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FAREWELL AND TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING CILT INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

31 December 2025

Dear Chief Teete Owusu-Nortey FCILT, FGIPS,

On behalf of CILT Malaysia and our members, I wish to record our sincere appreciation and gratitude as you conclude your two-year term as International President of CILT.

Your tenure has been marked by principled leadership, clarity of purpose, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening CILT as a truly global professional body. During a period of change and growing expectations for the profession, you provided steady direction and ensured that the Institute remained focused on professionalism, standards, and relevance.

You led with humility and grace, always ready to listen and to engage across regions and cultures. Your inclusive approach fostered stronger collaboration within the global CILT community and reinforced the shared values that unite us as professionals. Under your leadership, CILT International continued to grow in credibility, cohesion, and influence.

For CILT Malaysia, your guidance and encouragement were deeply valued. Your accessibility and genuine interest in our work left a lasting impression on our Council and members. Beyond your role as President, you have been a trusted mentor, a voice of wisdom, and a true ambassador for the Institute.

As you hand over the mantle of leadership, we do so with heartfelt thanks for your service and with deep respect for the legacy you leave behind. On behalf of CILT Malaysia, thank you for your dedication, leadership, and friendship. We wish you every success in the next chapter of your journey.

Yours sincerely,
Professor Ts Dr Muhammad Zaly Shah FCILT
President
CILT Malaysia

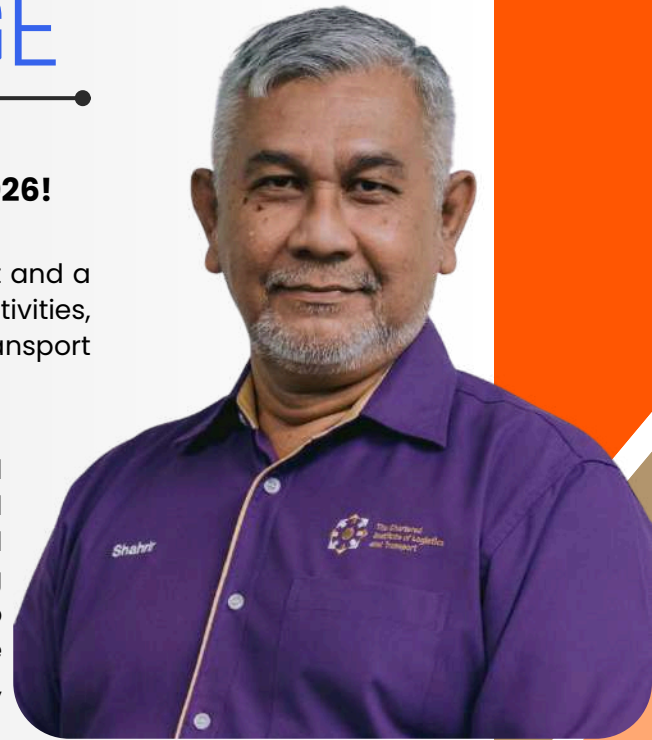


EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first issue of CILTM Pulse for 2026!

As we step into the new year, we do so with excitement and a positive outlook, looking forward to more activities, collaborations and engagement across the logistics, transport and supply chain community.

CILT Malaysia (CILTM) continues to move forward actively in delivering meaningful programmes and initiatives. Key platforms such as WILAT Malaysia and NextGen Malaysia remain central to our efforts, providing opportunities for networking, learning and leadership development while nurturing future industry talents. We are committed to ensuring our activities remain relevant, practical and aligned with industry needs.



We are also encouraged by the growing interest from external organisations seeking to work with CILTM – whether as Corporate Members, Strategic Partners, or participants in our professional programmes. This reflects the confidence and trust placed in CILTM as a professional body. A warm congratulations and heartfelt thanks to our Council Members, whose active involvement and dedication continue to drive the success of our programmes and activities.

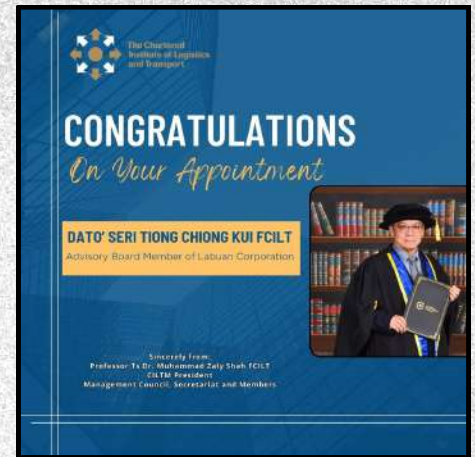
The year has already begun on a positive note with several notable milestones. The handover of the Warehouse Skills Group (WSKG) Training Catalogues marks an important step in strengthening skills development and structured training within the industry. The official meeting between the Armed Forces Ex-Serviceman Affairs Corporation (PERHEBAT) and CILT Malaysia highlights our commitment to supporting the Malaysian Armed Forces Veterans through professional development and career pathways. At the sectional level, the successful CILTM Melaka Section Annual General Meeting 2026 demonstrated strong member engagement, while the Perak Road Safety Event Task Force meeting reaffirmed CILTM's ongoing focus on road safety and collaborative initiatives.

As we move further into 2026, we look forward to more activities, partnerships and shared successes. Thank you to our members, partners and stakeholders for your continued support. Together, let us make 2026 an engaging, productive and rewarding year for CILTM.

Stronger Together

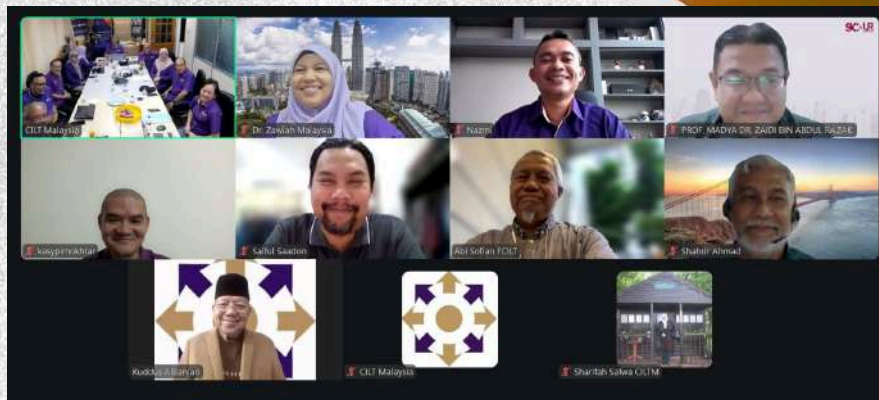
Warm regards,
Commander Ts Shahrir bin Haji Ahmad RMN (R) FCILT
Editor-in-Chief
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CONGRATULATIONS!!



