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## PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS RECORDING A SURPLUS OF USD 17.5 MILLION

Despite the pandemic caused by Covid-19, the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) exceeded financial expectations, obtaining a total collection of USD 81,569,697 from January to May 2021, which represents 27% more than budgeted, resulting in a surplus of USD 17.5 million compared to its budget, which in contrast to last year, means 25% more for that same period.

The income collected by this entity, which provides a service of international scope, in a year marked by a crisis, has shown a positive pathway, making it possible that the AMP complies 100% with its obligations to the national treasury, making a direct contribution to the National Treasury of USD 32.5 million dollars.

It should be noted that maritime services represent one of the highest revenues to the treasury, and this is reflected in the 2,647 million dollars that since 1998, with the creation of the AMP, have been collected by the entity, which has meant a State contribution of 1,673 million for social works in the country.



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## **YOUNG PANAMANIAN WILL TRAVEL TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO STUDY A MASTERS DIRECTED TO THE MARITIME AND LOGISTICS SECTOR**

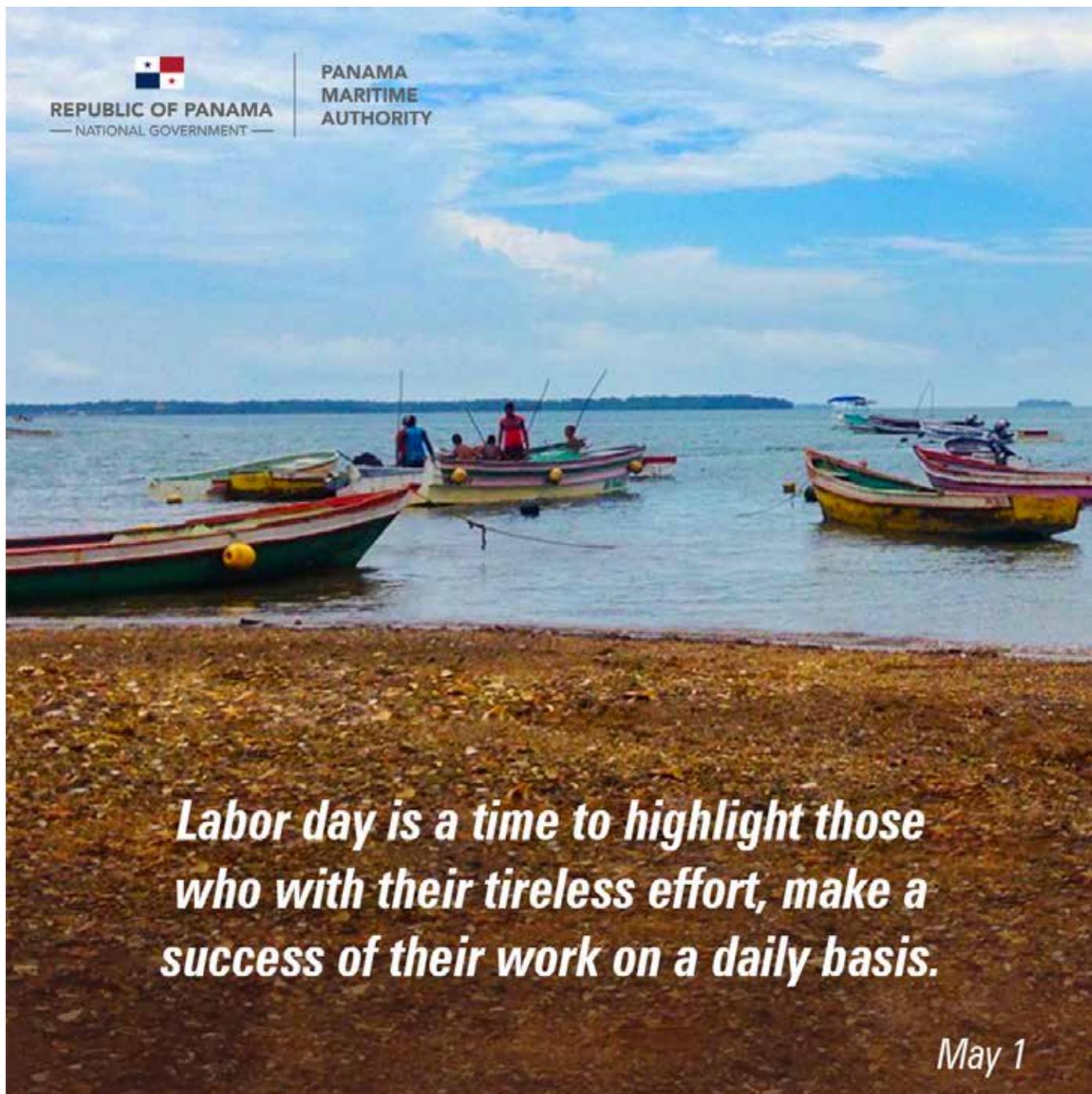
The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) officially presented the 8 scholarship recipients who were selected through the China-Panama maritime scholarship program to take their master's studies at the prestigious Dalian Maritime University, located in Liaoning province, in the People's Republic of China.

