



## **IRI/The Republic of the Marshall Islands Registry Celebrates One-Year Anniversary of Manila, Philippines Office**

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International Registries, Inc. and its affiliates (IRI), who provide administrative and technical support to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Maritime and Corporate Registries, celebrated today the first anniversary of the opening of its Manila office. The RMI Registry is the third largest registry in the world, surpassing 138 million gross tons and 3,956 vessels at the end of October 2016.

The newest seafarer documentation office provides Filipino seafarers the ability to receive their documents in a timely fashion. Personnel in the office have also participated in seminars within the seafaring community in Manila, particularly with local crewing agents and shipowners. These seminars serve to foster communication and addresses issues of importance to the industry directly with the people they affect.

“As the founding member that started the office from scratch, it’s very rewarding to see how much we have grown and accomplished in the past year,” said Leo Bolivar, Country Manager, IRI Manila. “We are dedicated to our core policy of decentralization that allows us to provide tailor-made services to our customers in the Philippines.”

The Manila office processes around 700 seafarer documents every week, prompting its rapid growth from just four personnel to 12 in its first year, including a full-time Fleet Operations and Technical Officer. IRI’s Manila office is regularly servicing more than two dozen filing agents locally. Coordination between IRI’s Manila, Hong Kong, and Mumbai offices ensures timely documentation production in Asia.

"We are thrilled at the progress and productivity personnel in our newest office here in Manila have shown in such a short period of time," said Captain Robert A. Fay, Senior Vice President, Maritime Operations, IRI Reston. "Leo Bolivar has done a terrific job of assembling a talented staff of knowledgeable professionals and we look forward to providing quality services to our local agents and seafarers for many years to come."