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MMMA Class of 2026 Sets Sail for a Greener Future



MOL Magsaysay Maritime Academy (MMMA) honors the Class of 2026 at their commencement, themed "Beyond the Beacon: Guiding Voyages, Forging Futures" (Photo credit: Angel Ampil, Multi-Media Services Manager of Global Process Manager)

Dasmariñas, Cavite – MOL Magsaysay Maritime Academy (MMMA) celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2026 today, February 3, marking a significant milestone in the Philippines' journey as a leading pipeline of global maritime talent.

The graduating batch, consisting of 84 Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation (BSMT) and 100 Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering (BSME) cadets, will continue their shipboard career as Third Officers and Third Engineers onboard Mitsui O.S.K. Lines' (MOL) "blue ships" (vessels focused on advanced ocean technology and safety) and MAGSAYSAY-operated "green ships" (vessels using eco-friendly and cleaner technology for sustainability).

The Class of 2026 also includes Latin honorees and a graduate from an indigenous community, reflecting MMMA's commitment to inclusive and global opportunities for Filipino youth.

Honorable Undersecretary Bernard P. Olalia, representing the Department of Migrant Workers, was the keynote speaker, gracing the ceremony alongside foreign dignitaries, local government executives, and global shipping leaders.

“Filipino seafarers continue to earn global recognition for their competence, reliability, and professionalism. Schools like the MMMA play a crucial role in shaping this reputation. By nurturing potential and adhering to high ideals, MMMA ensures that our seafarers are not only employable, but respected, relied upon, and trusted across the world's seas”, shared Undersecretary Olalia.



MMMA Trains Officers for Life, Not Just for a Job

The maritime industry is no longer just about moving goods and supporting trade, it is moving toward sustainability. MMMA remains at the forefront in preparing its cadets for the evolving demands of global shipping. Guided by this year’s theme, “Beyond the Beacon: Guiding Voyages, Forging Futures,” the Class of 2026 enters the fleet as the next generation of sustainable seafarers—ready to operate advanced ships and contribute to a cleaner, smarter, and more sustainable maritime industry.



The MMMA Advantage: Enrolment to Employment

Since 2018, MMMA has welcomed 1,985 cadets. MMMA's strength lies in its unique "Enrolment to Employment" model, which offers (1) state-of-the-art training facilities, (2) guaranteed onboard training (OBT) opportunities on MOL or MAGSAYSAY-operated vessels, (3) leadership program to develop a high standard of discipline, excellence, and service, and (4) financial support program.

Through MMMA, the Philippines continues to solidify its role as a global leader. This follows a successful 2025, where two MMMA cadets were recognized among the Top 10 Outstanding Maritime students in the country.

For information on MMMA enrollment and admission, you may contact the Administration Office at +63 46 481 4800 or email admission@mma.edu.ph.

About MOL

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines (MOL), headquartered in Tokyo, is a leading shipping company with the world's second-largest fleet of over 900 vessels, including LNG carriers, dry bulkers, car carriers, tankers, and so on, operating worldwide. The number of the seafarer of our fleet is over 10,000.

In addition to the traditional shipping business, it is developing various social infrastructure businesses, such as logistics, wind power, offshore businesses, and wellbeing life businesses including real property, cruises, and ferries, centered on marine transport to meet the ever-changing needs of society, such as environmental protection.

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About MAGSAYSAY

Magsaysay Maritime Corporation (MMC) is a leading provider of quality seafarers and exemplary crewing services for the world's maritime and cruise industries. Headquartered in Manila, Philippines, and with affiliates and subsidiaries in Indonesia, China, and Croatia, MMC provides partner Principals around the world direct access to topnotch, well-trained, and excellent crew of various cultures and nationalities for both merchant marine vessels and cruise ships.

MMC's service is anchored on building a human resources pipeline and investing heavily in the sourcing, selection, training, and certification of seafarers and crew members for specific jobs they will perform onboard cruise ships and merchant marine vessels.

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