They will start their travel to the Asian continent at the beginning of August and were selected after a series of documentary evaluations, on

their abilities, capacities, competences, knowledge, skills, fluency in the English language and performance. The scholarship holders will be studying Master's Degrees in Maritime Engineering, Management and Logistics Engineering, Maritime Law and Administration of Maritime Companies.

The scholarship program, aimed at the completion of master's degrees for two years (2) in the maritime and logistics sector, developed based on the "Memorandum of Understanding on the Implementation of the Maritime Scholarship Program", is an agreement signed between the AMP and the Ministry of Transport of the People's Republic of China.

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## PANAMA REGISTERS THE WORLD'S FIRST BULK CARRIERS POWERED BY LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS

The Panama Ship Registry registered the first bulk carriers in the world powered by liquefied natural gas, by the name HL Green and HL ECO operated by H-Line Shipping, which have a load capacity of 180,000 tons, measuring 292 meters long, 45 meters wide and 24.8 meters high.

The use of liquefied natural gas represents important advantages for ships, among which are fuel savings, engine maintenance, reduction of polluting emissions by up to 90% compared to fuels such as IFO or diesel, as well as better combustion, control and efficiency.

The registration of these vessels under the Panamanian flag responds to several factors, among which stand out, the legal security provided by the Registry as it is backed by a country, 24/7 technical assistance and an attractive incentive scheme to which ships of this type can apply.



## ACTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE AMP ENSURE THAT SEAFARERS ON PANAMANIAN FLAG VESSELS AND THEIR NATIONALS ON FOREIGN FLAGS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

The actions taken to safeguard the labor rights of the eight (8) Panamanian crew members who were on the ship "NISSI COMMANDER I" of the Mongolian Ship Registry, as well as the eighteen (18) crew members of other nationalities who were on board ships belonging to the Panama Ship Registry, came to a good end allowing them to return to their homes alongside their families, with the payment of their owed wages.



Regarding the Mongolian Registry ship, NISSI COMMANDER I, which was anchored in the Bay of Santa Marta, Republic of Colombia, with eight (8) crew members of Panamanian nationality, since 25 January 2021, the date on which the labor complaint was received through the General Consulate of Panama in Barranquilla as well as a note from the Panamanian Association of Marine Officers (APOM), all the necessary steps were taken through diplomatic channels while working in conjunction with the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) to support them as far as the laws and international conventions allow us, since the ship is governed by the laws of its country of registration.

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Likewise, for the GP B1 and GP B2 ships, located in the port of Shajah-Creek, United Arab Emirates (UAE), its captain was advised and carried out meetings with the ship's P&I club, with the FMA-Federal Maritime Authority, and the collaboration of the Ambassador of Panama in the UAE, Ricardo Laviery Chávez, as well as the "The Mission to Seafarers" organization and the ITF, with the purpose of achieving the repatriation of its seafarers.

