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RP LAWMAKERS VISIT GREECE,

MEET FILCOM LEA

Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao warmly received the officials of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives led by Deputv Speaker Raul del Mar (Cebu, 1st district), Rep. Junie Cua (Quirino), Rep. Narciso Recio Bravo Jr. (Masbate, 1st district), and Rep. Thelma Almario (Davao Oriental, 2nd district), who visited Greece from 18 to 23 March 2009.

The lawmakers were accompanied by their respective families and technical staff.

Ambassador Tiglao accompanied the visiting lawmakers to the Filipino Workers Resource Center (FWRC) in Ambelokipi.

The lawmakers inspected the facilities at the FWRC and discussed the working conditions of the overseas Filipino workers in Greece, both landbased and sea-based, with the Ambassador and Labor Attaché George Eduvala.

After inspecting the FWRC, the lawmakers met with leaders of the Filipino community at a meeting organized by Ambassador Tiglao at the Philippine Embassy. At the meeting,

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Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao together with (from left): Quirino Rep. Junie Cua, Masbate Rep. Narciso Recio Bravo (1st district), Deputy Speaker Raul del Mar (Cebu, 1st district), Labor Attaché George Eduvala, and Davao Oriental Rep. Thelma Almario (2nd district).

RP has new honorary consul in Patras



The Greek Government has finally approved the appointment of Mrs. Anastasia Manolopoulou as Philippine Honorary Consul in Patras with jurisdiction over the

department of Achaia, a position which

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Amb. Rigoberto Tiglao met with Capt. Panagiotis Tsakos, founder and principal owner of Tsakos Shipping Trading S.A. (TST), on board the latter's yacht, Cristina II. They discussed ways and means to increase the employment of Filipino seafarers and officers in Greekowned and managed ships. TST manages and operates a diversified fleet of tankers, containers and dry cargo vessels numbering 69 ships. It includes 35 modern tankers of Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd. (TEN). TEN has been registered in the New York Stock Exchange since 2002.

ANNOUNCEMENT

OAV Registration to be held every Sunday until 31 August 2009

The Philippine Embassy is pleased to announce that starting last 26 April 2009, and thereafter every Sunday of the month until 31 August 2009, the Philippine Embassy will be holding registration of new overseas absentee voters for the 2010 national elections from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

We urge all our *kababayans* residing in Greece, who are at least eighteen (18) years of age on the day of elections and are not disqualified by law, to register as overseas absentee voters.

Overseas voting period for the 2010 National Elections will be held from 10 April 2010 to 10 May 2010, 3:00 P.M. (Manila time).



SPECIAL FEATURE A Pinoy Butcher in the heart of Omonia

The following article contains excerpts from an article of the same title and author featured in the January 2009 issue of "Buhay OFW," a publication of Atlas Publishing Co. Inc

Omonia Square is said to be the pride and joy of Athens - and also its oldest square. Omonia played a part of the grandeur that was Greece. Philosophers and famous people used to frequent this place to hang out, talk about their stuff, drink coffee or just simply gaze to while their time away.

At its very center, is the Agora --- the Omonia Market.

Here, you will find Danilo 'Dan' Robles, an overseas Filipino worker and a popular butcher among Greek and Pinoy meat buyers. Gifted with a disarming smile and a pleasant disposition, Dan is easy to get along with, able to talk freely about his feelings, known to wield a sharp knife with the gentlest of smiles. No wonder he is deeply trusted and liked by his Greek employer - Dmitri who took Dan under his employ in 1995.

Dan started as a part-time worker with Dmitri receiving 50 Euros, for a day and a half work on Fridays and Saturdays. Since then his status as a butcher improved and now he earns more than 1,000 Euros per month --250 Euros as basic pay per week -excluding tips that he shares with his co-workers. In addition, Dan receives the usual social security benefits just like any other Greek worker.

A proud native of Davao, he is the 6th

By: Major Yoko Ramos-Vingno

child from a brood of 9, born and educated in the South of the Philippines. He was 16 years old when he left their house to study in another town taking up BS Agriculture majoring in animal husbandry at the state owned University of South Mindanao. Unfortunately, money was hard to come by and he was forced to drop out of school on his third year and got married. Dan survived by doing odd jobs in the province in factories like Coca-cola and Franklin & Baker and at piggeries from the late 70s to the early 80s to support a growing family of three children.

