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Philippine Ambassador visits the Austal in Western Australia



Australian and Philippines flags fly high at Austal during the Philippine Ambassador's visit. (07 July 2016) Photo Credit: Austal



Austal CEO David Singleton and Philippine Ambassador Minda Calaguian Cruz discussed Austal's successful operations in Cebu, Philippines. (07 July 2016) Photo Credit: Austal

07 July 2016 – H.E. Minda Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, visited the headquarters of Austal in Henderson on 07 July 2016 as part of her first Official Visit to Western Australia on 04-08 July 2016. Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz was welcomed by Austal CEO Mr. David Singleton joined by Marketing Manager Mr. Paul Sparke and Vice President for Sales and Marketing Mr. Ben Marland.

Austal is a global shipbuilder, defence prime contractor and maritime technology partner with shipyards in Australia, USA and the Philippines. Austal's shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia employs a number of Filipino workers who were described by Austal as exceptionally skillful and hardworking.



Philippine Ambassador Minda Calaguian-Cruz with highly skilled Filipino workers in Austal, Western Australia. (07 July 2016)
Photo Credit: Austal

The Ambassador and her delegation were toured the Austal Australia shipyard and went on-board a 72-m High Speed Support Vessel (HSSV), a multi-mission capable ship which can be operated for military or humanitarian and disaster relief missions. The Ambassador also inspected the Austal Large Crew Transfer Vessel, a 70m offshore crew boat which was constructed jointly by the Austal Philippines and Austal Australia, a testament to the seamless collaboration between Austal headquarters and their shipyard in Balamban, Cebu.



Philippine Ambassador Minda Calaguian-Cruz tours Austal's shipyard in Henderson, Western Australia. (07 July 2016) Photo Credit: Austal



Mr. Singleton said that operations in the Austal shipyard in Balamban, Cebu in the Philippines have been highly successful. Austal had opened their newest shipbuilding and support facilities in Cebu in January 2013 which has now become a center for Austal's commercial ship building operations.

The Ambassador expressed appreciation for Austal's continued confidence in the Philippines as a prime investment location. The Ambassador's visit to Austal concluded her Official Visit to Western Australia which focused on expanding the Philippines' economic diplomacy program. END