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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL
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Madam President, yesterday I was invited to the inauguration and blessing of the GIG OCA ROBLES Seamen's Hospital along R. Castillo Avenue, Agdao District.

This hospital is established primarily for seaman and their families based in Davao City and throughout Mindanao. Truly this is another landmark for our city as it will bring free health services (from tooth extraction to major operations for free) to our overseas workers and their families who are part of the 85,000 general membership of the Associated Marine Officers and Seamen's Union of the Philippines (AMOSUP).

At the helm of this state-of-the-art hospital is Captain Gregorio S. Oca and I congratulate him for his visionary leadership of AMOSUP. Capt. Oca has established two very important pillars of welfare benefits for its members.

The first pillar is EDUCATION and TRAINING embodied by the Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific. And the second being HEALTH CARE and MEDICAL SERVICES, through the four Seamen's Hospitals in Manila, Cebu, Iloilo and now right here in our city.

The Seamen's Hospital could serve as an inspiration and as a model for other organizations and even government in mobilizing resources to achieve a noble project.

The hospital is run by competent medical practitioners headed by its hospital administrator Dr. Richard John C. Pecson, Medical Director.

Yesterday, our City Mayor Rodrigo R. Duterte welcomed them to Davao, and today let this august body the City Council welcome and congratulate the GIG OCA Robles the Seamen's Hospital, surely another partner of our city in taking care of the health needs of our people, especially our migrate workers.

Thank you, Madam President.

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