In the years that followed Dan with the help of a relative found a job in Greece. In the intervening years, Dan's personal and family life suffered that led to the breakup of his marriage.

Eventually, Dan found work as a janitor in a language school in the 90's. Determined to earn more money to save for his children, Dan did part time work at the Omonia market as a butcher. Dan eventually left his janitorial job to become a permanent employee of his kind and amiable boss Dimitri.

About this time, Dan also became actively engaged in Filipino community activities and joined the VIZMIN organization, a group of Filipinos from the Vizayas and Mindanao. He also became a member of a support group, The Reevaluation



The author together with Danny Robles (extreme right), Consul General Constancio Vingno Jr., and Labor Attaché George Eduvala.



Danny Robles and his daughter, Paula.

Counseling Group - composed of a group of professional psychologist with American, Greek and Irish nationalities.

Stability in finances did not guarantee stability in emotions. Seeking solace in his work and in serving the Filipino community, Dan felt the stirrings of a fresh beginning.

And as if obtaining the blessings of the Greek gods, Dan met Emma and the two fell in love. Emma provided the stability Dan was looking for in his life, the emotional support he needed to confront the problems he had faced in his life.

Dan remains active in the community. He reorganized and reestablished the United Visayan Mindanao (UVM) where he is the current president.

Dan and Emma are blessed with a daughter - Paula, now 10 years old. He remains active in the Reevaluation Counseling Group, president of UVM and member of the Active Community Partners (ACP) composed of the different Filipino organizations in Greece. He is also the current president of Filipino Bowlers Association in Greece (FILBAG) and is considered one of the best Filipino bowlers in Athens. Clearly, the butcher that bowls now has his future cut out for him. ■

Maj. Yoko Ramos-Vingno, wife of Minister and Consul General Constancio Vingno Jr., is a reserve officer of the Philippine Army. She is a freelance writer.

Makabayang Balita sa Gresya at Cyprus

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RP LAWMAKERS (*Continued from page 1*) Deputy Speaker del Mar lauded Ambassador Tiglao and the Philippine Embassy for their efforts in protecting and ensuring the welfare of overseas Filipinos in Greece.

The lawmakers also commended the overseas Filipino workers for their sacrifices in improving the lot of their families left in the Philippines.

They assured the Filipino community leaders that they will endeavor to enact legislation that would be beneficial to OFWs, not only in Greece, but those in other parts of the world.

An open forum followed the meeting where the lawmakers addressed the various concerns raised by the Filipino community leaders. Thereafter, the guests were treated to a buffet dinner consisting of *pancit*, *bopis*, *longganiza*, spring rolls, beef



Clockwise from top: Amb. Tiglao and the visiting lawmakers listen to the assembled Filipino community leaders (below), guests feasting on a buffet dinner prepared by the Philippine Embassy.

with broccoli, spare ribs, steamed rice, Greek salad, and fresh fruits.

During their stay in Greece, the lawmakers were assisted by Philippine Embassy Administrative Officer Hermogenes Garcia, Labor Attaché Eduvala, Labor Administrative Assistant Tito Baldago Jr., and PAG-Ibig Representative Jean Santos. ■



It's been an honor and a pleasure for Ambassador Tiglao to meet old and new friends visiting Athens ...



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao and Mme. Getsy Tiglao with Rep. and Mrs. Jesus Crispin Remulla.



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao with Brenda Heffron, Carmen Arceño, *Director-General of the Senate Office of International Relations and Protocol*, Senate President Pro Tempore Honorable Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, former **First Lady Mme. Luisa 'Loi' Ejercito** and Jessica L.G. Reyes, *Chief of Staff of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile.*

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Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao and Mme. Getsy Tiglao are welcomed by Prime Minister Kostas Karamanlis and wife, Natasha, and President Karolos Papoulias (partly hidden) to the New Year's reception hosted by the Greek Government.



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao with Cyprus President Dimitris Christofias and Philippine Honorary Consul Shemaine Kyriakides at the New Year's reception held at the Presidential Palace in Nicosia.