Milestones & Achievements

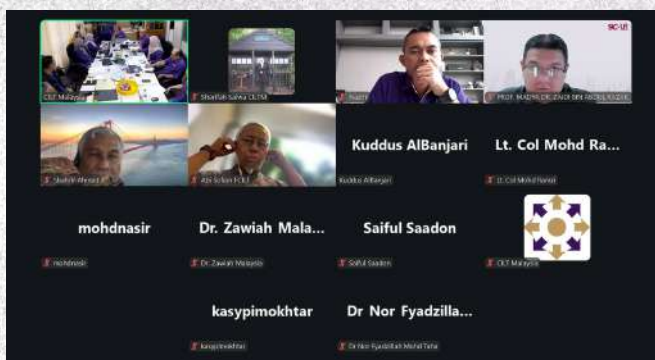
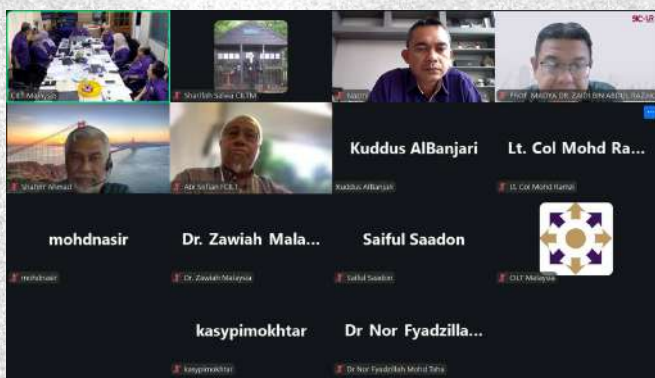
CILTM Management Council Meeting 1/2026 – 2 January 2026



The CILTM Management Council Meeting 1/2026 was convened on 2 January 2026 to deliberate on key governance, operational, and strategic matters in setting the direction of the Institute for the year 2026. The meeting served as an important platform for the Management Council to review institutional performance, ensure compliance with governance requirements, and align priorities with the Institute's strategic objectives.

Comprehensive reports and presentations were tabled by the Secretariat, Finance, Section Management, as well as various Boards and Committees. These updates covered administrative matters, financial status, programme implementation, membership development, and ongoing initiatives at both national and sectional levels. Constructive discussions and feedback from Council Members contributed to informed decision-making and the identification of action points for further implementation.

The Institute extends its sincere appreciation to all Council Members for their active participation, valuable insights, and commitment. Special thanks are also conveyed to members who attended physically at the CILTM Office and those who joined the meeting virtually, reflecting continued support and collective responsibility towards strengthening the Institute and advancing its agenda in 2026.



Milestones & Achievements

Perak Road Safety Event Taskforce Holds First Meeting



The Perak Road Safety Event Taskforce successfully convened its 1st Meeting in a hybrid format at the CILTM Office on 6 January 2026 at 3.30 p.m., marking a significant milestone in the establishment of the taskforce and the commencement of structured planning for the upcoming Perak Road Safety Event.

The meeting provided a comprehensive platform for members to receive an initial briefing on the proposed programme framework and objectives of the event. Key deliberations included the formal formation of the taskforce team and allocation of roles and responsibilities, the proposal of a suitable event date and venue, and the appointment of the event secretariat to coordinate planning and implementation activities. In addition, members discussed the identification of potential strategic collaboration partners, official status holders, and relevant stakeholders to ensure broad participation and meaningful impact. General inputs and recommendations on programme content, outreach strategies, and stakeholder engagement were also actively shared.

Overall, the session reflected strong commitment, constructive collaboration, and a shared sense of responsibility among taskforce members in promoting road safety awareness. The discussions underscored the collective determination to strengthen multi-stakeholder engagement across Perak and to deliver a well-coordinated and impactful road safety initiative for the benefit of the wider community.



Milestones & Achievements

Courtesy Meeting between the Veterans Affairs Corporation (PERHEBAT) and the President of CILT Malaysia



A courtesy and strategic engagement meeting was held between the Veterans Affairs Corporation (Perbadanan Hal Ehwal Bekas Angkatan Tentera – PERHEBAT) and the President of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) on Thursday, 15 January, at 10.30 a.m., at the CILTM Secretariat. The meeting commenced with a welcoming address by the President of CILTM, followed by a comprehensive introduction by PERHEBAT outlining its mandate, key initiatives, and ongoing efforts in supporting the reskilling, upskilling, and career development of former members of the Malaysian Armed Forces. Subsequent discussions focused on exploring potential areas of strategic collaboration between PERHEBAT and CILTM, particularly in relation to the development of human capital within the logistics, transport, and supply chain sectors. Both parties exchanged views on initiatives aimed at enhancing professional competencies, expanding access to industry-recognised certifications, and creating structured pathways to improve the employability and career progression of PERHEBAT trainees and veterans.

PERHEBAT Delegation

Dato' Ts. Amir bin Md. Noor – Director General, PERHEBAT
Ms. Noor Asyhikin Abd Razak – Industry Relations & Collaboration Officer
Captain (Rtd.) Mohd Adib – Industry Relations Officer
Ms. Mazlina Mohamad – Secretary to the Director General, PERHEBAT

CILTM Representatives

Prof. Ts. Dr. Muhammad Zaly Shah FCILT – President
Mr. Hj. Baharudin Kamarudin FCILT – Acting Vice President
Dr. Nor Fyadzillah CMILT – Chairperson, WILAT Malaysia
Ms. Carol Wong FCILT – Acting Assistant Secretary General
Ms. Sharifah Salwa CMILT – Head of Secretariat



The dialogue further examined the anticipated impact and mutual benefits of such collaborations, including industry alignment, talent sustainability, and the strengthening of professional standards. Attention was also given to implementation strategies, potential programme structures, and follow-up actions to ensure effective execution and measurable outcomes.



Milestones & Achievements

Handover of the Warehouse Skills Group (WSKG) Training Catalogues



Thursday, 15 January 2026, marked the formal handover of the Warehouse Skills Group (WSKG) Training Catalogues, developed through a strategic collaboration between Kontena Nasional Berhad (KNB) and The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (CILTM).

CILTM was entrusted with the development of the WSKG Training Catalogue as a standardised, competency-based training framework to support workforce upskilling. The initiative aims to strengthen structured capability development within KNB, ensuring that employees achieve the required competency levels aligned with operational and organisational requirements. CILTM was represented at the handover ceremony by its President, Prof. Ts. Dr. Muhammad Zaly Shah FCILT; Acting Vice-President, Hj. Baharudin Kamarudin FCILT; and Secretary General, Ts. Dr. Hj. Mohd Nasir Alias FCILT, accompanied by Lt. Col. Mohd Ramzi Mohd Nor FCILT, who led the project to completion.

Kontena Nasional Berhad was represented by its Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Hairulnizam Tokiban, together with the MMC Group Human Resource Manager, KNB Human Resource Manager, Branch Managers, and members of KNB's senior management team.



Milestones & Achievements

CILTM – Discussion Session with MyMobility Vision

Date: Friday, 16 January 2026, Time: 10:00 a.m.

Venue: CILTM Office



A discussion session between CILTM and MyMobility Vision was held at the CILTM Office with the objective of strengthening strategic collaboration between both parties. The session was attended by the President of CILTM, together with key representatives from the MyMobility Vision team, reflecting the shared commitment to advancing mutually beneficial initiatives within the mobility, transport, and logistics ecosystem.

The meeting focused on reviewing proposed areas of collaboration and ongoing discussions arising from earlier engagements. Key topics included the scope and objectives of potential joint programmes, alignment of strategic priorities, and opportunities for knowledge sharing, industry engagement, and capacity building. Participants also deliberated on programme concepts, target beneficiaries, and implementation approaches to ensure practical impact and sustainability.

In addition, the session served as a preparatory platform ahead of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing. Discussions covered the next steps, indicative timelines, and coordination mechanisms required to formalise the partnership. Overall, the session was constructive and forward-looking, reinforcing both parties' commitment to a strong collaborative framework and paving the way for meaningful joint initiatives in the near future.



