

## "FACEMASK AND HANDWASHED EVERY DAY, IT KEEPS COVID AWAY" MV Lowlands Beacon, 11.05.20

IMO, International Maritime Organization, stated in an IMO industry meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, that Crew changes is the biggest challenge for shipping. The situation has resulted in crewmembers having extended their time onboard, but also makes it equally challenging for the crewmembers that have a delayed engagement and are eager to get back onboard. Therefore, it is with great gratitude seeing that the main airport in the Philippines, Ninoy Aquino, is partially reopening today, 11th May, after 8 days of close down. The reopening for inbound international chartered and commercial flights is limited to overseas Filipinos and there are around 40.000 Filipino seafarers waiting to get home after expired contracts. UMMS is meeting great enthusiasm and cooperation with the crews onboard for the about 40 vessels in our fleet and we thank them all and today especially the crew on MV Lowlands Beacon for this nice picture. Continue to take all safety precautions - we will get there one day within short and Together we sail...

