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WE ACHIEVED 38% MORE INCOME THAN IN 2020 THANKS TO OUR STRATEGIC REFOCUSING

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), exceeds financial expectations despite the crisis caused by COVID-19, collecting from January to July of this year USD 110, 831, 597 which represents an increase of 38% in relation to the income of the year 2020 and 35% more than what was budgeted for this year, in the same period.

The strategic refocusing carried out by the Panama Maritime Authority is giving positive results for the institution's finances, seeking efficiency through the modernization of processes, business intelligence, new services, effective collection management, efficient use of resources with actions to save on expenses, among other initiatives.



Thus, as a result of the activities carried out by the entity, the Panama Maritime Authority has made direct contributions to the National Treasury reaching the sum of USD 45.5 million dollars, a figure that represents 100% of the budget until July of present year.

PANAMA RECEIVED ITS FIRST PASSENGER CRUISE OF THE 2021-2022 SEASON

After the authorization of the National Government through Decree No. 829 of August 24, 2021, which allows the embarkation and disembarkation of cruise passengers, mini-cruises, deep draft ships, yachts, mega yachts, yachts for commercial use, among others, on August 26 arrived in our country, the Star Breeze cruise ship of the Windstar Cruises line, which operates small luxury cruises in Europe, the South Pacific, the Caribbean and Central America.



The cruise spent 7 days in our country in the Atlantic and Pacific sector, arriving at authorized islands in Guna Yala, Bocas del Toro, transit through the Canal, and then anchoring near Flamenco Island to continue its journey to Parida Island.

It should be noted that all passengers and crew had a complete vaccination scheme against Covid-19, negative tests and complied with the established rules for entering our country by sea and air.

The cruise ship has a maximum capacity for 312

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passengers and 190 crew members, but due to the pandemic and international restrictions, a maximum of 60% of its total passenger capacity is handled, 98% being US nationals.



The arrival of the first cruise ship to Panama is the product of various meetings led by the Panama Maritime Authority in which the Ministry of Health, National Migration Service, Tourism Authority, Tocumen International Airport, Ministry of Public Security, Authority of Transit and Land Transport, National Authority for Government Innovation and other entities involved in the maritime, port and tourism sectors, participated, guaranteeing the safety of passengers, crew and personnel involved in the operation by complying with all biosafety protocols.

WE CARRY OUT MARITIME LABOR INSPECTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE LABOR RIGHTS OF SEAFARERS

The Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), through the Department of Maritime Labor Affairs, has carried out 132 maritime labor inspections nationally during the first half of 2021, on board internal and international service vessels of the Panamanian registry.

Of the 132 ships inspected, 99 ships did not present deficiencies during the inspection and 33 did present some type of labor deficiency during the inspection.



The main labor deficiencies found during the inspections carried out were: absence of an enrollment contract, lack of enrollment in the social security regime, and wages that do not meet the minimum established by Executive Decree No. 424 of December 31, 2019.

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In addition, 148 labor complaints filed by seafarers have been processed and 11 labor conciliations have been executed, which is an alternative method of conflict resolution that involves a voluntary negotiation procedure between the shipowner, or his representative, and the worker or his representative, to resolve a complaint or request from one of the parties, which does not imply a waiver of rights.

AWARD OF THE OPERATION OF THE BALBOA SHIPYARD

Complying with all the stages of public procurement, for Public Act No. 2021-2-03-0-08-LV-008104, we awarded through Resolution ADM-AL No. 002-2021 of June 30, 2021, to the company Astilleros Puerto de Balboa, S.A., the operation of the Balboa Shipyard for a period of 20 years.

Taking into account that only one bidder, Astilleros Puerto de Balboa, S.A. showed up and met the requirements of the tender documents, obtaining a total of 918.5 points, the commission recommended the award of the public act, taking into consideration that its weighting is not less than 80% of the total points and the price offered is convenient for the State.

Next, the administrative and legal process for the signing of the contract between both parties will begin, which will reach its legal life, once it is endorsed by the General Comptroller of the Republic.



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SHIPPING COMPANIES INTERESTED IN EMBARKING PANAMANIAN SEAFARERS

The Republic of Panama, through the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP), 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 who are at the forefront with the technological requirements that guarantee safe and reliable maritime transport, favoring the image of our country and the competence of our seafarers.

In order to seek new job opportunities, promote knowledge transfer and strengthen existing relationships, the General Directorate of Seafarers (DGGM), held important meetings with internationa-



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lly renowned shipping companies that are interested in embarking Panamanian seafarers such as: Mitsui OSK Lines and Candina Group.

• MITSUI O. S. K. LINES:

The General Director of Seafarers (DGGM), Captain Juan Maltez, the Regional Director of the company MOL Manning Service SA, Sofía Mateu González and the Project Leader of the Maritime Safety Division of the shipping company MITSUI OSK LINES (MOL), Captain Animesh Hore, participated in this meeting.

In this sense, it was possible for the company to agree, for the months of October and November, to offer the opportunity of embarking to Panamanian cadets and officers, because they wish to increase their Panamanian staff on board, which up to now, is composed of by 28 officers and 2 cadets who are finishing their time at sea to obtain the officer's license, for this reason the AMP is executing its role as manager to help realize this valuable job opportunity.

