



Welcome onboard, Capt. Zainal Akbar!

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Maritime Pilots Malaysia, MPM is pleased to announce the appointment of **Capt. Zainal Akbar bin Abdul Samad** as its **Honorary Advisor in Maritime Affairs**.

Capt. Zainal Akbar, who is one of the distinguished maritime icon in Malaysia, who mastered decades of experiences and exposures both in maritime education and corporate portfolio, has been identified by the Board of Executive Council as the ideal selection amongst the top few nominees.

Assuming the portfolio as the Honorary Advisor, Maritime Affairs, Capt. Zainal Akbar is expected to advise the Board of Executive Council on matters related to maritime affairs including but not limited to the roles adopted by MPM in its national and international agendas, correlation and strategic collaboration of MPM with Ministry of Transport and Governmental agencies and education and training program that exemplified maritime pilots professionalism in Malaysia.

According to the President and Chairman of Maritime Pilots Malaysia, Capt. Martin Lim CM, the appointment of Capt. Zainal Akbar was an important approach taken by the Board of Executive Council to facilitate MPM in executing its function and objectives effectively.

He reiterated further that, it is particularly critical to strengthen and improve the functionality capacity of all its ExcOs and every appointed professional members who has been assigned with respective task, while anticipating high expectation from the Government of Malaysia and its diversities of agencies, including maritime stakeholders like Port Operators and maritime related service providers. *"The roles of MPM as a National organisation that exert representation of maritime pilots professionalism, that is essential to the maritime industry, must be fulfilled, observed and assessed at all times"*.



Capt. Martin Lim CM presenting the Certificate of Appointment to Capt. Zainal Akbar bin Abdul Samad, to commemorate his official appointment as MPM Honorary Advisor in Maritime Affairs at Shell Refinery Port Dickson.