Maritime School Assessment Program (MSAP)

General Information

1. The Maritime School Assessment Program (MSAP) is a nationwide standard academic assessment test for regular second year students taking up Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) or Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSMarE).

2. The program is wholly supported by the International Mariners Management Association of Japan (IMMAJ) in Tokyo, Japan and is implemented by the Manila-based Philippine-Japan Manning Consultative Council, Inc. (PJMCCC). IMMAJ is an association of 96 Japanese ship owners. It counts among its members some of the largest shipping companies in the world such as Mitsui-OSK Lines, NYK Lines and K-line. IMMAJ employs up to 30,000 Filipino seafarers at any one time. PJMCC is the association of 65 Filipino manning companies that provide seafarers to vessel’s owned and controlled by the IMMAJ members.

3. MSAP has the following goals and objectives:

a. to assess the performance of BSMT and BSMarE students presently enrolled in maritime schools via a standard academic test which covers English, Mathematics and fundamental Deck/Engine Technical subjects.

b. to benchmark Philippine Maritime Schools against industry set-standards of academic performance for maritime students based on the examination results.
c. to assist maritime schools identify their strengths and areas of improvement based on the performance of students who took the examination.

d. to assist maritime schools in terms of faculty upgrading to ensure quality of instruction hence improve the quality of graduates coming from their institutions.

e. to give maritime schools a level-playing field in terms of recruitment/employment opportunities for their students/graduates.

f. to reward deserving students with Cadetship slots reference MSAP-related programs implemented in partnership with the government and other industry associations belonging to the Joint Manning Group (JMG)

4. All regular second year BSMT and BSMarE students currently enrolled on the second semester of SY 2010-2011, of MSAP-participating maritime schools are required to take the examination.

5. **Benefits of the MSAP are as follows:**

a. Three (3) months accredited shipboard training onboard the T/S Kapitan Felix Oca with a month stipend of USD60.00 for 120 MSAP passers who are accepted to the IMMAJ-PJMCC Cadetship Training Program (CTP).

b. Nine (9) months fully subsidized shipboard training on board a Japanese vessel with a monthly stipend of USD235.00 for those who are qualified in item 2 above.

c. Additionally, manning companies, who are the end-users of the graduates from maritime schools, have committed to give preference to MSAP qualifiers when recruiting additional cadets for their ship owner principals.

6. The MSAP is supported by the members of the Philippine Association of Maritime Institution (PAMI) as well as some non-members. Maritime schools who participated in the past exercises have seen the Program’s merit as it gives them required feedback as to the strong points that they have and the areas they should improve on. The MSAP also gives the Maritime School a level playing field in terms of recruitment/employment of the students/graduates.
7. The Government, particularly the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Overseas Workers Welfare Fund (OWWA) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), has likewise showed support to the Program.

**UPDATE: (19 January 2012)** OWWA released a memorandum dated 27 December 2011 advising the suspension of the implementation of the Incentive Program for the top 100 Maritime Cadets MSAP passers effective 01 January 2012.