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# STEERING TOWARDS SUCCESS

CAPT. CHARLES BERCASIO, THE FIRST FILIPINO "K" LINE LNG FLEET MASTER, SAILS US BACK TO HIS INSPIRING CADET-TO-CAPTAIN JOURNEY



Happy 2016!

Indeed, we have many reasons to welcome this year with glee and gratitude, starting with "K" Line's Sr. Managing Executive Officer Capt. Eiji Kadono's visit to KLMA, and the Maritime Industry Authority's organizational updates for the improvement of its service, all the way to Rayomar's new housing project, as well as the upgrading of "K" Line's and Ventis' healthcare program, to name a few. We shed light on all of these in this year's maiden issue of The Bridge.

This issue also takes pleasure in knowing that our people continuously strive to strike work-

life balance, as evident in the Ventis employees' company excursion, and the various sports and recreational activities that our seafarers engage in while on board.

Most importantly, this issue proves that we are truly in for a great start as we highlight Capt. Charles Bercasio, the first Filipino master of the Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. ("K" Line) LNG fleet, in our cover story.

Here's to hoping that 2016 will continue to give us more reasons to be thrilled and thankful!

Have a blissful and blessed year to us all!

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TRAILBLAZER EXTRAORDINAIRE**

Much like the oceans they traverse, the seafaring sphere is vast and undulating, and mariners who would want to survive, or more so, stand out from its waves of challenges and competitions must completely anchor their careers on passion, perseverance, and patience. This is what Capt. Charles Bercasio, the first Filipino to rise up to the masters' ranks in the distinguished "K" Line LNG fleet, has proven. This issue pays tribute to his monumental feat and traces back the road to his (and the Philippine seafaring industry's) success.

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