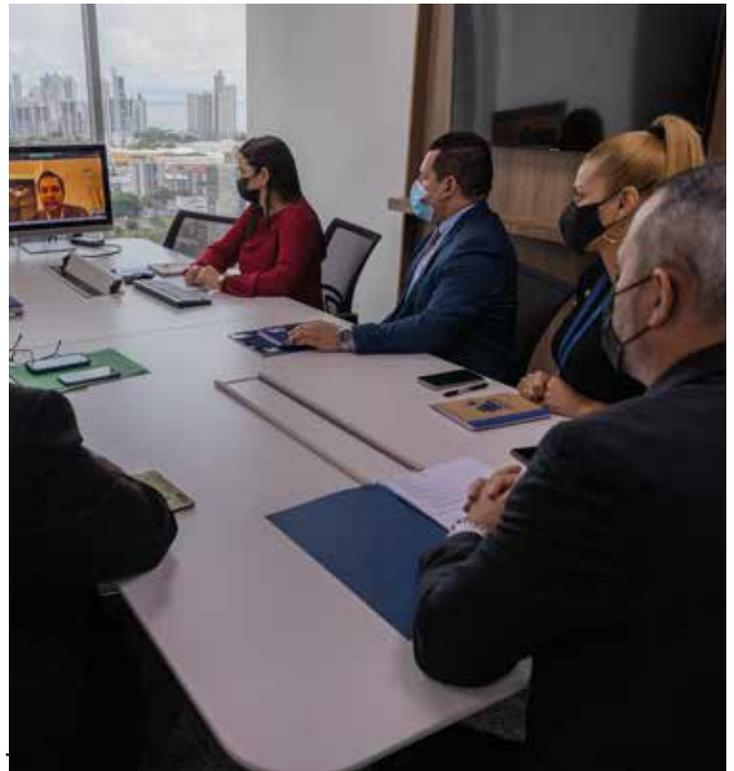
Similarly, it was announced that a cooperation agreement with Japan will soon be signed to establish a bilateral recognition between both countries with respect to rule 1/10 of the STCW agreement, 78 Amended; which will provide Panamanian seafarers the opportunity to embark on Japanese flag vessels.

• CANDINA GROUP:

At the meeting with Candina Group, the future signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the AMP was agreed, through which it is expected to establish a comprehensive cooperation

framework in order to achieve the creation of academic-type actions on board ships and the promotion of job opportunities for Panamanian officers, cadets and junior personnel.

They also offered for next August 27, some 7 work places for Panamanian crew members and for next November they expect to have 50 places for Panamanian junior staff.



These jobs will be managed through the E-SCM Database, which is administered by the Department of Labor Affairs, receiving all the documentation of the applicant or seafarer requesting boarding by email laborintermediation@amp.gob.pa. Once the information received complies with the requirements, it is provided to the shipping companies so that they can carry out the rest of the competence tests that they require.

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WE HOLD THE ANNUAL MEETING WITH RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS (RO) AND RECOGNIZED PROTECTION ORGANIZATIONS (OPR).

The Panama Maritime Authority, regent of the Panama Ship Registry, held its annual meeting with the Recognized Organizations (RO) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSO), which are in charge of the certification and regulatory services of its fleet.

This meeting was held in face-to-face and virtual mode, with the participation of regional and operations managers from the 31 ROs and RSOs who work with the Panamanian administration from different countries in America, Europe and Asia; its main objective being to keep the certification processes and provision of regulatory services aligned with national and international regulations.



At the event, topics related to the statistics of the behavior and performance of the fleet were presented in the different memorandums of understanding (PSC MoU); requirements related to the MLC Con-

vention (2006) and the obligation to maintain current and valid financial guarantees on board required by the different IMO / ILO Codes and Conventions; in addition to measures related to the control and monitoring of the existing fleet, without forgetting to mention issues related to the processes of due diligence and fleet surveillance.



During his participation, the General Director of Merchant Marine, Rafael Cigarruista, made an account of the Reengineering and Modernization Program of the Panama Ship Registry, highlighted the advances in technology, statistical data of value for the participants, in matters of fleet conformation, type of ships and division between newly built and existing ships. He also provided data on maritime incidents and accidents, which represents a priority issue for this administration.

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THE MARITIME AUTHORITY OF PANAMA SUPPORTS BUDGET FOR 2022

The Administrator of the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) Noriel Araúz, supported before the Budget Commission of the National Assembly (AN), the budget for the fiscal year 2022, for the sum of USD 187, 179,167 million dollars.

During his presentation, Administrator Araúz explained that this budget includes USD 100 million as a contribution to the Central Government for social works, USD 10,443,900 for transfers to the Maritime University of Panama (UMIP), International Maritime Organization (OMI), Central American Commission of Maritime Transport (COCATRAM) among others, while USD 46,752,067 corresponds to the rest of the operating items and USD 29,983,200 will be allocated to investment projects, the main focus of which is to complete port infrastructure projects, modernization and equipment of the institution, dock maintenance program and navigation aids, among others.

The Administrator of the governing entity of the national and international maritime activities of the Republic of Panama, Noriel Araúz highlighted, the contribution that this institution makes to the Panamanian state, given that the AMP is self-sufficient, since it generates its own income for its international services with 52% and 48% of services rendered locally.

The Administrator Araúz was accompanied by the different directors and advisory body of the institution who had the opportunity to expand on some of the technical questions made by the honorable deputies, thus making it clear that the resources requested will guarantee the services that need to be provided to the national population and the global maritime sector.

It should be noted that the Panama Maritime Authority is a public company that provides a service of international quality and is among the government institutions that contribute the most to the country since its income comes mainly from the registration of ships, seafarers, port concessions, among others.



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