



ADOPT A SHIP

Bridging the gap between the
Maritime Community and Children



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International Maritime Organization (IMO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is responsible for the safety and security of international shipping and prevention of marine pollution from ships.

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HISTORY

- Adopt A Ship program was initiated by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber in 2006.
- In 2017, the program expanded its coverage to include Seafarers and Students from the Philippines, India, Poland and Greece.
- In 2019, more than 30,000 Children participated globally in this program.



Adopt A Ship Philippines 2023

objectives :

- to offer a **FREE**, fun, effective and useful program that will provide **Educational Benefits** and **Maritime Professional Career Opportunities** for elementary school students to begin the process of increasing the students' awareness of seafarers, shipping, maritime community and the important role they play in the quality of life for everyone on the planet.
- to promote **gender diversity** within the maritime industry by encouraging and enhancing the representation of women in roles that have been traditionally dominated by men and to foster inclusivity and equal opportunities across all sectors of the maritime community.



objectives :

- to bridge the gap between the Maritime Industry and Educators by bringing Seafarers and elementary students together, offering an active , effective and enjoyable learning experience that imparts real-world insights into geography, culture, commerce, teamwork, leadership and shipping.
- Adopt A Ship to become a “teaching tool” that will become a permanent part of the curriculum in every school



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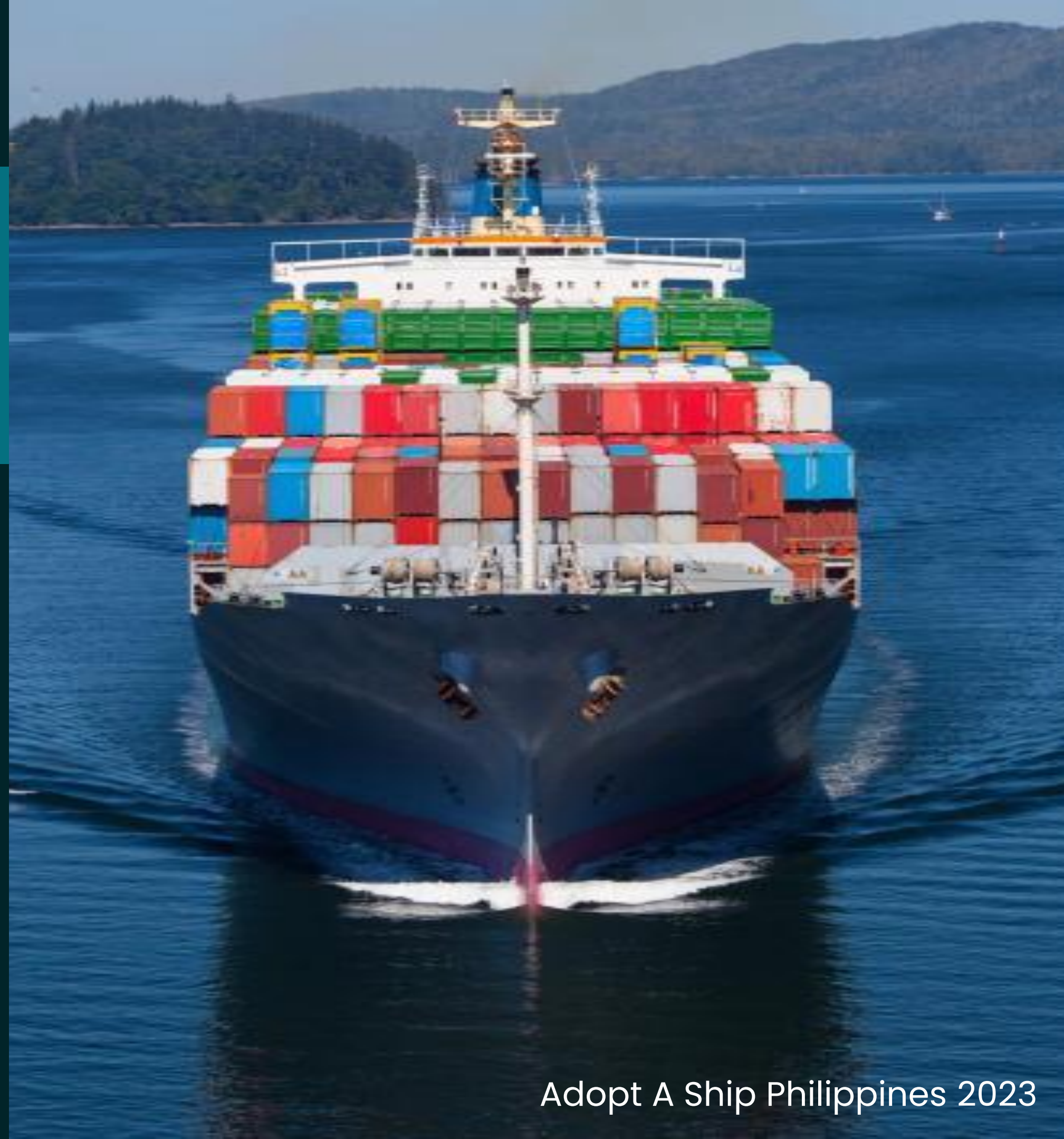
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why do Children need to learn and be aware of shipping?