Milestones & Achievements

BALAI IKHTISAS MALAYSIA (BIM) MALAYSIAN PROFESSIONAL CENTRE

1. Executive Committee Meeting (EXCO) (5) 2025/2027

- Date : Wednesday, 21 January 2026
- Time : 5.30 p.m.
- Venue : BIM Secretariat, Damansara Utama, Petaling Jaya

2. Board of Management Meeting (BOM) (2) 2025/2027

- Date : Wednesday, 21 January 2026
- Time : 7.30 p.m.
- Venue : BIM Secretariat, Damansara Utama, Petaling Jaya

Reps from The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM):-

1. Haji Baharudin Bin Haji Kamarudin FCILT – Acting Vice President
2. Mr. Surendran a/l Muniandy FCILT – Chairman of CILTM Melaka Section and Chairman of CILTM Industry Lead Body (ILB)



Milestones & Achievements

PERHEBAT and CILT Discuss Strategic Collaboration to Strengthen Career Pathways for ATM Pre-Retirees - follow up meeting



PERHEBAT and CILTM held a strategic discussion on 22 January 2026 to explore collaboration aimed at enhancing career pathways and employability for Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) pre-retirees in the logistics and transport sector. Both parties agreed in principle to formalise the collaboration through a non-binding MoU, focusing on human capital development, skills recognition, and industry-relevant professional pathways.

Key outcomes included plans for a pilot programme to recognise the logistics expertise of ATM personnel, provide structured certification pathways, and improve employability aligned with industry needs. The collaboration will also prioritise access to employment opportunities through CILT's industry network, supported by a Joint Working Committee to align training, RPEL, and competency requirements. The engagement underscores a shared commitment to supporting workforce transition and strengthening the national logistics and transport ecosystem.



Milestones & Achievements

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING ROAD SAFETY EVENT TASKFORCE



A Strategic Planning Meeting of the Road Safety Event Taskforce was successfully convened on Sunday, 25 January 2026, at Room 1 (Level 1), Shah Alam Convention Centre (SACC). The meeting brought together key taskforce members and strategic partners to deliberate on planning frameworks, roles and responsibilities, as well as coordination strategies for upcoming national road safety initiatives.

The session focused on aligning shared objectives, strengthening inter-agency collaboration, and ensuring the effective delivery of programmes aimed at enhancing road safety awareness and impact at the national level. Constructive discussions were held on structured planning approaches, timelines, and mechanisms to support seamless implementation.

In addition to representatives from The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM), the meeting was attended by stakeholders from PLUS Malaysia Berhad, Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ), MUST University, MITRANS UiTM, as well as road safety advocates and experts including Master Mahani Hj Md Saud, Founder of RSEA & Women and Road Safety, Master Jamil Manan, and Supri (RSEA). Through this strategic engagement, the Taskforce reaffirmed its collective commitment to structured planning, timely execution, and continuous stakeholder engagement in support of national road safety goals. The outcomes of the meeting will serve as a strong foundation for subsequent implementation phases and coordinated actions leading up to the planned national road safety events.



Milestones & Achievements

BIM Strengthens Strategic Collaboration with MAVMA

Tn Haji Baharudin Kamarudin, FCILT, Deputy President of Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM), accompanied by the President of BIM and other BIM members, paid a courtesy visit to the Malaysian Veterinary Medical Association (MAVMA) on 28 January 2026 at the MAVMA Office, Bandar 16 Sierra, Puchong, Selangor.

The visit was highlighted by a Signing Ceremony for the Appointment of MAVMA as a Referral Partner under the BIM Insurance Unit, alongside constructive discussions on areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration.



FMBA Forum & Networking Dinner 2026

On 28 January 2026, the Federation of Malaysian Business Associations (FMBA) hosted its Forum & Networking Dinner at Dorsett Grand Subang, themed “Bridging the Digital Gap: Empowering SMEs Through HR and Health Technology.” The event brought together industry leaders, SME founders, and professional organisation members for insightful discussions, strategic networking, and collaboration. Distinguished attendees included representatives from CILTM and BIM Council, reflecting strong cross-sector support. The evening celebrated innovation, partnership, and digital empowerment, underscoring FMBA’s commitment to advancing SMEs and fostering sustainable growth.

Congratulations to FMBA on a successful and inspiring evening.



Milestones & Achievements

Kick-Off Meeting on Dual Certification Mapping CILTM as Industry Lead Body (ILB)



The Kick-Off Meeting on the Dual Certification Mapping between The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) Certification Programmes and the Malaysian Skills Certification (SKM) was successfully held on Friday, 30 January 2026, at CILTM Malaysia, Shah Alam.

Convened under CILTM's role as the Industry Lead Body (ILB) for the logistics and transport sector, the meeting marked a significant step towards strengthening the alignment between industry-driven professional certifications and national skills certification frameworks. The session aimed to establish a structured and coherent dual certification pathway that supports workforce competency, professional recognition, and career progression within the logistics industry.

Key discussions focused on the mapping of dual certification frameworks between CILTM programmes and SKM, the certification of existing logistics industry practitioners through the Recognition of Prior Achievement (PPT) mechanism, and the review of the National Occupational Skills Standards (NOSS) for logistics. Additional related matters were also deliberated to ensure effective implementation and governance of the initiative.

The outcomes of this kick-off meeting will form the basis for subsequent technical engagements and collaborative efforts, reinforcing CILTM's mandate as the Industry Lead Body in advancing skills development, certification standards, and industry relevance across Malaysia's logistics and transport ecosystem.



Milestones & Achievements

Advancing Road Safety Through Meaningful Collaboration

Yasmin Lane, together with her team from Bloomberg Philanthropies, visited the CILTM Secretariat Office on 30 January 2026 for an engagement session to explore potential areas of collaboration between both organisations.

The discussion was attended by the leadership of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM), including the President, Deputy President, Acting Vice President, Acting Secretary General, and Pn Salwa, Head of Secretariat. Also present was Master Jamil Manan Supri, Founder of the Road Safety Expert Association, along with his team. The meeting provided a platform to exchange perspectives and identify possible synergies under the Bloomberg Philanthropies Initiative for Global Road Safety, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening road safety advocacy, enhancing institutional capabilities, and contributing to positive outcomes for communities and stakeholders.

This engagement marks an encouraging step towards fostering collaborative partnerships that support safer roads and a more resilient transport ecosystem.

Bloomberg Philanthropies | CILTM | Road Safety Expert Association
Global #RoadSafety | Shared Commitment | Lasting Impact



Building Momentum Towards the Road Safety Carnival 2026



MAKE IT A HABIT TO TURN ON HAZARD LIGHT WHEN STOPPING YOUR VEHICLE ALONG THE ROAD SIDE or DURING EMERGENCY

The importance of hazard light where many Malaysian drivers take it very lightly when stopping a car.

It is very important to turn hazard lights to prevent accidents. Failure to turn on hazard lights can indeed contribute to fatal road crashes, especially when vehicles are stopped or stranded on the road.

This is a critical safety concern, and raising awareness about proper hazard light usage can help reduce the risk of accidents.

