Message from the President of PLIPDECO on the

Commemoration of World Maritime Day 2023





On this World Maritime Day, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our valued stakeholders who have been an integral part of our journey and success in the maritime industry.

World Maritime Day, observed annually on the last Thursday of September, provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the significance of the maritime sector in connecting nations, facilitating global trade, and promoting sustainable development. It is a day to celebrate the invaluable contribution of seafarers, port workers, shipowners, and all those who play a role in ensuring the smooth functioning of the maritime ecosystem.

The theme for this year, spotlights the <u>International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships</u> (MARPOL) on its 50th anniversary. The MARPOL convention covers the prevention of pollution of the marine environment by ships from operational or accidental causes. This theme is fitting as the world relies on a safe, secure and efficient sector and is an important component of any plans for future green economic growth.

Sustainable shipping and sustainable maritime development is a major priority for the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of which all stakeholders should aim towards achieving this goal. At PLIPDECO, we are proud to be a part of this dynamic industry, and we recognise the importance of our stakeholders in our achievements. Your unwavering support, commitment, and collaboration have been instrumental in our growth and success.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that the maritime industry presents, we remain dedicated to upholding the highest standards of safety, environmental responsibility, and innovation. We are committed to building sustainable practices that not only benefit our business but also contribute to the global effort to protect our oceans and reduce our carbon footprint.

In the spirit of World Maritime Day, I invite all our stakeholders to continue working together to promote responsible and sustainable maritime practices. Let us collaborate on initiatives that foster safety at sea, protect marine ecosystems, and enhance the efficiency and resilience of our industry.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to continuing our journey together, exploring new horizons.

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