Shipping is :

- essential for global trade
- major source of employment
- essential for global economy



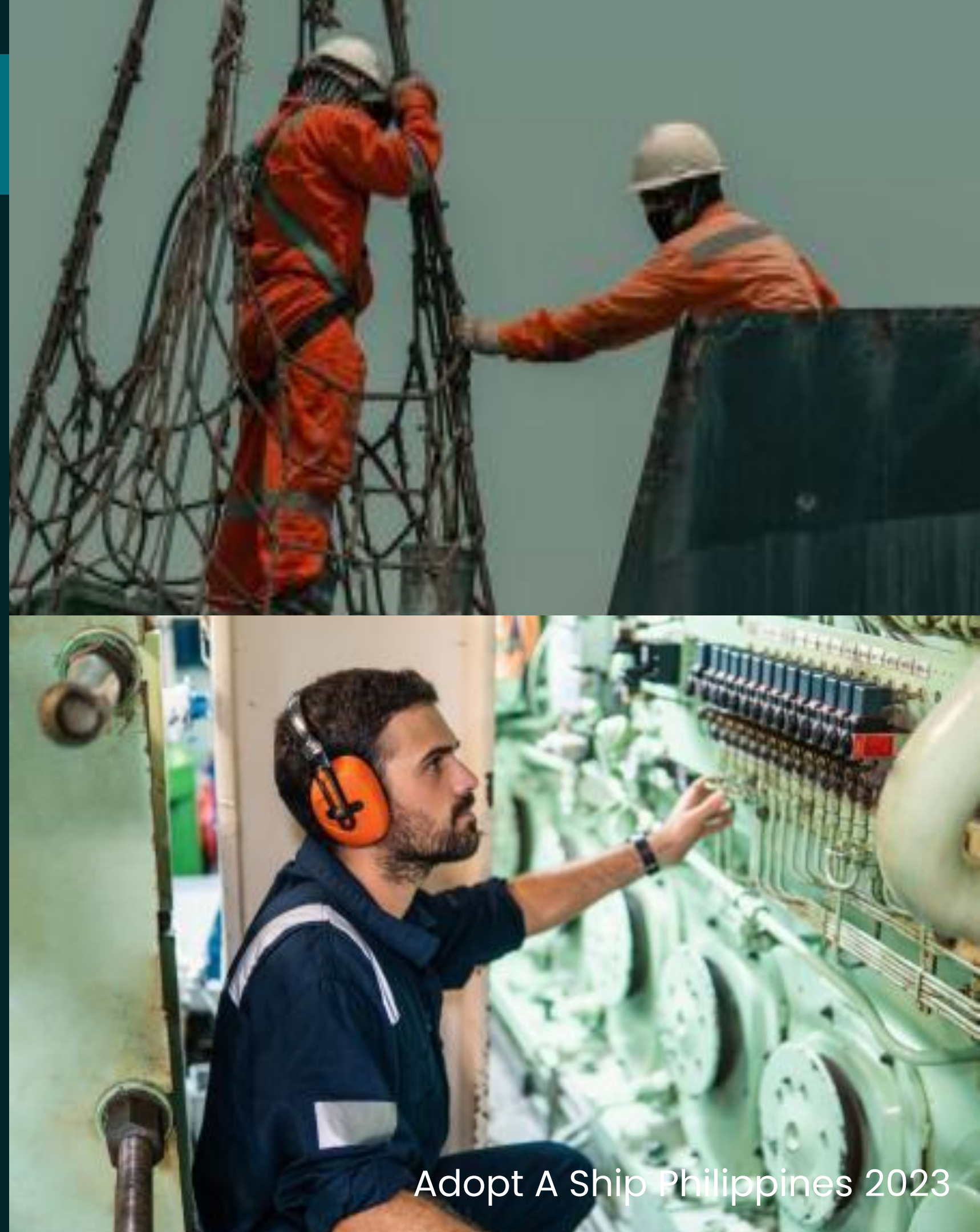
essential for global trade

- Shipping industry is one of the oldest industries that continues to play an important role in our modern society.
- in ancient times and even up to this day people have been sending and receiving goods by **sea**.
- about **95%** of global trade roughly **11 billion tons** by volume are transported by sea annually.
- almost everything we need today is being brought to us by ship.



major source of employment

- more than **2 million** seafarers are employed onboard ship globally according to IMO. About **20 million** interfaced with shipping industry as shore-based staff, port workers, ship builders and marine engineers.
- taking advantage of our geographical condition and location, the Philippines is an archipelago and is surrounded by waters. Shipping has been an important means of transporting goods nationwide, connecting our islands for better development and to facilitate a progressive trading that's vital to our nation's building
- the Philippines is the number one maritime labor producing country.
- a high percentage of international Seafarers are Filipinos.



essential for global economy

- Shipping industry is crucial to the existence of global economy.
- Seafarers are one of those groups of essential workers who work 24/7, keeping local and international trade & commerce moving safely
- Shipping kept our economy afloat especially in the height of the pandemic, thru the remittances the Seafarers sent home to their families



Possible “Solution” to Major Challenge

While shipping benefits everyone across the globe, this fact often goes unnoticed. Seafarer is among the professions frequently overlooked by the general public.

Objective data proves that Adopt A Ship helps to increase the awareness of, and appreciation for, the Maritime Community, especially our Seafarers



what is Adopt A Ship?

The “Adopt A Ship” program is a **FREE** program, it is **fun** and **useful teaching resource** tool that aims to educate the children about **Maritime Awareness**, fundamental aspects of **geography** and **gender diversity**. This **10 weeks** program will be integrated in the Araling Panlipunan (Social Studies) subject of Grades 4–6 students.



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how does the basic "adopt a ship" operates?

- the program involves a ship's officer (usually a Captain) assigned to each Teacher of Elementary School Children.