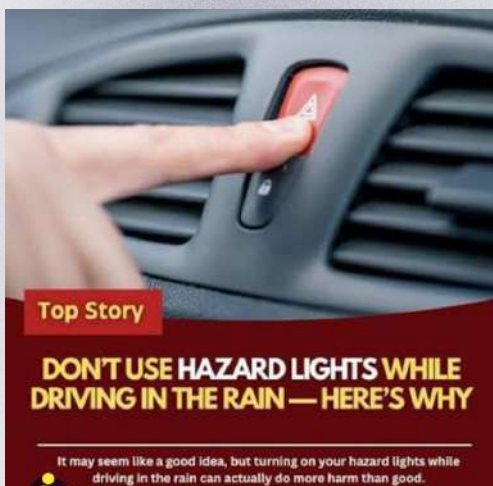
Hazard lights are often underutilized, and it's crucial to educate drivers about their importance in ensuring road safety.

Reckless drivers who didn't turn on the hazard light causes fatal road crashes, especially motorcycle riders.

That's a critical safety concern. Motorcyclists are already vulnerable on the road, and using the emergency lane as a riding lane can increase their risk of being involved in a collision.

When vehicles stop in the emergency lane without hazard lights, it can be particularly hazardous for motorcyclists who may not anticipate stopped vehicles in their path.

Some drivers misuse hazard lights, using them during convoys, driving in the rain, or in other situations where they're not necessary. This can lead to confusion and danger for other road users.



1. Use hazard lights: Switch on hazard lights to alert other road users, especially motorcyclists, of the stopped vehicle.

2. Choose a safe location: Move to a designated parking area or a wide shoulder, away from traffic flow.

3. Use warning triangles or flares: If stopping in a hazardous location, use warning triangles or flares to increase visibility.

4. Be mindful of surroundings: Keep an eye on the road and be aware of approaching vehicles, pedestrians, and motorcyclists.

5. Signal intentions: Use indicators to signal intention to pull over or stop.

Public awareness campaigns and education can help drivers understand when to use hazard lights correctly.



Building Momentum Towards the Road Safety Carnival 2026

On the other hand, the government and agencies can play a crucial role in creating greater awareness on the usage of hazard lights by :-

1. **Increasing Public awareness campaigns:** Launch campaigns to educate drivers about the importance of using hazard lights when stopping or dropping off passengers.
2. **Optimized Social media promotions:** Utilize social media platforms to share engaging content, such as videos or infographics, highlighting the benefits of using hazard lights.
3. **Driver training programs:** Incorporate hazard light usage into driver training programs to instill good habits in new drivers.
4. **Road safety workshops:** Include hazard light safety in road safety workshops and seminars.
5. **Collaborate with ride-hailing companies:** Partners with ride-hailing companies to encourage their drivers to use hazard lights when dropping off passengers.
6. **Educate drivers:** Inform drivers about the importance of using hazard lights when stopped in the emergency lane.
7. **Enforce traffic laws:** Strictly enforcing traffic laws and regulations regarding the use of emergency lanes and hazard lights.
8. **Raise motorcyclist awareness:** Educate motorcyclists about the risks of riding in emergency lanes and the importance of being vigilant for stopped vehicles.
9. **Improve road infrastructure:** Consider installing safety features such as rumble strips or improved lighting in emergency lanes to alert motorcyclists of potential hazards.

By taking a multi-faceted approach, we can reduce the risk of accidents and create a safer environment for all road users.

Also, by promoting awareness and education, we can encourage drivers to make hazard lights a habit and contribute to safer roads.

JAMIL MANAN SUPRI
Founder, Road Safety & Motorsports Advisor
ROAD SAFETY EXPERT ASSOCIATION

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRPERSON WiLAT MALAYSIA

Women's Involvement in the Next 10–30 Years: Confronting the Risk of Gender Imbalance

By: Dr Nor Fyadzillah Mohd Taha CMILT

As Chairperson of Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Malaysia, I write this reflection with both optimism and urgency. The conversation on women's participation can no longer be framed around access alone; it must now confront the risk of imbalance—where progress plateaus, reverses, or advances unevenly across sectors, regions, and generations over the next 10 to 30 years.

First, the reality we face. Despite visible gains, women remain under-represented in decision-making, technical leadership, and future-defining roles—particularly in logistics, transport, STEM, and defence-related industries. Automation, AI, and platform economies are reshaping work faster than policy and culture are adapting. Without intentional action, these shifts may unintentionally widen gender gaps—especially for mid-career women, return-to-work mothers, and young women entering male-dominated fields.

Second, the long-term risk. The next decade will decide whether today's pipelines translate into tomorrow's leaders. Over 20–30 years, demographic changes, care responsibilities, skills mismatches, and unequal access to digital upskilling could result in a structural imbalance: women clustered in support roles while strategic, high-growth positions skew male. This is not merely a fairness issue—it is a competitiveness issue for nations and industries.

Third, what must change—now.

1. **Leadership Continuity:** Build deliberate pathways from entry to boardroom—mentorship must evolve into sponsorship, with measurable outcomes.
2. **Future-Ready Skills:** Prioritise women's access to AI, data, automation, cybersecurity, and systems engineering—early and continuously.
3. **Policy with Teeth:** Flexible work, transparent promotion criteria, and pay equity audits must be standard, not optional.
4. **Male Allyship:** Gender balance is a shared responsibility; inclusive leadership cultures outperform isolated initiatives.
5. **Intergenerational Focus:** Engage girls early, retain women mid-career, and value senior women's experience—no stage can be neglected.

Finally, our commitment. At WiLAT Malaysia, we believe the next 10–30 years must be shaped by intentional inclusion, not hopeful assumptions. Gender balance will not sustain itself; it requires leadership courage, data-driven action, and collective accountability. If we act decisively today, the future will reflect balance by design—not imbalance by default.

— Chairperson, WiLAT Malaysia

Thank you for reading!



Women in Logistics
and Transport

IDEAS SET SAIL: A WiLAT Programme Empowering Future Women Leaders in Logistics & Transport

Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT) Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur Section proudly presents IDEAS SET SAIL: A Research Showcase by TML3433 Students, held on 12 January 2026 at the Lestari Foyer, Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM).

Positioned as a WiLAT programme, this showcase reflects WiLAT's commitment to empowering women, nurturing young talent, and strengthening the pipeline of future professionals in logistics, transport, and maritime-related fields. The event provided a meaningful platform for students to demonstrate research-in-action through poster and video presentations, highlighting problem-solving approaches and evidence-based thinking within maritime, transport, and logistics contexts.

A key feature of the programme was the involvement of a distinguished Invited Evaluation Panel, comprising CILTM members, academic experts, and industry practitioners from UPNM and Akademi Laut Malaysia (ALAM). Their engagement ensured professional-level assessment, mentorship, and constructive feedback—an essential element in building students' confidence and readiness for the industry.

Invited Panel Members:

- Puan Norshaheeda binti Mohd Noor, CMILT – UPNM
- Tuan Zulhilmi bin Muhammad Nasir, CMILT – UPNM
- Gs. Ainul Husna binti Abdul Rahman, CMILT – UPNM
- Gs. Siti Sarah binti Mohd Isnan, CMILT – UPNM
- Ts. Dr. Roshamida binti Abd Jamil – UPNM
- Tuan Zulkarnian bin Ahmad, CMILT – ALAM
- Tuan Ravinjit Singh Pritam Singh, CMILT – ALAM
- Puan Nurul Ain Safwah binti Ekey Hussain, CMILT – ALAM (WiLAT Exco Malacca Section)
- Tuan Rafi' Fahmi bin Muhammad, CMILT – ALAM

The programme was led by Dr. Nor Fyadzillah Mohd Taha CMILT, Lecturer for TML3433 (Research Methodology) and WiLAT Chairperson, whose guidance helped students translate research concepts into practical outputs while aligning with professional expectations in the logistics and transport industry.

