

A Proposal to Enhance Cultural and Language Awareness in the Training Ships

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1. Introduction

The university training ships are hosts to different nationalities of cadets from neighboring countries in the region. This last school year, 2016, alone they have trained foreign cadets from the Philippines, China, Taiwan, and lately Vietnam. This endeavor is very important because it will develop many constructive outcomes to the university and particularly, to the Korean cadets - most specifically on language and cultural development, enhance the university's influence in the maritime world, introduce Korean culture and education to foreign professionals.

2. The Proposals

This paper proposes the following recommendations to enhance and develop cultural awareness onboard the training ship:

- a. Assigning dedicated room/space for reading, studying and inter-acting with each other in a free-talking environment.
- b. Providing a dedicated LIBRARY that contains the following materials in English language:
 - i. Culture and Life of the different countries in the region, example: Famous sites, food, activities of these countries
 - ii. Whole-some movies - animated, drama, social or

historical stories, etc. - that do not tackle on historical and cultural sensibilities.

- iii. Collecting and/or subscribing to English maritime magazines and/or other reading materials conducive to motivate students to read and understand the world and its cultures.
- c. Conduct INTER-CULTURAL ACTIVITIES like games, shows and contests. recommended that focus also on other cultures.

3. The Significance of the Study

The effects of these endeavors are long-lasting, positive and vital in the contemporary maritime environment: business and personal life.

It also cultivates the person's strength though training - psychologically, physically, mentally, intellectually and morally as a matured and thinking citizen.

The most significant objective is to develop the university as a major player in maritime environment and a center of excellence in maritime education.

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