

## *A-Book for the seafarers of the future*



Students of the Sto. Rosario National High School (SRNHS) are now set to embark on a unique and enhanced maritime learning journey through the help of PTC and TERP. The initiative was formalized with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by SRNHS Principal III Jayson M. Flores, Capt. Ronald SJ Enrile of PTC's Talent Acquisition Team, and TERP Asia-Pacific Ltd. COO Mr. Mike Esplago.

PTC and TERP believe that open access to these A-books, a combination of conventional maritime books with technological features, will further supplement the learning journey of the 1,343 Grades 7 to 12 students of SRNHS.

SRNHS is the only public high school in Region 3 that offers the Maritime Track for senior HS students.

"We are thankful that PTC and TERP made this happen," said Principal Flores. "I believe that our students are deserving of this huge privilege considering that most of our graduates excel in college. Rest assured that we will monitor this program and will implement this properly so we can share with you our progress report."

Capt. Enrile in turn responded that “Part of PTC’s advocacy is to help maritime students, both from private and public schools, to achieve their dreams not only for themselves but for their families as well. What we hope for is that this initiative is maximized.”

PTC and TERP envision the use of the A-Books will be recommended across all schools in the Philippines. “We encourage our partner schools to collaborate with us in building learning content and to publish books that are made here in the Philippines. This will be a huge stepping stone for our country to be globally recognized as a producer of reliable learning resources, particularly maritime books, that can be used by other countries,” Mr. Esplago added.

The MOA signing was witnessed by Chief Engineer Raul Manlapaz; Ms. Catalina S. Viray, Head Teacher III SRNHS; Mr. Kenneth M. Navarro, Maritime Coordinator, SRNHS; and Capt. Florencio Jampil, Fleet Manager, PTC.



*The SRNHS representatives were also given a briefing on PTC's Project RISE.*