



# BIMP-EAGA

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM-INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES  
EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA

**BIMP-EAGA PRESENTS**



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# ALESON SHIPPING LINES

- Main port of call is Zamboanga City.
- Also covers Dapitan, Dumaguete, Jolo, Basilan and Tawi-Tawi.
- 1994: President Fidel V. Ramos spearheaded an economic and trade relations with the country's neighbors, which started the establishment of the BIMP-EAGA.
- ALESON MV Danica Joy 1 – Pioneer vessel that sailed the route of Zamboanga City and Sandakan Port, Malaysia.
- Danica Joy 1 was upgraded to Danica Joy 2 to sail the route once a week. During her off-Sandakan route, also sails the Zamboanga-Jolo route.
- Always filled with traders, cargoes and deportees.
- Vessel upgraded into MV Antonia to cater to more passengers and provide better facilities for comfort.

# ALESON

## SHIPPING LINES, INC.



# ALESON SHIPPING LINES

- Zamboanga City – Sandakan Route: Vessel caters to traders and visitors.
- Transport seasonal goods such as seaweeds, mangoes etc.
- ALESON is the only company legally compliant with government regulations.
- Government agencies such as the Bureau of Immigration, Philippine Ports Authority and the Philippine Military are involved to ensure safety, provision of proper documents and monitoring of cargoes.
- 1999: Company expanded into containerized cargoes. § Addition of new and bigger cargo vessels – Con-Carriers.
- Serve the ports of Manila, Cebu, Bacolod, Kalibo, Dipolog, Dumaguete and Zamboanga.
- 2004: Acquired first fast craft MV Seajet.
- Presently, Aleson operates a fleet of 38 vessels and a major shipping operator in Western Mindanao.



Collection of Petersen Lim and  
Co-Founder Albritz Michelle  
SS Zamboanga

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# Involvement in BIMP EAGA

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- Started as a humanitarian cause by my grandfather with his strong commitment to pursue sea-connectivity in the region.
- Requested by the government to cater to the Zamboanga-Sandakan route via BIMP-EAGA.
- Operated at a loss for several years but stuck with commitment for humanitarian reason and BIMP EAGA vision.
- Through the years, Aleson became a key contributor to economic activity.

# Involvement in BIMP EAGA

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- BIMP-EAGA helped facilitate trade and provided opportunities for the business to expand.
- The BIMP-EAGA promotes good governance.
- Aleson works closely with various government agencies and stakeholders from the different countries to improve sea connectivity and ensure unity of plans of the BIMP-EAGA.



# INTERNATIONAL ROUTE







ALESON










# Deportees Mission during pandemic

## RETURNING OVERSEAS FILIPINOS MISSION

ATM: The 5th batch of 400 Returning Filipinos from Sabah arrived this afternoon in Zamboanga City Port through the assistance of the government. They will depart to their respective provinces after profiling.

#BeInformed #EmpoweringCommunities




 **Ministry of Social Services and Development - BARMM**  
10h • 🌐

**Second batch of Filipinos return from Sabah**

The second batch of 393 Returning Filipinos from Sabah (REFS) arrive... See More



PIA.GOV.PH  
**393 returning Pinoys from Sabah arrive in ZC, all COVID19-free - DSWD**

 **Regional Ports Management Authority - BARMM**

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**PORT SITUATION:** One hundred seventy (170) Returning overseas filipino (ROF's) arrive Yesterday July 31, 2020 at Port of Bongao, Tawi-Tawi from Sabah, Malaysia

