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## GST, medical mission conducted



DA Papa welcomes the training participants (left picture); Mr. de Guia lectures on the manifestations of gender bias (right picture)

A gender sensitivity training (GST) was held last 28 January onboard the BRP PRESBITERO docked in Subic, Olongapo City. The training, which had around 30 participants from the ranks of BRP PRESBITERO and BRP VENTURA, is part of the continuing program of NAMRIA on gender and development (GAD). The conduct of the activity aimed to emphasize the role of men in fighting violence against women (VAW) and to foster advocacy of the NAMRIA commissioned officers and enlisted personnel in the anti-VAW and children campaign.

The Personnel Management and Development Section (PMDS) led by Ms. Agnes Radam spearheaded the GST undertaking. The resource persons were Mr. Donald Caballero, President of MOVE (Men Opposed to VAW Everywhere) Philippines, Inc. and MOVE Incorporator Mr. Reynaldo de Guia. NAMRIA GAD focal person Deputy Administrator Linda Papa gave the welcome remarks.

The training aimed to emphasize the role of men in fighting VAW and covered lectures on sex and gender orientation, gender bias manifestations, VAW issues and concerns, and landmark VAW laws. Other activities were an assessment of training needs, an open forum, and an oath-taking and pinning of white ribbon to advocate GAD and VAW elimination.

BRP PRESBITERO Commanding Officer Cdr. Ildefonso Pascual in his closing remarks said that the conduct of the training enhanced the knowledge of the participants in the advocacy for a VAW-free Philippines.

In other news, the Administrative Division through the Medical and Dental Clinic and the PMDS conducted a medical mission last January 25 onboard the BRP PRESBITERO. The activity aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle and to ensure the wellbeing of the commissioned officers and enlisted personnel on NAMRIA's multidisciplinary vessels. The medical mission included a GlaxoSmithKline lecture on preventable diseases, physical examination, and laboratory procedures. **Xenia R. Andres**



Dr. Juan Jayson Adul examines the officers and crew of BRP PRESBITERO and BRP VENTURA (left picture); The medical mission team in a photo op (right picture)