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NSPI Sponsors Maritime cadets under DBP Loan Program

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To strengthen and extend the advocacy of NAESS SHIPPING PHILIPPINES in helping families, organizations and individuals who wishes to be part of the maritime industry, the latter had forged an agreement with MARINERS POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES FOUNDATION in Legazpi City, Albay. The agreement was aimed to participate in the study loan program spearheaded by the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP). The program supports poverty alleviation by way of re-lending to poor but deserving students.

The pre-qualification and selection was done on-site by Capt. Marnaldo R. Aviso, who currently heads the NSPI training and quality department. Mr. Pedro Miguel F. Oca (NSPI President), Mr. Victor T. Gomez (NSPI EVP), Commodore Dante La Jimenez (MPCF-LC President), selected cadets, parents and guardians, school and company officials were present during the signing of the memorandum of agreement (MOA).

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Contract Signing



6th SNS/NSPI Crew Training & Safety Seminar

The 6th SNS/NSPI Crew Training and Safety Seminar was held last 13th— 15th March 2014 at the Summit Ridge Hotel in Tagaytay graced by six (6) SNS delegates: Mr. Christian Reincke, Ms. Daniela Pötsch, Ms. Petra Weitz , Mr. Uwe Schüttendiebel , Mr. Jost Lüdtkke, and Mr. Julian Wieske. About 40 officers more or less, participated in the said event.

Team Building Activities



Walk the Plank



The Great Pyramid



Pasta Master



Seminar Proper



KOTC Family Day 2014

Back in the old days, people were told by their mentors not to personalize your profession because it's just business. But now, things have changed for it is about- how you can make your work an integral part of your life.

The KOTC Family Day is an annual event that provides the management team to know their people well and also to get all the employees together on a common ground.



The KOTC Family Day was held at Hotel H2O last 22 March 2014.

NAESS / KOTC took the time to create an environment that effectively supports employees in blending work and life. We believe that by doing so, we'll create employees that generate energy, excellence and enthusiasm.

This event aims to facilitate bonding between employees and their families as well as enhance relationships between co-workers.

Ultimately, this is an event that demonstrates, in the strongest way possible, just how much our business values its workforce- not only as employees, but as people.

Some of the raffle prize winners
and awardees....



The kids enjoying what has been prepared for them...



NSPI Sponsors Essay Writing Contest

Naess Shipping Philippines, sponsored an essay writing contest about their seafarer parent, an event initiated by GOLD Foundation. Six (6) winners were chosen; two (2) on the elementary level, three (3) on the high school level and one (1) on college level.

Since there were six (6) winning essays, we are going to be featuring two (2) winning essays for every issue throughout this year.

1st Prize Elementary Level

Days with my Seafarer Father

By: J Prewendido Aguadera (11 y/o)

My father is a seafarer and I am proud of him. At 11 years old, I can count with one hand the number of times he went home and celebrate Christmas with us, blew my birthday candles with me, cheered in my spelling bees and writing contests, laughed at my errors in badminton and a lot of other things. Yes, these were also the days that are most memorable to me.

I was nine months old when Papa and I first met but I cannot remember anything except for the many photos that showed him holding me, putting me to bed and playing with me. I knew right then that I am loved.

At age four, Papa was not around to bring me to my 1st day of school but he really came home to pin my ribbons and put on my medals. And this he did every other year until my third grade. I knew how happy and proud he is of me.

I was seven years old when Papa introduced me to sports. He taught me different moves in chess, making powerful smashes in badminton and breathing techniques in swimming. Most of all, he showed me how to respect others, cooperate and be a part of the team.

It was August 2011 when Papa left us for his contract in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. For two years now, I am thankful because we are able to talk via Skype during his free time. He knows of my first crush and gives me advises through text messages. He sometimes posts inspiring words in my Facebook wall and reminds me to be always good to others.

Days with my seafarer father may be short but they are always meaningful.

2nd Prize Elementary Level

The Life of the Sailor's Son

By: France Jan Rafael S. Bartolome (12 y/o)

Having a father as a seaman ain't that easy. I am already 12 years old going 13 and in all those years, in all the years of my life, before I was even born, my father was already at the sea. Even though I am not used to seeing my dad very often, I still admit it is difficult.

Growing with a father whom you rarely see is difficult for anyone, whether they admit it or not. My mother always says, "your father is there because of you. He wants you to grow up getting all you need for you to be someday successful". I believe in this statement for it is true. Still, I find it difficult for I believe in this statement: "no child should live without the presence of his/her parents". There are many reasons why it is hard to accept.

First, is the lack of moral support to the child. Second is the lack of care and affection felt by the child. Third is the lack of guidance. These are only a few of the reasons why a child shouldn't live without their parents. I have also observed that a parent whom is far away will never be appreciated by the child no matter how much they sacrificed.

This kind of lifestyle isn't just hard for the children, but also for the parents. I know that no parent wants to be separated from their children. I know that, as much as possible, they want to spend as much time as possible with their children.

Misunderstanding often happens, because children fail to comprehend their situation and the sacrifices that have to be done. This problem doesn't happen between me and my father. The situation, our situation I understand it. My father and mother always explains this to me. I don't want to be a burden to them so I cooperate with what they want.

Lack of communication may also present as a problem for family. Good thing, with the presence of laptops, iPads, iPhones, etc., communication wouldn't be a problem. We usually talk with our dad twice a month only for we are at school at the time when he is available. My mother is the one who can talk with my father often. We often tell each other the happenings of our lives, what we go through, our problems, we sometimes give each other advices, and most of all, we plan for our outings once he is on vacation. But, sometimes, it is not enough that we just see him on screen, so, when he is on vacation, we make the most out of it. His vacation is only 2-3 months every year.

In his vacation, we usually go on outings like last time, we went to Zambales for an outing in the beach. While he is here, he wants us to feel his love and care for us, which we feel even if he's not around. But he doesn't know that for I am too shy for affections.

At night, after a hard day at school, he brings us to food trips. We search every night for new restaurants that we can try out. And also, he wants us to feel his love and care for us. Everyday, when he is not busy, he serves us food, water, and snacks. And also every morning, he's the one who takes care of us before we go to school and he's the one who brings us to school. He's also the one who fetches us. We appreciate what he is doing and we savor every second of it.

When the time comes when we will leave again and we will repeat this cycle, we will once again look forward to seeing each other and enjoy the quality time together. This is the life of a sailor's son.