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## ANG BAGONG BAYANI

Captain Augusto Buenaventura, Master of containership HAMBURG Bridge, is declared a Bagong Bayani for Community and Social Service. He accepts the award, with his proud family by his side.

# EDITOR'S NOTE



When Capt. Augusto Buenaventura and his crew aboard the HAMBURG Bridge made the critical, life changing decision to save the migrants in distress, they were simply doing their duty not just as seafarers, but as humanitarians—all they wanted to do was to be of service to others. Their act of kindness and bravery, while they weren't looking for fame or recognition, brought exactly that, and to Capt. Buenaventura in particular—now hailed as a Bagong Bayani, and we, his Ventis

family, cannot be more proud of him being given this prestigious award.

And while we do talk about Capt. Buenaventura's new award in the cover story, we do not forget the small acts of heroism and bravery that happen everyday—the ones we usually take for granted, but are nonetheless heroic, if you stop to think about it. Showing up and participating in a fun run, like those who attended the annual FAME Fun Run, could be considered as everyday heroes, because they went out to participate in order to give to a good cause. The daily struggles and triumphs of Ms. Meriam Prudente, wife of a seafarer and mother, may not be sailing the high seas and saving refugees, but the care and love that she gives to not just her family, but to those around her, is also an act of heroism.

Let's open our eyes to these everyday acts of bravery, and our days will be much better for it.

**Cristeta Torres-Bacolod**

WELFARE OFFICER



#### ABOUT THE COVER

Capt. Augusto Buenaventura, photographed along with his family, received the award for Bagong Bayani 2018 for Community and Social Service last June 7, 2018. He and his crew saved a boatload filled with refugees last April 24, 2016, making it more than two and a half years since it's happened—but good deeds such as this deserve to be remembered and celebrated.

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## TEDORIGAWA

Date of Build: 3rd December 2015  
Type of Vessel: Crude Oil Carrier  
Class: ABS  
IMO No.: 9805099  
Flag: Panama  
Gross Tonnage: 161,483 Tonn  
Engine: KAWASAKI-MAN B&W 7G80ME-C9.5 (23,670 kW/18,420 kW)



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## TONEGAWA

Date of Build: 24th December 2015  
Type of Vessel: Crude Oil Carrier  
Class: NK  
IMO No.: 9802188  
Flag: Japan  
Gross Tonnage: 160,057 Tonn  
Engine: Mitsui-MAN B&W 7G80ME-C9.5 (24,100kW/20,255 kW)

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