<u>REPORT</u>

MARITIME PILOTS MALAYSIA (MPM) COURTESY VISIT TO MARINE HEADQUARTERS, MARINE DEPARTMENT MALAYSIA.

PORT KLANG, 02nd March 2023 (Thursday) – The Maritime Pilots Malaysia (MPM) chairman, Capt. Martin Lim together with Executive Committee (EXCO) members paid a courtesy visit to the Director – General of Marine, YBhg Capt. Mohammad Halim Bin Ahmed in his office at Marine Headquarters in Port Klang.



MARDEP Director General, YBhg Capt. Halim in conversation with MPM Chairman, Capt. Martin Lim and MPM advisor Capt. Ts. Zainal Akhbar.



From Left; Tn Norjipin bin Saidi, Capt. Rosli Ahmad, Tn Haji Baharuddin bin Zakaria, YBhg Capt. Halim, Capt. Martin Lim, Capt.Ts. Zainal Akhbar, Capt. Salleh Salikin, Capt. Muhammad Rahman & Capt. Sujendravel Letchumanan

Various matters were jointly discussed by both parties in the meeting. Among them involved bilateral strategic cooperation between MPM and Marine Department Malaysia (MARDEP) in the development of Malaysia maritime and shipping industry as well as pending issues raised by MPM during previous engagement with MARDEP.

- 1. Unification of Training Syllabus for Maritime Pilots in Malaysia.
- 2. Enhance Safety and Security Role of Maritime Pilots, close collaboration with MARDEP and KDN (Kementerian Dalam Negeri).
- 3. MPM representation support Port State Investigation related to Pilotage.
- 4. MPM representation in 7 Federal Ports Pilotage Committee.
- 5. Licensing of Straits of Malacca and Singapore Deep Sea Pilots-for safety, security and profession competitiveness.

YBhg Capt. Mohammad Halim Bin Ahmed, Director General of Marine assures his full commitment to look into the top 5 issues deliberated during the meetings. He reiterated that the roles of maritime pilots in Malaysia is well appreciated and acknowledged in supporting the shipping industry and the general economy of the country. The continuous dedication of rendering professional pilotage service during the Covid-19 pandemic period was a good indication by the maritime pilots to keep the industry moving and an undisrupted supply chain.

In the meeting YBhg Capt. Halim, designated Tn Haji Nordin Mohamadin, the Deputy Director General for Planning, to look into the issues and proposal. He proposed to set up a working group committee comprising officials from MARDEP and MPM to conduct session of meetings on any issues that is considered a priority. A Gant chart to be drawn so as to enable review on the progression of each task.

Hopefully, this meeting will benefit the development of Malaysia's maritime pilotage sector that has been the backbone of shipping and economy of Malaysia in near future.



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