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NSTC OFFERS MARITIME COURSES

The Netherlands Shipping Training Centre (NSTC) is established at the Palompon Institute of Technology (PIT), Palompon, Leyte by the Royal Netherlands Shipowners Association (KVNVR), the Shipping & Transport College (STC) of Rotterdam and PIT under the PIT-KVNVR-STC Maritime Upgrading Project. NSTC offers maritime courses for maritime students, ratings and officers.

The maritime courses include Basic Safety Training (BST); Ratings Forming Part of Engineering Watch (EWK); Ratings Forming Part of Navigational Watch (DWK), Medical Emergency First Aid (MEFA); Advanced Training in Fire Fighting (AFF); Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boats (other than Fast Rescue Boats) or (PSCRB); Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the Maritime Sector (PADAMS); and Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV, AIDS Prevention in the Maritime Sector (SHAPIMS).

NSTC can also offer other maritime or port related courses either standard or tailor made as STC one of its founding partners is one of the largest maritime training



Frontal view of Netherlands Shipping and Training Centre Theory Building located at the heart of PIT Main Campus, Palompon, Leyte.

institutes in Europe. Instructors from STC can conduct trainings on call at NSTC.

All standard training courses conducted by NSTC are accredited by the Maritime Training Council (MTC) and meet the standards required by the member shipping companies of the KVNVR.

The management system and training activities of the NSTC organization are in compliance with the international standards of ISO 9001-2000 for Maritime Training certified by Det Norske Veritas

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PHP 34M NSTC DORMITORY

The hundred twenty four (124) capacity and 34 million worth NSTC dormitory is constructed at the upper portion of the PIT campus by TGI Construction of Palompon, Leyte. The construction started last June 1, 2007 and was completed last February 16, 2008.

The NSTC dormitory is intended for 100 students enrolled in the maritime pro-

grams of PIT and 24 trainees or officers enrolled in a course conducted in the NSTC training centre.

The facilities include separate dining areas for students and officers, computer room with internet facilities, study area, living room with television and computer, wide terraces, air conditioning, fire safety compliant, and 24/7 security.

As disclosed by Ms. Emilyn S. Marquez, NSTC Office Manager, the students' room rates is P750 per month per student and P300 per month for the bright but from poor families. To avail for this reduced rate the situation of the applicant will be screened by a selection committee.

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The facilities of the training centre comprises of all practical equipments to train the candidates in real life situations.

NSTC has its own fire fighting site with smoke room and fire ground including mock bridge. The wet trainings are done in the NSTC facilities in the port of Palompon.

The training centre is fully equipped with equipment like GMDSS station GMDSS simulator, steering simulator and audio/visual aids to give the candidates practical and up to date training.



Frontal view of the NSTC dormitory located at the upper portion of the PIT main campus, Palompon, Leyte.

NSTC BARES FUTURE PLANS

Ms. Emilyn S. Marquez, the NSTC Office Manager bares future plans for the center which include three (3) salient aspects.

1. New Course Offerings.

Since January 1, 2008, the competency as Ship Security Officer (SSO) has become part of Chapter V of the STCW Convention. In order to serve both the international as well as the domestic fleet NSTC will work on starting offering the SSO course soon.

After a survey among the Dutch shipping companies employing Filipino seaman a need came forward to extend the course offerings with tanker courses

Consequently, NSTC will start developing courses on Tanker Familiarization and Shore Based fire fighting. Both courses will meet the requirements of the Dutch fleet and MTC.

As modern ships are more and more equipped with electronics and systems like high voltage electrical propulsion, NSTC has taken up the idea to develop a course on marine electro technology and electronics.

The course is intended for marine engineers who want to gain more background and practical knowledge in the field of modern electronic systems.

2. TESDA Ratings. NSTC will work out plans with TESDA, Tacloban City to establish a training course and assessment for ratings.

3. Upward Ladderization Course for ratings.

Dutch companies have indicated that to minimize the shortage of officers they have the plan to look among their Filipino ratings who have studied Marine Transportation and select those who are willing and motivated to give them the opportunity to become officer.

NSTC will design a course which will give the candidates both theoretical and practical training on shore and on board.

After the training they will be ready to take up the PRC licensure exam and to start working as an officer on board.



Dr. Nona S. Ricafort, CHED Commissioner and Chairperson of PIT-BOT giving a message during the ribbon cutting ceremony of NSTC dormitory.

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On April 18, 2008 the grand opening of the dormitory took place with the cutting of ribbon officiated by Mr. Aart Korteland, KVNR & NSTC Chairman assisted by Dr. Delia T. Combista, PIT President and Mr. Robert G. Brinks Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Philippines.

The ceremony was witnessed by the town officials of the municipality of Palompon, CHED Commissioner Hon. N.S. Ricafort, representatives of Dutch shipping companies, MARINA, PPA, TESDA, CHED and Presidents of various state colleges and universities from the region.



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