From both vessels, a total of eighteen (18) national crew members from various countries such as Myanmar, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, and the State of Eritrea were repatriated, in addition the shipowner paid their wages owed.

## AMP AND MITRADEL ESTABLISH TRIPARTITE TABLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF SEAFARERS AND THE MARITIME SECTOR

As part of the commitment carried out by the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) with the maritime sector, the social interlocutor were called to attend the first meeting for the establishment of the



maritime tripartite table, on the occasion of the adoption of the legislation that will apply on board all Panamanian-flagged merchant vessels that navigate in inland waters and vessels engaged in commercial fishing under the Panamanian flag that navigate in inland and international waters.

It has been considered convenient to consult with the most representative organizations of employers and workers in our country to comply with the tripartism standards of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and establish a tripartite social dialogue table whose main task and responsibility is to update the legislation of Decree Law No. 8 of February 26, 1998.

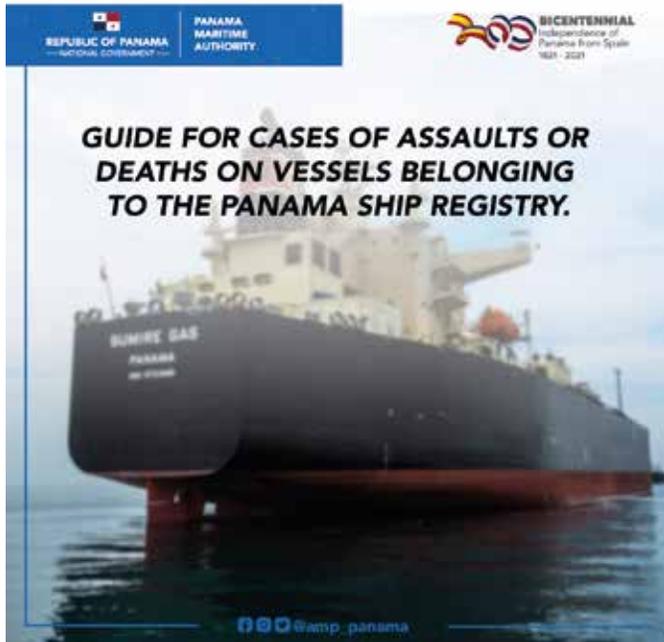
## THE AMP PUBLISHES A GUIDE FOR CASES OF ASSAULTS OR DEATHS ON VESSELS BELONGING TO THE PANAMA SHIP REGISTRY

The General Directorate of Merchant Marine (DGMM), through the Maritime Affairs Investigation Department of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), published the Standard Guide for occurrences aboard Panamanian-flagged vessels, in cases of robbery, sexual assault, natural death, suicide and homicide, in order to guide the crew of these ships in the event of any of the aforementioned situations.

It establishes a series of steps to follow depending on the situation that may arise on board a ship of the Panamanian fleet, among which the following stand out:

- Notification of the incident by the Captain or the Protection Officer (depending on the case) through the format of the ship company, to the email [casualty@amp.gob.pa](mailto:casualty@amp.gob.pa)

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- Upon arrival at the port of destination, the authorities must be notified of what happened and the corresponding complaint should be submitted.
- The case must be reported to the Consulate General of the Republic of Panama in the destination country, so that it can coordinate with the local authorities on the procedure to follow in Panamanian flag vessels.
- The Office of Legal Advice of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), will inform of the event to the Superior Prosecutor for International Affairs of the Public Ministry of Panama.
- The Superior Prosecutor for International Affairs of the Public Ministry, through its investigation, if it has sufficient probative material to initiate a Criminal Process against the alleged aggressor, will contact the local authorities of the destination country, in order to coordinate the status of the same.

- The Prosecutor's Office will coordinate with the Ministry of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Panama, in order to notify the alleged aggressor through the Embassy of his nationality, about the Criminal Process.

- Once the Office of the Prosecutor is aware of the event and initiates the corresponding investigations, the victim can follow up on the case, through the email [ainternacionales@procuraduria.gob.pa](mailto:ainternacionales@procuraduria.gob.pa).