- Each Teacher will communicate with a Seafarer onboard thru email once a week.
- Through this communication the students will get to learn the particulars of the ship, daily activities and life of a seafarer onboard, cargo that ship carry, trading pattern, geography or any information that they will ask or request.



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- the Students will get to ask 3 questions once a week through the help of their Teacher who will send the questions to the Captain and briefly explain the answers to the Students.
- the students will be given a **FREE 2x3 meter world map** that they will use to track the movement & location of their "Adopted Ship"





SHIP OFFICER

- Communicates with the school/Teacher **once a week thru email.**
- Answers the 3 questions of the children **once a week thru email.**
- Coordinate with the Adopt A Ship Coordinator / Company office for concerns and progress reporting.

TEACHER



- Is responsible for the **communication**.
- The **middle person** between the ship and the classroom.
- Communicates with the ship **once a week**.
- **Coordinate** with the AAS Coordinator for concerns and progress reporting.

adopt a ship recognition

The galleon ships and painted bottles crafted by students from Rosario Complex Elementary School in San Pedro, Laguna as part of their Adopt a Ship activity, garnered recognition from notable figures in the Maritime Industry, including the President of the Philippines: Pres. Ferdinand Marcos Jr. Galleon ships and painted bottles were also showcased at various maritime events and garnered attention in numerous publications and social media platforms.

PRES. FERDINAND MARCOS JR..

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A stylized graphic of a ship's hull and superstructure. The hull is a large teal trapezoid with the word 'ACTIVITIES' in white. The superstructure consists of a white rectangular section with two black rectangular windows, and a smaller black rectangular section on top with a teal horizontal bar.

ACTIVITIES

PLAN

Meeting and Presentation of AAS to the Principal / Teacher / Orientation

ASSIGN

List of teachers participating to the program

List of the available ships/ officers

Logo of the institution

IMPLEMENTATION

Opening / Closing Program

Pre-Test / Post-Test for the students

Giving of Maps

10- week email exchange

Reporting and coordination / Communication

MONITOR/ FEEDBACK

Weekly progress report of the coordinator

Data gathering / End report

Feedback / Communication