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao, flanked by Ambassador Mehdi Honardoost and Charge d'Affaires Mahmoud Fazelli at the Iranian National Day reception.



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao and Mme. Getsy Tiglao are welcomed by Ambassador Ljiljana Bacevic at the Serbian National Day reception.

Community News

We welcome Pinoy news! Send us your letters, news stories, press or photo releases for publication in the newsletter via regular mail, e-mail.



Cordillera Cultural Minorities' Induction. Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao sworn in the newly-elected officers of the Cordilleras Cultural Minorities (formerly known as the Abrenian Workers Association in Greece) on 10 January 2009 at Ilisia Hotel, Athens.



Bicol Saro's Dance for a Cause and Induction of Officers. Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao was special guest at the "Dance for a Cause" organized by Bicol Saro on 28 February 2009 in Piraeus. Amb. Tiglao also inducted the new officers of the organization.

Consular updates

CONSULAR SERVICE FEES As of 09 January 2009

Passport Services

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New/ Renewal	€ 50,00
Replacement of Lost Passport	€ 90,00
Travel Document	€ 30,00
Notarials and Other Services	
Authentication/Acknowledgment of documents	€ 25,00
Birth / Marriage Registration	€25,00
Solemnization of Marriage	€ 60,00
Certification for sealing of casket	€ 60,00
Certified True Copy of documents	€25,00
Extraction of documents	€25,00
Translation services (per page and fraction thereof)	€ 25,00
Any other Certificates	€25,00
Visa Services	
Temporary Visitor's Visa for pleasure or business, Single-entry, valid for three (3) months	€ 30,00
Seaman's Visa	€20,00
Citizenship Reacquisition or Re	tention
Application Fee (Petitioner)	€ 50,00

Each dependent included in € 25,00 the application / petition

Validity of Green Passports (Non-Machine Readable Passports)

The Philippine Embassy in Athens wishes to reiterate the advisory issued in February 2009 by the Department of Foreign Affairs announcing that all green passports (non-machine readable passports) will be valid until the stated date of expiry.

However, the Philippine Embassy accepts and processes passport renewal applications filed by those who wish to have their green passports renewed prior to the date of expiry.

The Philippine Embassy in Athens, Greece has been issuing machine readable passports (MRPs) since June 2008. ■

GUIDELINES ON MINOR CHILDREN (BELOW 18 YEARS OLD)TRAVELLING UNACCOMPANIED BY PARENTS

- 1. The parents of the child, if residing and working in Greece, will execute an Affidavit of Parental Travel Permit and Consent at the Consular Section of the Philippine Embassy.
- 2. Personal appearance of parents is required.
- 3. Present valid Philippine passports and submit two sets of photocopies of said passports.
- 4. Payment of notarial fee of €25,00 (Twenty Five Euros).
- 5. For children travelling from the <u>Philippines to Greece</u>, the relative or authorized representative of the **child's parents must secure a Travel** Clearance for the child from any Field Office of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

For additional information, visit the website at <u>www.dswd.gov.ph</u>. You may also contact the DSWD-National Capital Region (NCR), Travel Clearance Unit at (632) 3131435 or email them at travelclearance_ncr@yahoo.com.

Photo Requirements for Machine Readable Passports (MRPs)

- 1. Size: 4.5 cm x 3.5 cm
- 2. Royal or dark blue background color
- 3. Full frontal shot
- 4. Image of the applicant should occupy approximately 70-80% of the photograph.
- 5. There should be at least 5mm-10mm space between the crown/ head of the applicant and the edge of the photo.
- 6. *Preferably*, photograph is printed on matte paper.
- 7. Applicant must be in decent attire, preferably with collar. (For women, no sleeveless blouses or plunging necklines.)
- 8. Use of contact lens, sunglasses, and eye glasses for medical reasons is allowed.
- 9. Use of headscarf/veil for religious and/or medical reasons is allowed.

