went to the province of Iloilo on June 20th to personally donate US\$100,000.00 (PHP4, 517,597.67) for the construction of two patrol boats cum ambulance for the people of Iloilo.

Being socially responsible and family oriented, the d'Amico family saw an opportunity to extend and show their gratitude and care to the Filipinos, upon knowing the Yolanda devastation in certain places in the Philippines including Iloilo back in 2013.

During an interview with Mr. Salvatore and Ms. Antonia d'Amico, they emphasized: "The Philippines has done a lot for d'Amico, not only when we established the company here in 2006, but also in the past. We have always had Filipino seafarers on board our vessels contributing to the company's success and we are very proud to have such a positive population leading our vessels worldwide."

With a number of d'Amico-employed Filipino crews affected by the typhoon, the d'Amico Group provided them financial assistance in order to start life anew by helping them rebuild their homes.

"We needed to do something concrete for our Filipino seafarers and their families, because we are thankful to them as they contribute daily to our Group's success," Mr. Salvatore and Ms. Antonia added.

The d'Amico family was warmly welcomed by the government officials of Iloilo upon arrival, followed by a donation ceremony and a press conference to discuss a few important details about the donation.

Iloilo is one of the provinces in the Visayas that was "neglected by international donors" during the recovery period of Yolanda victims, according to the Italian Ambassador Massimo Roscigno, who helped facilitate the said initiative. Through the help of Ambassador Roscigno, the



Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor, Sr. (3rd center) receiving the plaque of the donation project from Mr. Salvatore d'Amico (4th center)

d'Amico family was able to identify the province's needs and has materialized with a concrete project that would provide immediate help to the people of Iloilo.

The donation was considered a blessing to the provincial government as Typhoon Yolanda destroyed two of their patrol boats and they have been trying to replace them since then.

Two dual-purpose boats will be built and each will have rubber boats to be used during low tides. The donation was received in June 21, through an NGO called

One Meal Foundation, headed by Ms. Maria Teresa Chan.

From the total donation, a big amount will be for the cost of the patrol boats while the remaining will be used for the purchasing of the two rubber boats, with built-in navigational equipment, and for the basic rescue training, medical equipment and other supplies.

The construction time is within 4 months, whereas the maintenance and the continued operation will be provided by the government of Iloilo upon receipt of the boats.