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New Seacare Sailors' Home in Manila offers subsidised lodging for Filipino members

The Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS) has launched a new Seacare Sailors' Home (SSH) in Manila, on June 22, 2023, offering Filipino seafarers subsidised accommodation in between ship duties.

Occupying the entire 6th floor of Kaizen Suites—a new boutique hotel in Malate district—the SSH provides 30 beds across 14 rooms, all of which are equipped with new furnishings and personal lockers for secure storage.

The SSH also features a dedicated recreation area for members to unwind, located beside the SOS's representative office (LSA Consultancy and Management Services Inc) for convenient access.

This initiative aims to address Filipino members' accommodation challenge between their signing-on and signing-off duties in Manila, as many live in provinces outside the capital. The set-up also facilitates the processing of essential tasks, such as employment documentation, medical check-ups and interviews.

Members employed by shipping companies with SOS CBA and participating in the Seacare Sailors' Home Scheme (SSS) can enjoy a stay of up to 3 nights per month at the SSH.

The new SSH replaces the former in Mandaluyong district, strengthening SOS's ongoing efforts to improve members' welfare and benefits.

The inauguration of the SSH was attended by Guests-of-Honours ITF GS Stephen Cotton; AMOSUP President Dr Conrado Oca; IMEC Chairman Capt Belal Ahmed; ICS Director of Strategy and Communications Mr Stuart Neil, and members of the Filipino maritime community.

Speaking at the inauguration, Mr Cotton lauded SOS for the initiative and its unwavering commitment to supporting seafarers, adding that SSH plays a crucial role in assisting seafarers, especially those hailing from provincial areas.

The guests were given a tour of the SSH and the recreational area for seafarers.

SOS President, Kam Soon Huat: “Our new Seacare Sailors’ Home embodies SOS’s dedication to our seafaring members. We understand that the transition periods between ship duties can be challenging. This initiative will ease the process, offering a comfortable space for relaxation and streamlining essential tasks. We believe it will improve seafarers’ well-being and contribute to overall job satisfaction.”

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