Requirements in Securing a Travel Clearance from DSWD

- ☑ Duly-accomplished application form which may either be obtained from any DSWD Field Office or downloaded from www.dswd.gov.ph.
- Photocopy of the birth certificate or passport of the child
- ☑ Written consent of both parents or solo parent or legal guardian permitting the child to travel alone or with another person to a foreign country
- ☑ As appropriate,
 - Photocopy of the marriage certificate of the child's parents or
 - Photocopy of the certificate of legal guardianship of the child or
 - Photocopy of the solo parent identification card from the municipal social welfare and development office or Tallaq or Fasakh Certification from the Shariah court or any Muslim Barangay or religious leader
 - In case of an illegitimate child, a certificate of no marriage (CENOMAR) from the local civil registrar
 - In case of a deceased parent, a photocopy of the death certificate

Two (2) colored passport size photos of the child taken within the last six (6) months.

NEW HONORARY CONSUL IN PATRAS (Continued from page 1)

has been vacant since 2004.

Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao, who himself recommended the appointment of Ms. Manolopoulou, was delighted when news of her appointment reached him. He firmly believes that Ms. Manolopoulou is very well-qualified and would make an excellent honorary consul for the Philippines.

Ms. Manolopoulou holds graduate and post- graduate degrees in Business Administration. She is also a publisher of a local newspaper and magazine and owner of a music radio station. In 2006, she won a seat in the local Council Board in Patras.

Aside from Greek, Ms. Manolopoulou speaks Spanish, English, French and Italian.

Born in 1970 in Patras, Ms. Manolopoulou is married to Nikolaos Nikolopoulos, with whom she has four children. ■

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EL SHADDAI DWXI PRAYER PARTNERS IN GREECE CELEBRATES 15TH YEAR

H.E. Ambassador Rigoberto D. Tiglao was the Guest Speaker on April 5, 2009 during the 15th year of existence of the Catholic charismatic group in Greece. It was held at the school auditorium of Leondeio Lykeio in Athens, Greece.

Thousands of members of the community were present coming from outlying areas of Greece and together praising God Almighty for all his goodness to the Filipino community in Greece. The event was capped by the participation of the different ministries of the community with their ritual dances, gospel songs by the EI Shaddai Choir, youth presentations and healing sessions.

A grand Eucharistic celebration was conducted by Msgr. Ruperto Santos, Rector of Collegio Filipino based in Rome, and the healing message was delivered by Atty. Enrique C. Andres, a lay sharer of the community who came all the way from Los Angeles, California USA.



A song and dance number by members of the El Shaddai group.

Ambassador Tiglao commended the unity of the group for the discipline and humility of all the members. He informed them of pleasant his encounters with Bro. Mike Ζ. Velarde in his office in Manila to discuss national



issues. Bro. Mike Z. Velarde is the Servant leader of the El Shaddai DWXI Prayer Partners Fellowship Inc., based in the Philippines. He praised him for leading such a big group numbering millions of members worldwide and for his humble ways.

The El Shaddai DWXI Prayer Partners Fellowship holds its weekly Sunday prayer meeting at 1:00 P.M.- 5:00 p.m., after the 12:00 PM Filipino English mass at St. Paul Catholic Church, 23 Filonos Street, Piraeus, Greece.■

was much even better than what we common Filipinos receive here in Philippine public offices.

It is my hope in the future that I could also be of help to you and your colleagues. If there is something I can do (which I really doubt because we mainly deal with seafarers), please let me know. I would be so much privileged to be of assistance in any way!

More power to you and God bless you. Respectfully yours,

Erickson Pedrosa Wallem Maritime Services, Inc.

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Embassy Mailbox

20 April 2009

Dear Ambassador Tiglao,

I wish to thank the Ambassador for the **Embassy's assistance when my family and** members of the Philippine Delegation to the 120th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) visited Greece from 31 March to 4 April 2009. Our visit to Athens and Santorini would not have been successful without the Embassy's contribution.

I commend you for your able leadership at the Philippine Embassy in Athens. Your assistance to us showed that the highest standards of professionalism and commitment characteristic of the Department of Foreign Affairs are still being met.

I also commend the competent, dedicated and highly motivated staff of the Embassy of the Philippines. Their invaluable help made our stay in Greece even more memorable.