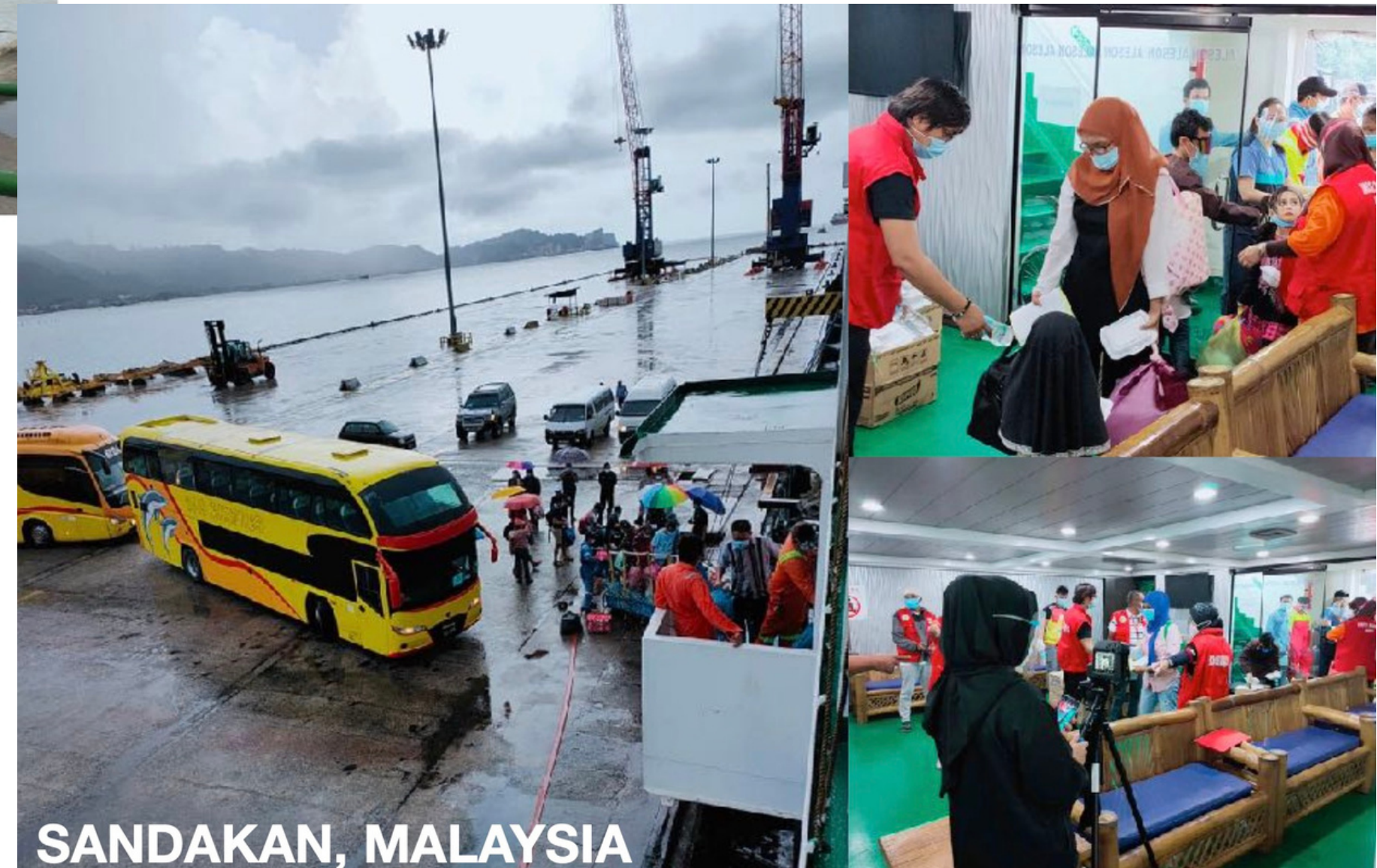




# Deportees Mission during pandemic



***“The transport industry’s imperative is keeping people safe, while keeping food and other goods moving in service to society,”  
- Margi Van Gogh***



**SANDAKAN, MALAYSIA**



# Challenges

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## Sailing Facts

- Have been sailing servicing the sector Zamboanga – Sandakan for 25 years or since BIMPEAGA incepted
- No major security nor safety issues reported during the 25 years sailing period.
- Carried passengers and cargo across EAGA more than any other services and benefited traders in the process.
- MV Antonia1 is a replacement new vessel of increased passengers and cargo capacity after serving for 20 over years



# Challenges

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- Since 2018, IMO imposed whilst renewing certificates and licences, as of September 2019 MV Antonia 1 was placed at drydock for servicing and regular maintenance.
- 30th November 2019, MV Antonia 1 called and approved to sail back to Sandakan but only to collect deportees. No common passenger nor cargo allowed.
- Since deportees mission started. There has no reported casualties.

# RECOMMENDATIONS -IMO

- The new vessel will be a newly constructed ship and will be ready by year 2025
- On the investment of Antonia-1, BEBC opines the authorities should consider their services of 25 years and its contribution to the EAGA region.
- Whence BEBC hopes for special case for this particular sector only that the Antonia-1 (cargo & passengers) allowed continue to sail until end of year 2025.
- Security & Sovereignty is not to be compromised whence we seek the wisdom of the TMM for a unilateral bilateral arrangement made to this effect.



**DIGITIZATION**

**Skeleton Workforce**

**Restricted Movements**

**Supply Chain**

**Lockdown**

**50% passenger capacity**

**Travel Ban**

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**





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**THANK  
YOU &  
KEEP  
SAFE.**