WiLAT Malaysia believes that early exposure to research, presentation, and professional evaluation is vital to cultivate confident graduates—especially young women—who are ready to contribute meaningfully to the sector. IDEAS SET SAIL supports WiLAT's mission to strengthen visibility, leadership, and participation of women in logistics and transport through impactful learning platforms and strategic academia-industry collaboration. — WiLAT Malaysia (KL Section)



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Official Launch of the “Majlis Senyuman Autisme HAWA Malaysia”

CILTM was delighted to participate in the Official Launch of the “Majlis Senyuman Autisme HAWA Malaysia” on 16 January 2026, from 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m., at Pelantaran Putra, Level 2, World Trade Centre (WTC), Kuala Lumpur. Representatives from The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (CILTM) joined the event, reflecting the institute’s ongoing support for community initiatives and social responsibility programs.

CILTM’s delegation included:

Dr. Nor Fyadzillah binti Mohd Taha CMILT, Council Member of CILTM and Chairperson of WiLAT Malaysia

Ms. Carol Wong FCILT, Acting Assistant Secretary/Treasurer of WiLAT Malaysia

Ms. Ida, representing the CILTM Secretariat

CILTM’s participation highlighted the institute’s commitment to empowering and supporting initiatives that improve the well-being of women, families, and vulnerable communities in Malaysia. The event also provided a wonderful opportunity for networking and collaboration with other stakeholders, reinforcing CILTM’s role in contributing to meaningful social impact projects alongside its professional development efforts.



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Five women. Five blessings. They made me who I am today **By Dr Pola Singh CMILT**

They say a man's life is written in the chapters of the people he loves. As I reflect on my own journey, I realise that the ink of my story was provided by five extraordinary women. They were not mere witnesses to my life; they were its architects—my anchors during storms, my compass in moments of doubt, and my North Stars when I searched for direction.

Two of these women now live only in memory. Three continue to walk beside me. Together, they remind me of a powerful truth: the greatest treasures in life are not found in bank accounts or titles, but in the hearts of the women who shape us—often quietly, often taken for granted.

The Foundation: Ram Kaur Ji (Maji)

The first and most enduring influence in my life was my late mother, Ram Kaur Ji—our beloved Maji. Born into humble circumstances and without formal education beyond primary school, she nonetheless possessed a PhD in resilience, sacrifice and wisdom.

To her ten children, she gave more than life—she gave purpose. She laid the foundation for our education, our values and our dignity. Her lessons were never written in books; they were etched into our souls through her actions, courage and quiet grace.

It has been 47 years since she left us in 1979, yet her presence is felt every day—in our homes, in our choices, and in the lives of our children. The Punjabi community in Malacca remembers her as the matriarch of the Tara Singh family. We remember her as our moral compass.

Our only regret is this: we never told her often enough how much she meant to us. If you still have your mother, do not wait. Say thank you today.



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The Anchor: Ajaib Kaur (Lady Joe of Tampin)

My eldest sister, Ajaib Kaur—fondly known as Lady Joe of Tampin—was the glue that bound ten siblings into one family. Widowed at just 34, she raised three young children alone, confronting hardship with a heart of gold and a spine of steel. She taught us that tough times do not last, but tough people do.

Joe lived the Sikh principle of sewa (service) as a way of life. She counselled youths, uplifted women, guided families, served tirelessly in the gurdwara, and donated generously—often 20 per cent of her modest income—to those in need. She believed deeply in prayer, compassion, and giving without expectation, convinced that the universe responds in ways unseen.

When she passed in 2021, she left behind an irreplaceable void—but also an indelible legacy: that a life lived for others is the only life that truly matters. We were fortunate—we told her we loved her while she was still with us. Many never do.



The Partner: Karina Kaur

On January 8, 2026, my wife Rina and I celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary. She is my partner, my best friend, and the quiet force behind every milestone I have achieved.

When I struggled through my doctorate degree in the United States, it was Rina who insisted that failure was not an option. She disciplined me when needed, encouraged me when I faltered, and believed in me when I doubted myself.



Today, people speak of an “empty nest.” But with Rina, the nest has never been empty. It is filled with laughter, companionship, mutual respect—and yes, the aroma of her legendary parpu, sambal and roasted pork ribs. To be known inside out and still be chosen every day is the ultimate blessing.

If I had only one friend to choose in this world, it would be her. Thank you for being my rock, my love, and my partner in this incredible journey.



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The Mirror: Cheryl

My daughter Cheryl has taught me lessons I did not know I still needed to learn. Her defining traits are kindness and empathy—strengths that quietly amplify the best in those around her, including me.

From her, I learned a powerful truth: it is not what you say that matters most, but how you say it.

I still carry a vivid memory from my years in the United States, when I brought her—then just 12—into my university classroom. She stood before 30 American students, speaking confidently, charming them not with content alone, but with poise, warmth and courage. That moment laid the foundation for the capable, effective woman she has become.

She is the kind of daughter every parent hopes for—often without realising it

The Joy: Hannah

Then came Hannah, my granddaughter. When she was born in 2008, I was bestowed a title no one can ever take away—Datuk, grandfather. Not everyone reaches that station in life. Hannah transformed my retirement years into a season of joy. We walked hand in hand to kindergarten, played by streams, celebrated birthdays where I was always the official cameraman, and spent countless moments bonding. She grew up before my eyes—a privilege many grandfathers never experience.

From her innocent “teacher-student” games to today’s thoughtful teenage conversations, she continues to keep me curious, young at heart, and deeply grateful.

A Reflection for the Reader

As I look at these five women—two in heaven and three by my side—my heart is filled with warmth and an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Life has been good to me, made richer and more meaningful by them. Yet I know this truth extends beyond my story.

I invite you, the reader, to pause and reflect on the women in your own life: a mother whose hands now tremble, a sister who has always been your silent supporter, a wife who weathered every storm with you, a daughter or granddaughter who represents your future.

Do not take them for granted.

These women are the silent weavers of our destiny. Love them dearly. Thank them openly. Cherish them while you can. For in the end, it is their love that makes our lives more meaningful.

Thank you for reading!



NEXTGEN MALAYSIA

To provide a forum where students and next generation professionals can expand their sector knowledge, start building their professional networks, learn and practise presentational, collaborative, strategic and leadership skills, and move on to become successful professionals and highly effective participants in CILT branches, territories and international leadership.

NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON, NEXT GEN CILT MALAYSIA

As we begin 2026, I would like to extend my sincere New Year greetings to all members, mentors, and stakeholders of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) NextGen. The new year offers an important opportunity for reflection, renewed perspective, and steady progress within our profession. In an environment characterised by rapid change and increasing complexity, the role of NextGen remains relevant—providing a space for engagement, shared learning, and professional exposure for emerging practitioners in logistics, transport, and supply chain management.

As the next generation of logisticians, there is value in remaining open to collaboration, exchanging ideas across disciplines and borders, and learning from diverse experiences within the wider CILT community. These collective interactions help shape well-rounded professionals who are adaptable, grounded, and forward-looking, while remaining guided by strong professional values.

