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8th Batch PIT cadets selected for the Dutch fleet

83 % of PIT maritime students selected

From April 21 till May 8 the selection took place for the 8th batch of maritime students from the Palompon Institute of Technology. 96 BSMT and 97 BSMarE 3rd year students took the qualifying examinations conducted by the Shipping and Transport College from Rotterdam. These examinations cover the major professional subjects for each course and are comparative with the level of exams conducted in maritime institutes in the Netherlands. The exams lasted for a week. On April 30 the results were announced and all 96 BSMT students and 89 BSMarE students passed the exams.

On May 3 the first representatives of the shipping companies who are members of the Royal Association of Netherlands Shipowners (KVNR) started to arrive. They were followed in the next days by the remaining company representatives. All representatives were lodged in the NSTC dormitory.

The first day of the selection by the KVNR member companies started with company examinations. These tests are conducted to find out more about the personality of the students. The following day the real individual interviews started. The NSTC office was the nerve centre as shipping companies used the classrooms and offices as the venue for the interviews.

The following days the students were not only tested how to perform in the interviews but were also tested if their nerve system as well as their patience could stand the pressure. They sometimes had to wait long hours before they had their next interview and some of them were interviewed by many companies.

Finally on Friday May 8 the result could be announced to the students. Out of the whole group a total of 80 BSMT students and 81 BSMarE students were selected by the KVNR member companies.

In the afternoon of May 8 the 8th Maritime Graduation and Awarding Ceremony was held at the PIT gymnasium. This ceremony was honored by the presence of H.E. Mr. Robert Brinks the ambassador of the Netherlands to the Philippines who was more than willing to be the guest speaker. [Turn to page 2 Selection...](#)



Students during one of the company examinations in the PIT gymnasium



Students waiting in the NSTC training centre to be interviewed by one of the KVNR member companies

MARINE ENGINEERING BUILDING UPDATES

On April 1 the construction of the Marine Engineering building started. In the previous months the different proposals were reviewed. The contract was awarded to TGI Construction from Palompon.

The construction is on schedule and is expected to be completed by August. In the meantime the collection of donated equipment by different member companies of the KVNR is in progress.



Some companies have reacted to the idea to adopt a classroom, This is a good sign showing the close relationship between PIT and the KVNR. We still hope that more companies will join the ranks and are willing to adopt a classroom or a computer.

For information about adopting a classroom or computer or for donation of equipment please contact Tjitso Westra (westra@kvnrl.nl) or Jan Willem Verhoeff (verhoeff@stc-r.nl)

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The ceremony was witnessed by the mayor and members of the city council of Palompon, shipowner representatives and other guests, the PIT management, instructors and family and relatives of the graduates.

In the evening there was a party for all the selected students, ship owner representatives, instructors and NSTC staff. This gave everybody the possibility to unwind after another successful but always stressful selection period.

The following companies selected cadets:

	Deck cadets	Engine cadets
Boomsma shipping	2	2
Flinter Management	2	4
Holland America Line		4
International Transport Contractors	1	1
Jo Tankers	2	2
MARIN	11	3
Maersk	13	13
Navigia Shipmanagement	6	5
Seatrade	20	20
Spliethoff Group	13	11
Vroon	3	3
Wagenborg Shipping	7	13



Signing of the KVNR cadetship contract during the 8th Maritime Recognition and Awarding Ceremony

PIT UPDATES

The entrance examinations for first year students this year was a success.

In both programs more than the maximum number of 135 students who can be admitted passed the examination.

NSTC STAFF UNDERGOES SAFETY TRAINING

On April 27 and 28 all NSTC office and dormitory staff including the On-the-Job Trainees and student assistants followed a training in Elementary First Aid and Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting.

For all staff members this was the first time to undergo this kind of safety training and it was a good experience.

The main purpose of the training is that the NSTC staff is able to handle emergency situations at the dormitory or the training centre.

At the same time it has shown the staff what kind of trainings NSTC is conducting to their trainees.



NSTC staff at the fire fighting site for practical training in the use of extinguishers



Seatrade cadets undergo training in Medical Emergency First Aid conducted by Dr Ramones

NSTC DORMITORY UPDATES

For school year 2009-2010 the acceptance of maritime students of PIT who wish to stay at the NSTC dormitory is still ongoing.

In total 88 students can be accommodated during this school year. This is an increase of 28 students compared with last school year.

TRAINING OF SELECTED PIT CADETS

Right after the selection period NSTC started the training of the 40 cadets selected by Seatrade and the 4 cadets selected by Jo Tankers.

NSTC developed a program that the total group of 44 cadets could undergo the courses in Medical Emergency First Aid (MEFA), Advanced Fire Fighting (AFF) and Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat (PSCRB) within a period of 14 days.

All cadets were staying at the NSTC dormitory during the training which helped in their first bonding being now member of the same family.

In June and July NSTC will conduct similar programs for Wagenborg Shipping and Spliethoff Group.

Similar programs can be designed in the periods after the PRC licensure examinations during the time the cadets must wait for the official results.

For inquiries about the possibilities for your company please contact Emy Marquez at the NSTC office or send e mail to (marquez@nstc.ph) or Jan Willem Verhoeff (verhoeff@nstc.ph)



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