

## President's New Year Address - 2018

December month was a no-no month for appointments or meetings as many of us in the pilotage fraternity, as well as companies associated with shipping took the opportunity to make a break-away with family members during the school holidays.

I hope you and family members did enjoyed the holidays and is now fully charged; geared for another exciting year ahead. May 2018 brings you achievements, happiness and health!



In the year 2018, MPM will continue to establish new partnership with potential organization as outlined in the **Strategic Collaboration and Partnership** (SCP) program as well as fostering and improvise communication and co-operation with existing organizations.

**Continuous Professional Development** (CPD) for the maritime pilots in Malaysia is equally important. Whereas, the *International Maritime Pilots Organization* (IMO), which MPM has been associated with since its establishment, as well as the declarations in the *Bali Declaration* (Malaysia is a signatory countries), further promulgated the synergized effort in elevating the standard of the pilotage profession to meet the demand of maritime safety and protection of public and the environment.

The development clouding the **Voluntary Pilotage Service** (VPS) in the Straits of Malacca which required intensified academic and practical qualification, will ride-off the opportunity for many Malaysian's maritime pilots who wish to embarked to be a **SOMS** (Straits of Malacca & Singapore) pilots.

SOMS pilotage is indeed potential to create more job opportunity to the fraternity as well as mariners who wish to embark on pilotage. In addition, it is an important agendas adopted by **Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore**. MPM as a maritime pilots professional organization is poised to put focus in SOMS as its deemed beneficial to its members; so much crucial to support the government of Malaysia.

In order to meet these challenges, MPM has begun to dialog with potential training institutes, Marine Department of Malaysia and maritime stakeholders in the country; of the possibility of facilitating special courses which deemed to enhance the academic qualification as well as standardize training framework of maritime pilots in the country. I strongly believed this is an important approach to put the profession in the front line while supporting the ever demanding maritime and shipping industry in the country and globally.

The **World Maritime Week** which is expected to be celebrated in the month of **August 2018**, MPM is poised to continue with the **National Maritime Awards** (NMA), through collaboration and dependency with the Ministry of Transport Malaysia and its maritime agency; Marine Department of Malaysia.



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Our core subject in NMA will see the presentation of awards to maritime pilots who has accomplished outstanding professional achievement and well as individuals who had contributed immensely to the development and sustainability of the maritime and shipping industry.

I hope you have a good insight of the activities that bound to be carried out by MPM and agreeable that they are beneficial and return great advantages to our beloved organization and the fraternity.

Before I end this address, on behalf of the MPM's Executive Council Members, would like to take this opportunity to wish you;

**HAPPY NEW YEAR.**  
**May 2018, Brings You Lifetime Achievements, Happiness and Health!**

Thank you and Salam Sejahtera!

Yours faithfully,

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