As we move through the year, it is my hope that CILTM NextGen will continue to encourage constructive participation and positive engagement, supported by the guidance of our mentors and senior members, and aligned with the vision and priorities of CILT Malaysia.

I wish all members a meaningful and productive year ahead.

Vivek A/L Appalanaidu MILT
Chairperson, NextGen CILT Malaysia

Vivek Appalanaidu, MILT, is a dedicated Logistics Executive in the transport and supply chain industry, known for optimising warehouse systems, transport operations, and inventory performance—achieving a 40% improvement in accuracy and zero stock variance.

Currently advancing his expertise through a Master of Science in Defence Science, he integrates academic rigour with industry practice. A Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal recipient, active CILT NextGen Malaysia contributor, and experienced karate instructor and referee, Vivek has led impactful national, ASEAN, and humanitarian initiatives.

He demonstrates strong discipline, leadership, and community service, and is committed to supporting CILT Malaysia's strategic vision through innovation and professional excellence.



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NEXT GEN CILT MALAYSIA AT EPSOM YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY PANEL 2026- FROM BLUEPRINT TO BORDERLESS IMPACT: BUILDING THE SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE OF YOUTH-LED CHANGE

Next Generation CILT Malaysia continues to empower young leaders through mentorship and meaningful engagement on international platforms. At the Epsom Youth in Philanthropy Panel 2026, our Next Gen 2025 Committee showcased the strength of leadership development within the organisation.

Madam Haslinawati, Treasurer of Next Generation CILT Malaysia (2025), served as a mentor to Ms. Nur Fathihah Sholahudin, Assistant Treasurer (2025), guiding her in preparing for and building her confidence for the panel engagement. With this support, Ms. Fathihah, as a speaker, shares her leadership journey, youth involvement in philanthropy, and proudly promotes the mission and activities of Next Generation CILT Malaysia.

Adding further impact to the event, Epsom International School, under its Philanthropy Project, contributed RM700 to Next Generation CILT Malaysia to support the organisation's CSR initiatives for 2026. This meaningful contribution reflects the shared values of youth empowerment and community service.

Next Generation CILT Malaysia extends sincere appreciation to EPSOM International School and the Philanthropy Project led by Ms. Lisa Kamilia Mohd Salleh for their trust, generosity, and collaboration. This initiative not only strengthens our CSR programmes but also reinforces the role of young leaders in creating positive, sustainable impact beyond professional development.

Together, Next Generation CILT Malaysia continues to nurture confident, socially responsible, and future-ready leaders for the industry and society.

INSIGHTS FROM THE NEXT GENERATION

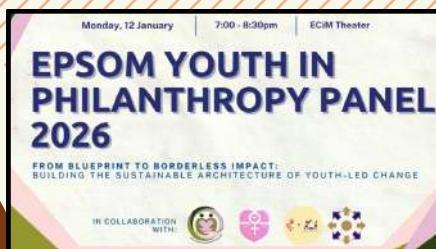
Joining Next Generation CILT Malaysia has been one of the most meaningful chapters in my personal and professional growth. What started as curiosity about the logistics and transport industry soon became a journey shaped by mentorship, exposure, and confidence-building.

Through Next Gen, I was given opportunities not only to learn, but to participate actively—working with inspiring leaders, engaging with industry professionals, and contributing to programmes that go beyond the classroom. The mentoring culture within Next Generation helped me understand leadership in practice, not just in theory.

With guidance from a chartered member such as our 2025 Treasurer, Madam Haslinawati, I learned how to communicate better, organise initiatives, and step forward with confidence. Networking through Next Gen opened doors to new perspectives. I met peers and professionals from different backgrounds who shared their experiences in aviation, logistics, sustainability, and innovation. These interactions shaped my mindset, strengthened my communication skills, and motivated me to be more proactive in pursuing my career pathway.

One of my proudest moments was being given the trust to represent Next Generation CILT Malaysia on a public platform. Standing as a speaker made me realise how far I had grown from a learner to a contributor who can inspire others.

Next Generation CILT Malaysia is more than an organisation; it is a supportive ecosystem that nurtures young talents to become confident, ethical, and future-ready leaders. I am grateful for the mentorship, friendship, and opportunities provided, and I strongly encourage more youths to be part of this journey of growth and impact.



Nur Fathihah Sholahudin
(Affiliate Member)

**Immediate Past Assistant Treasurer,
NEXTGEN CILT Malaysia 2025**

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CILTM IN ACTION

Penang Section

A Joyful Festive Gathering to Remember

On Saturday, 20 December 2025, we shared a truly heartwarming and memorable festive gathering with our logistics, transport, and supply chain students. The day was filled with cheerful conversations, laughter, and the warm spirit of the season, creating a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect and celebrate together.

Moments like these remind us of the strong sense of community and camaraderie we share. As we bid farewell to 2025, we look forward to welcoming 2026 with renewed energy, optimism, and enthusiasm.

🎉 Wishing everyone a bright beginning to the new year and continued success ahead. Best wishes!



Upholding Professional Standards in CILT Membership Admission

Admission to the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) is guided by clear professional standards. Candidates are required to possess a recognised professional qualification—either the CILT Professional Qualification (PQE) or an equivalent accredited qualification in a related field at CILT Level 6 or above—supported by a specified number of years of relevant experience in the logistics industry. At CILT, we believe that professional standing is built not only on experience, but also on formal professional qualifications and a strong commitment to Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This combination reflects the values of a true and respected logistics professional.

On Friday, 9 January 2026, a Logistics Manager from an international freight forwarding company took the initiative to meet with our Chairman, Dato' Log. Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM. During the discussion, the Chairman outlined and clarified the professional admission requirements and provided a detailed assessment of the candidate's background. The candidate fully acknowledged and agreed with the standards set by CILT and was found to be eligible to apply for membership, based on his Master of Science in Supply Chain Management from an accredited university and more than 20 years of experience in the logistics field.



Following confirmation of his eligibility, the Chairman, together with the Secretary, Log. Eunice Chang Qi Ying, CMILT, MLogM, and Treasurer, Log. Ts. Amy Ooi, FCILT, FLogM, of CILT (Penang Section), formally endorsed his CILT membership application as referees—reflecting our collective commitment to maintaining the integrity and professionalism of the Institute.



CNY Preview Dinner – Penang

Dato' Log. Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM; Log. Leong Kin Wah, FCILT, FLogM; and Log. Ts. Amy Ooi Ai Mi, FCILT, FLogM, were honoured to attend the Chinese New Year (CNY) Preview Dinner held at Gurney Bay Hotel, Penang, on Tuesday, 20 January 2026.

The event, organised by the team of Dato' Seri Log. Kenny Ong, FLogM, who also serves as the Honorary President of LogM, brought together more than 100 distinguished guests from various sectors. The evening provided a valuable platform for networking, meaningful exchanges, and the sharing of insights and experiences among industry leaders and professionals. The gathering was marked by a warm and friendly atmosphere, reflecting the spirit of collaboration and celebration as the festive season approaches. Taking this opportunity, we extend our best wishes to all for a Happy Chinese New Year filled with prosperity, good health, and success.

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Penang Section



Lecturers and students from Saito University College, Malaysia, led by Associate Dean Log. Noor Fathiah Bt Othman, CMILT, MLogM, had the opportunity to visit the eco-warehouse of EW Freight Forwarding Sdn Bhd on 21 January 2026 (Wednesday). Held at Bukit Kayu Hitam ICD, Kedah, the study visit provided valuable exposure to sustainable warehousing practices and real-world logistics operations. The visit was hosted by Log. Leong Kin Wah, FCILT, FLogM, Managing Director of EW Freight Forwarding Sdn Bhd.