Thank you and please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Hon. JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA Senate President Pro Tempore

March 24, 2009 Your Excellency:

I would personally like to express my long held gratitude to you for giving me the invaluable help during my visit in Athens earlier this year. As you may remember, I lost my passport at the most unforgivable time—at the eve of my departure to Manila. I could specifically remember how much assistance you have offered me from that very evening till the next day when I visited your office. This I will never forget, your Excellency. Your abetment is already relayed to hundreds of people I have spoken about our Greece visit. Only that I apologize for I was not able to formally express my gratitude timely. Nonetheless since then, there was no instance that I never felt indebted to you, for every time I travel I always hope someone of your similarity would be there when needed! Thank you very much Ambassador Bobby. I may just be a simple and average Filipino, but to me, what you did was something I will never fail to tell and will never forget.

I'd like also to take this opportunity to thank Consul General Constancio Vingno Jr and the rest of the consular personnel for manifesting true and genuine help, not only to me, but to every Filipino who was there. I could say the service you were all giving

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RP TEAM REACHES OCTO-FINAL ROUND **OF INT'L DEBATING CONTEST IN ATHENS**

A group of high school students from prestigious schools in the Philippines competed and reached the Octo-final round of the 21st World Schools Debating Championship held in Athens, Greece last February 2009.

Students, coaches and adjudicators from more than 40 countries gathered in Athens from 9 to 19 February 2009 to participate in a series of debates concerning world issues.

Team Philippines consisted of Jeanina Melissa K. Tee, and Tiffany Grace C. Uy from Immaculate Conception **Academy (ICA), Valerie Filia D'Marie** V. Inting from Miriam College, Carlo Borromeo and Vito Mikael C. Borromeo from Xavier School, and Daniel Antonio S. Remo from Ateneo De Manila University (ADMU). The team was coached by Mr. Kip F. Oebanda.

Team Philippines reached the Octo-Final round of the competition before bowing out to Team Wales, which in turn lost the Final round to Team New Zealand.

The Embassy's Cultural Officer Joanne David provided full support and assistance to the team for the duration of their stay in Greece.

The World Schools Debating



Jeanina Melissa Tee, Carlo Borromeo, and Tiffany Grace Uy of Team Philippines prepare for their face-off with Team Wales, the competition's eventual second-placer, at the Octo-final round of the 21st World Schools Debating Championship in Athens.

Championships (WSDC), first organized in 1988 in Australia, aims to achieve excellence in debating, to encourage debating throughout the world, and to promote international understanding and free speech.

The WSDC celebrates and exemplifies the achievements of youth in the global community who strive to make the world a better place through open articulate communication and shared experiences. ■



Ambassador Rigoberto Tiglao took time out from his duties and toured Team Philippines to downtown Athens. Photo shows Ambassador Tiglao together with (from left) Daniel Remo, Vito Borromeo, Tiffany Ur, Valerie Inting, Coach Kip Oebanda, Jaenina Tee, and Carlo Borromeo.

