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## Christmas Party in Manila

The Annual Meiji Seafarers and Family Christmas Party was held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. This year, under the influence of Covid-19, it was the first “Virtual Party” to connect online. It was a good Christmas present for the families who live far away from each other, as they were able to connect "live" with the people working on the ship. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the crews of three vessels (Capricorn Moon, Bulk Aries, and YM Summit) for their contribution to maritime rescue operations. The Seamen of the Year Award (SOYA), which is usually held in April but had to be postponed due to COVID-19, has also been announced during the event. A letter of appreciation to the seafarers, a long term service commendation for each seafarer, and an annual award for seafarers in each position were given, and video speeches were given by the Master of the year (2 names) and C/E of the year (2 names), respectively. In the latter half of the party, an online quiz game and a lottery for gifts using a randomizer were held and it was very exciting. We are grateful that more than 400 people have participated in this party and provided many Christmas gifts.