☛ Dato' Log. Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon was conferred the title of Professor of Practice (Logistics) by Saito University College, Malaysia, in 2021.

☛ Log. Leong Kin Wah also serves as the Vice Chairman of CILT (Penang Section).

26 January 2026 — A study visit to DHL Supply Chain was successfully conducted under the leadership of our CILT (Penang) Secretary, Log. Eunice Chang Qi Ying.

As a CILT-accredited institution, AK Academy continues to support the development of logistics, transport, and supply chain students by integrating recognised professional qualifications with meaningful industry exposure.





CILTM IN ACTION

Perak Section

Upcoming Event

Online Lecture on Logistics and Road Transportation Management

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM), in collaboration with the Faculty of Science, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), is pleased to announce an upcoming Online Lecture on Logistics and Road Transportation Management. This session aims to enhance awareness of road transportation management, particularly truck operations, and to share international perspectives on logistics and transport safety.

Event Details

Date: Friday, 13 March 2026

Time: 3.00 pm (Kuala Lumpur) | 6.00 pm (Melbourne)

Platform: Microsoft Teams

Invited Speaker

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kim Hassall, FCILT

University of Melbourne, Australia



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The lecture will be followed by an interactive Question and Answer (Q&A) session. Participants from CILTM will be eligible for CPD points, while UTAR students may receive applicable university credit points. An e-certificate of participation will be provided. This programme also supports the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, and promotes international collaboration between logistics professionals in Malaysia and Australia. Further details and registration information will be announced in due course.

Designing Door-to-Door Movement: A Student Engagement Session

On 24 January 2026, an engagement session organised by the CILTM Perak Section and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman was conducted with undergraduate BBA students at Prince of Songkla University. The session featured interactive tasks focused on planning the movement of people from one country to another. Working in groups, students selected appropriate modes of transportation and integrated road networks to develop efficient door-to-door movement plans.

As a result, the activity enhanced the students' logical thinking and planning skills. Importantly, the session was highly engaging and enjoyable for all participants.





CILTM IN ACTION

Melaka Section

CILTM Melaka Section AGM 2026

We are delighted to announce that the CILTM Melaka Section Annual General Meeting (AGM) was successfully held on 9 January 2026 at UTeM, Melaka, with 24 members participating both physically and online. The AGM provided an excellent platform for members to engage in meaningful discussions, review the past year's achievements, and plan for the year ahead.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Deputy President Ts Dr Hj Zahiah Binti Abdul Majid FCILT, Acting Vice President Hj Baharudin Bin Hj Kamarudin FCILT, Acting Asst Secretary General Mdm Carol Wong Fui Ling CMILT, as well as the Secretariat team led by Head of Secretariat, Pn. Sharifah Salwa CMILT, for their valuable presence and support, which greatly contributed to the success of the event. The AGM also welcomed the newly elected members, whose expertise and enthusiasm will be instrumental in driving the Section's initiatives and activities forward. We look forward to continued collaboration among members, the state chairman, and committee teams to further strengthen CILTM Melaka Section and its role in advancing logistics and transport excellence in the region.





CILTM IN ACTION

Selangor Section

4th Quarter
Oct - Dec 2025 NEWSLETTER



RTS BILL FACING TIGHT DEADLINE

BY : PROFESSOR TS DR MUHAMMAD ZALY SHAH FCILT
PRESIDENT, CILT MALAYSIA



Member's Voice

January 2026

The Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport Malaysia (CILT Malaysia) President Prof Dr Muhammad Zaly Shah said the Bill enabling joint border clearance is fundamental to the success of the RTS.

“In the absence of the legislative framework, even if the station and the train itself are fully functional, it is impossible to operate the system in the manner in which it was originally designed,” he said, warning that any delay on the legislative front will derail the timeline.

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ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY AS ONE OF THE PILLARS OF MARITIME TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCE

BY : FIRST ADMIRAL TS DR SHAFTDEAN LUFTY
RUSLAND CMILT



Member's Voice

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Maritime Transportation and National Importance

Malaysia is heavily dependent on maritime trade and sea lines of communication (SLOC) that makes maritime transportation a fundamental to nation's economic stability and growth. Situated in a strategic location along the Straits of Malacca, South China Sea and the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas, Malaysia depends on safe, secure and uninterrupted maritime trade. Therefore, a resilient maritime transportation system that can endure geopolitical uncertainties, security threats and environmental challenges in contemporary environment is a must for a nation like Malaysia. However, this resilience is not depending only to a single entity but combined efforts by multiple stakeholders such as, the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN), Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and other relevant agencies.

Maritime Transportation Resilience

Maritime transportation resilience refers to the capacity of SLOC, ports and maritime infrastructure to continuously operating safely and efficiently despite disruptions due to unforeseen circumstances or challenges. This resilience is built through multiple pillars that play essential roles, for instance, port authorities, shipping industry/operators, maritime enforcement agencies, regional and international partners. The RMN complements these important actors by providing a security foundation that enables maritime industry/commerce to flourish without undue risk.



Royal Malaysian Navy's Role as a Key Pillar

Utilising DIME-FIL (Diplomatic, Information, Military, Economic, Finance, Intelligence, Law Enforcement) military concept which is adopted from the United States (US) Department of Defence (DoD), the RMN strengthens National Power through diplomacy to secure sea lanes, information sharing for maritime awareness, provide military deterrence, economic trade protection, through finance in safeguarding maritime commerce, intelligence threat anticipation and law enforcement in upholding maritime order, ensuring resilient and secure national maritime transportation. Hence, as one of the pillars of maritime transportation resilience, the RMN ensures safe, continuous trade flows, crisis response and confidence in Malaysia's maritime domain during peacetime and emergencies.

The primary contribution of the RMN lies in maritime security and defence. The nation's strategic location along vital shipping lanes/routes exposes it to threats such as, piracy, armed robbery at sea, interstate's illegal activities (drugs/human trafficking, smuggling) and potential interstate tensions. The RMN deters hostiles' or adversaries' activities by showing its presence with continuous patrol initiatives and surveillance operations that eliminates potential disruption of shipping flows.



The naval presence generates security assurance, strengthens confidence among investors and shipping operators that is critical for sustaining resilient maritime transportation networks. Additionally, the RMN enhances resilient through Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) by monitoring maritime traffic movement and activities, so that early detection of potential risks (navigational hazards, suspicious activities, emerging security concerns) could be identified earlier. Hence, coordinated quick responses with other agencies for example, MMEA and Marine Police, could be activated ensuring those risks are managed effectively and do not escalate into prolonged interruptions or disturbances to SLOC and maritime traffic.

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The RMN also plays an important supporting role during emergencies and crises. Maritime accidents, natural disasters and environmental incidents could severely affect ports infrastructures, shipping lanes, etc. The RMN's capabilities in maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), assist in restoring maritime access and support recovery efforts. While civilian agencies often lead post-disaster recovery, the RMN's rapid response capability and logistical capacity are crucial in the early stages of crisis management, reinforcing the overall resilience of the maritime transportation system.