Cyprus Corner

MGA KARAPATAN NG MGA MANGGAGAWA SA CYPRUS NA DUMANAS NG PANG-AABUSONG SEKSUAL

- 1. Karapatang makipag-ugnay sa isang *Welfare Officer* na magbibigay ng suporta, tulong, at impormasyon kung paano makakakuha ng karagdagang tulong mula sa iba pang ahensya sa Cyprus.
- 2. Karapatang makakuha ng impormasyon sa wikang ginagamit at naiintindihan. Maaaring kumuha ng serbisyo ng isang tagapagsalin o *interpreter*.
- 3. Karapatang maprotektahan ang mga impormasyon ukol sa sarili nang naaayon sa mga batas sa Cyprus hinggil sa *Personal Data Processing (Law 138 (I) 2001* at *Law 37 (I) 2003).*
- 4. Karapatang makatanggap ng sustento mula sa State Allowances Fund kung walang kakayahang gumastos sa pangaraw-araw na pamumuhay ayon sa Law 95(1) 2006. Kailangan rin na ang manggagawa ay kasalukuyang naninirahan sa teritoryo ng Cyprus at walang trabaho o pinagkakakitaan.
- 5. Karapatang mabigyan ng abogado na kakatawan sa korte, kung walang kakayahang pinansyal, ayon sa *welfare provisions* ng batas ukol sa *Legal Assistance* (Law 165 (I) 2002).
- 6. Karapatang mabigyan ng tulong *medical* at *psychological* ng Ministry of Health. Ang *Welfare Officer* ang gagabay sa manggagawa sa pagkuha ng kaukulang tulong pangkalusugan.
- 7. Karapatang maprotektahan mula sa mga tao o pangyayari na maaaring magdulot ng kapahamakan. Kung sakaling mangyayari ito, marapat na ipagbigay-alam ng manggagawa sa *Welfare Officer* na siyang magpaparating sa kaalaman ng pulisya.
- 8. Karapatang sumali sa mga programang layunin ay makapagbigay ng kaukulang tulong, tulad ng mga espesyal na kurso na makakapagpabuti ng kakayahan sa **iba't ibang larangan at pakikipag**-ugnay sa komunidad.
- 9. Karapatang manirahan sa State Shelter/Home. Ang manggagawa ay bibigyan ng impormasyon ng Welfare Officer kung aling State Shelter/Home ang maaaring kumupkop sa kanya. Kung hindi nais ng manggagawa na tumigil sa State Shelter/Home, ang Welfare officer ay magmumungkahi ng iba pang solusyon para sa ikabubuting kalagayan ng manggagawa.

36 Filipino seamen released by Somali pirates; 23 repatriated

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17 Filipino seamen on board mv Titan and 19 more on mv Saldanha were released by Somali pirates unharmed on 15 April and 25 April 2009, respectively. MV Titan was seized by the pirates on 19 March 2009, mv Saldanha on 22 February. Labor Attache George Eduvala and Labor Officer Tito Baldago of the Philippine Embassy in Athens had been meeting and in constant contact with the Greek agents managing the two ships since their capture.

Forty more Filipinos remain



Labor Attaché George Eduvala with Mr. Nikolaos Efthimiadis, managing director (right) and Capt. Tasos Karmis, crew manager (left) of Lotus Shipping Company Ltd. in a meeting on 3 April about the safety of 17 Filipino seamen on mt Nipayia hijacked off the coast of Somalia.





Labor Attaché George Eduvala with Demetrios Koukolas, general manager (at the center) and Capt. Andreas M. Fountoulis, chief security officer (right) of Cardiff Marine Inc in a meeting on 21 April about the condition of 19 Filipino crew on board mt Saldanha hijacked by Somali pirates.

in two hijacked managed by Greek companies. are closely monitoring the Eighteen are on my Napayia, situation of the 96 Filipinos seized on 25 March, and 22 on mv MV Irene E.M, seized on 13 April. The shipowners confirmed that they are all safe and free from harm. (In August last year, a Filipino crew was killed when the pirates boarded and hijacked a Malaysian oil tanker; in May 2007, a Chinese crew was killed because the shipowner failed to meet the pirates' ransom demand). The POLO of Philippine staff the Embassy is also monitoring their situation, and their families in the Philippines are regularly informed of their well-being.

As of 25 April 2009, there were 56 other Filipinos in owned or vessels, not managed by Greek companies, captured by the Somali pirates: 29 are on fv Win Far and 24 on mv Malaspina Castle, both seized on 6 April; three on d/b Pompei, seized on 18 April, and 15 on mv Patriot, hijacked on 25 April.



ships The DOLE and DFA in Manila who remain off the coast of Somali.

> Since the beginning of the year (until April 25), 50 vessels were attacked by Somali pirates and half were captured and held for ransom. Eleven ships (and the 158 crew on board - including 36 Filipinos) had been released or rescued; only fourteen (with 154 ships crew members - 96 of them Filipinos) remain.

> Earlier, in February, the POLO attended to the repatriation of 23 Filipino seamen on board four vessels stranded in the other side of Africa. Mt Trader, mt Eva II, mt Torero and mt Meridith were stranded in Nigeria. The POLO made representations with the Greek ship agent, Corinthian Maritime SA for Maritime Management Synergy SA and Golden Carriers Shipping, towards the early repatriation of the crew.

> > Pag-IBIG Board of Trustees Visits Athens Ms. Lili B. Ramirez, representative of the private employees group, visited the Pag-IBIG Office in Athens last March and observed the operational system at post.