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“Salamat, Usec. Boy!”



Management Services Group (MSG) Undersecretary Ireneo Vizmonte poured out his heart in thanking the DTI Family for his illustrious government service in his heartfelt speech during a hybrid special flag-raising ceremony on 18 September 2023 at the DTI main building

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) held a special flag-raising ceremony to give a toast to outgoing **Management Services Group (MSG) Undersecretary Ireneo V. Vizmonte's** illustrious government service on 18 September 2023 at ground floor of the DTI Main Building.

Organized by the Office of the Undersecretary for Management Services Group (OUMSG), the eventful morning highlighted Usec. Vizmonte's notable contributions in the Department. The simple yet meaningful event spotlights his successful government stint starting with the International Coffee Organization Certifying Company (ICOCA), to the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA), then Finance Management Service (FMS), and culminating at MSG.

In his speech, USec. Vizmonte, popularly known as USec. Boy thanked his MSG family for its valuable support especially in noteworthy projects he had undertaken when he was MSG Undersecretary.

“As mentioned earlier, the infancy and the end of my career are not just end-to-end points which I can call bookend; rather, many of the books and pages that make up my career in the government. When I was younger, I learned the value of hardwork and commitment which I learned to embrace in every aspect of my life and career,” USec. Boy said.

On the same note, **Finance Service (FS) Director Ma. Asuncion H. Cruzada** underscored her experiences working with him and how he exemplified **passion for service excellence**.

“Today, more than 30 years of service, after all those humble beginnings in the DTI, USec. Boy has shown that he is really a man of integrity, vision, values, and to most of us, an inspiration,” Director Cruzada said.

At a glance, Usec. Boy recalled his stint in ICOCA where he has been a part of the negotiation and implementation of the International Coffee Agreement entered into by the Philippines with other countries. He noted that as much as he enjoys drinking coffee, he is as well passionate in promoting the country’s coffee export across the globe.

Further, he briefly recalled his experiences in Cagayan Export Zone Authority’s (CEZA) green development project in Cagayan Province. He noted that despite the limitations experienced by CEZA during those times, the Freeport was able to attract a sizable amount of investment for the country.

Fast forward to his DTI career starting from his directorial stint in FMS to being MSG Undersecretary, he underscored that hard work begets respect and proper reward. He also encouraged everyone to embrace the *Panunumpa ng Lingkod Bayan* wholeheartedly for this encompasses one’s integrity, commitment, and passion.

In closing, the outgoing Undersecretary took the opportunity to thank each of the officials and employees he worked with.

The special flag raising was joined by various offices and bureaus from the Head Office and over 900 online participants via Zoom.



MSG Officials gathered with Usec. Ireneo V. Vizmonte (center) to pose for one last time before the Undersecretary takes his final leave with the Department. ([L-R] Human Resource and Administrative Service MSG-HRS) Director Joel R. Cruz, Planning Management Service (PMS) Director Robert T. Arceo, Finance Service (FS) Director Ma. Asuncion H. Cruzada, and Information Systems Management Service (ISMS) Director Rolando T. Medrano.

You may view all the photos here: [Flag Ceremony - 18 Sept 2023](#)