## 11 PANAMANIAN FLAG CRUISES RECEIVE ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION CERTIFICATION

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), through the Segumar International Technical Office in Miami, Florida, granted the annual safety inspection (ASI) certification to eleven Panamanian-flagged vessels operated by Carnival Cruise Line (CCL).

The inspection plan was carried out between October 26, 2020 and April 1, 2021 through a ratified agreement between Carnival Cruise Line (CCL) and the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP).

Annual Safety Inspections (ASI) were performed using the following remote inspection techniques.



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## SECURITY STAFF JOIN EFFORTS TO GUARANTEE SAFETY IN PORT FACILITIES

In order to ensure faithful compliance with the standards on port protection and security, the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) through the General Directorate of Ports and Auxiliary Maritime Industries, held the meeting of the Port Protection Committee (CPP) where representatives of the entities that comprise it participated, such as: National Customs Authority (ANA), Panama Canal Authority (ACP), National Security Council (CSN), National Police of Panama (PN), National Aeronaval Service (SENAN), National Migration Service, National Border Service (SENAFRONT) and Ministry of National Security (MINSE) as a guest.



The objective of these meetings that are held periodically and in which security forces participate is to prevent, control and minimize the effects of incidents or events that affect maritime and port security or that could injure or cause loss of life and / or material damage.

## AUTHORITIES FROM THE AMP MEET WITH PRESIDENT OF THE SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY

The General Director of the Panamanian Merchant Marine, Rafael Cigarruista, representing the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), met with Admiral Osama Rabie, President of the Suez Canal Authority in Ismailia, Egypt to learn about the current situation of the Container Ship "Ever Given".



During the meeting, Cigarruista highlighted the commercial importance of coordinating between the parties, and establishing an approachment between the Panama Maritime Authority and the Suez Canal Authority, in order to reach a joint report and present it to the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

For his part, Admiral Rabie, explained the current legal status of the ship and the crew, highlighting that at this time the ship is under a judicial order of preventive restraint. Likewise, he made an update of the conversations that are taking place with the owner of the ship, in order to reach an unofficial payment solution and be able to free the ship.

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*Panama registers the world's first bulk carriers powered by Liquefied Natural Gas.*



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## BREAKWATER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE PANAMA CRUISE TERMINAL

To all seafarers and users of the maritime spaces near the Amador causeway, be informed of the existence of a breakwater under construction at the Panama Cruise terminal.



Provisionally, cardinal buoys and beacons of special markings have been installed to indicate this construction, therefore, we request seafarers to pass 50 meters to the North of the North Cardinal Buoy located at the North Cardinal position 8 ° 55.253 'N 79 ° 30.858' W

## AMP PROMOTES THE PLACEMENT OF PANAMANIAN SEAFARERS IN VESSELS OF THE PANAMA SHIP REGISTRY

In order to create new job opportunities for Panamanians, the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) issued Resolution ADM No. 017-2021 of February 24, 2021, which grants a discount incentive to shipping companies of up to fifty percent (50%) on the current rate for

technical documentation services for foreign seafarers who work on board ships with Panamanian registration and embark officers and cadets of Panamanian nationality.

The Republic of Panama is focused on promoting the placement, in the international maritime industry, of officers and cadets of Panamanian nationality who have high-level professional training, competitiveness and are at the forefront with the technological demands that guarantee a safe and reliable maritime transport, favoring the image of our country at the level of competence of our seafarers.



Panamanian flag vessels that wish to acquire this discount incentive of up to fifty percent (50%) on the current rate must comply with all the requirements established by the AMP in order to obtain the technical documentation of seafarers or any other required document. To answer questions regarding this issue, please write to the following emails from the General Directorate of Seafarers (DGGM), [labor-mar@amp.gob.pa](mailto:labor-mar@amp.gob.pa)/[cumplimentodggm@amp.gob.pa](mailto:cumplimentodggm@amp.gob.pa)

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