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## **Conducting Research: Experiences, Challenges, and Benefits towards Institutional Development Activities in the Private Maritime University, Philippines**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study determined the different experiences, challenges, and benefits of institutional development programs in the private maritime university in the Philippines. The qualitative method was employed in this study to capture the qualitative results of the marine officers who want to become “marine researchers” towards institutional activities which would enhance their research capability. The respondents were the ten (10) marine engineers who were teaching professional subjects for quite a several years. The results highlighted that the experiences, challenges, and benefits of conducting research among marine engineers contributed to the development of institutional activities such as the following: research capability seminar-workshops, attendance at national, and international research conferences, and “research-mentoring with senior researchers” in the private maritime university in the Philippines.

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