Furthermore, the RMN contributes to resilience through regional and international cooperation. Maritime transportation is inherently transnational and threats to SLOC often extend beyond national boundaries. By participating in joint bilateral and multi-lateral exercises regionally and internationally, coordinated regional patrols with neighbouring nations and other appropriate agencies and information-sharing arrangements with all stakeholders, the RMN supports collective security efforts that reduce risks across shared waterways. This cooperative approach strengthens Malaysia's ability to withstand external shocks to maritime transportation.



Conclusion

The RMN is not the only or sole entity of maritime transportation resilience but it is undeniably one of its important central pillars. By ensuring maritime security, enhancing situational awareness, supporting crisis response and fostering regional and international cooperation, the RMN underpins the safe and reliable SLOC. Its role, integrated with other national and international stakeholders, remains essential to maintaining a resilient maritime transportation system and safeguarding maritime sovereignty of Malaysia.

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FROM INVISIBLE TO INDISPENSABLE: WHY MARINERS COULD BE THE FIRST LOGISTICS PROFESSIONALS

BY CAPT. JAMES FOONG MBA FNI FCILT



Member's Voice

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Today, when people talk about shipping, the image that often comes to mind, especially in Malaysia, is online marketplaces such as Shopee or Lazada, next-day delivery promises, and real-time tracking apps. Shipping has been reduced to a checkout button and a confirmation message. The physical movement of goods; across oceans, through monsoons, congested ports, and narrow straits has faded from everyday awareness.

Yet the uncomfortable truth remains simple: “No shipping = No shopping”

Before any parcel reaches a fulfilment centre, warehouse, or doorstep in Malaysia, it has already travelled thousands of miles by sea. More than 80 per cent of global trade by volume is carried on ships, but the professionals who make this possible - the mariners, are often underrated and rarely recognised as part of the modern logistics profession. Too often, seafarers are viewed merely as labour rather than as decision-makers. Operators, not logistics professionals. This perception is not only outdated; it weakens the long-term resilience of supply chains.

Long before terms such as “supply chain management”, just-in-time, or logistics optimisation entered business schools, mariners were already practising them at sea. Every voyage is a live logistics operation. Passage planning involves route optimisation, weather analysis, fuel efficiency, safety margins, and regulatory compliance. Cargo planning requires a deep understanding of stability, stress limits, segregation, ventilation, and cargo care. Port planning demands coordination with terminals, agents, pilots, charterers, and authorities—often across multiple jurisdictions and cultures.

This is logistics in its most unforgiving environment.

Unlike shore-based operations, there is no pause button at sea. When weather systems shift, machinery fails, ports change berthing windows, or geopolitical risks escalate, shipboard officers must adapt immediately. Decisions are made with incomplete information, limited external support, and real consequences. A single decision on the bridge can affect delivery schedules, insurance exposure, fuel costs, emissions, and the condition of cargo destined for factories, hospitals, and supermarket shelves across the region.

And yet, as long as goods arrive on time, the maritime link remains invisible.

The recent global pandemic COVID-19 is a best example to showcase worldwide disruptions briefly reminded the public of shipping's importance. When ships stopped moving, factories slowed, shelves emptied, and supply chains fractured. Suddenly, logistics became a household term. But once conditions stabilised, attention quickly shifted back to last-mile delivery and digital platforms, while the first and longest leg of the journey was once again taken for granted.

From a mariner's perspective, this disconnect is striking. A ship is not merely a mode of transport; it is the first moving warehouse, the first quality control checkpoint, and often the first risk filter in the entire supply chain. Damage, delays, or compliance failures at sea cannot be corrected cheaply downstream. Errors made onboard are paid for later—by shippers, insurers, retailers, and ultimately consumers.



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Mariners are, by necessity, professional risk managers. Every passage balances time, cost, safety, and environmental responsibility. Every cargo operation is an exercise in asset protection. Every port call involves commercial pressure, regulatory oversight, and operational coordination. These are not manual tasks; they are logistics judgments made in real time, under pressure, and often far from shore-based support.

The modern logistics industry speaks frequently about resilience, sustainability, and digitalisation. Yet resilience does not begin with dashboards—it begins with competent people operating critical assets in high-risk environments. Sustainability is not achieved only through reports, but through fuel-efficient navigation, safe cargo handling, and strict environmental compliance at sea. Digital tools support decisions, but they do not replace professional judgment.

This is why organisations such as CILT, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport have an important role to play in reshaping how the profession views mariners. Recognising seafarers as logistics professionals is not symbolic—it is strategic. The industry cannot afford a divide between sea and shore, between operational reality and managerial theory. Mariners bring a systems mindset forged where failure has immediate consequences.

If logistics is about moving goods efficiently, safely, and reliably from origin to destination, then mariners were its first practitioners. Long before e-commerce platforms, before supply chain degrees, and before performance metrics, ships connected producers and consumers across continents.

As consumers enjoy the convenience of one-click purchases on Shopee or Lazada, the industry must remember the foundation beneath it all. There is no algorithm that can replace a trained officer navigating heavy weather, managing risk, and protecting cargo at sea.

Shipping did not begin with online shopping—and it does not survive without mariners. The logistics world would do well to remember a simple truth: “No shipping = No shopping.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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CLICK, PAY, REGRET: WHY ONLINE SHOPPING STILL FEELS RISKY FOR MALAYSIANS

BY DATUK TS DR HJ RAMLI AMIR FCILT
CILTM PAST PRESIDENT



Member's Voice

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Shopping online in Malaysia sounds easy. Just a few taps on your phone, pay up, and wait for your parcel to arrive. But for many Malaysians, it's not always that simple. Sometimes the item arrives late, broken, looks different from the pictures, or never shows up at all. And when things go wrong, getting your money back can be harder than making the purchase itself.

Misleading Products and Quality Issues

One big frustration is when products don't match their online photos or descriptions. For example, a shopper buys a skincare product advertised as "authentic Korean formula" at a cheap price. But when it arrives, it smells strange, has spelling mistakes on the label, and looks unsafe. When the buyer complains, the seller calls it an "OEM" or "parallel import" product and refuses to refund. This is a common case of misleading advertising under the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), but many consumers just accept the loss instead of taking action.

Similarly, some buy electronics described as "new, original, local set" smartphones. Later, they find no manufacturer warranty, signs of previous use, and poor battery health. The seller might then claim the phone is "new refurbished," something never mentioned in the listing. Although the law says products must match their descriptions, proving this can be difficult and tiring for most buyers.

Delivery Failures and Courier Disputes

Delivery problems cause another big headache. Many Malaysians have had parcels arrive late, damaged, or go missing altogether. When this happens, it's often unclear who is responsible. For instance, a buyer orders a laptop during a big sale. The platform says the item was "delivered," but the buyer never gets it. The courier says they handed it to someone at the address; the seller says delivery is the courier's job, and the platform tells the buyer to "wait for investigation." Weeks pass with no solution, leaving the buyer confused and out of pocket.

Or imagine receiving a washing machine with dents and scratches. The courier blames poor packaging by the seller, while the seller says the damage happened during transit. The platform demands photos taken at delivery time—something many don't know to do. The result? The buyer is stuck in the middle with no clear answer.

Payment Risks and Scams

Payment scams add even more risk. Some people get calls from fake couriers asking for cash on delivery for parcels they never ordered. Others receive fake WhatsApp messages with links pretending to be from popular shopping sites. When they click the link and enter their details, unauthorised transactions appear in their accounts.

Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) options also cause hidden problems. Paying in instalments through apps is easy, but when refunds are delayed or payments are misrecorded, fees and debts pile up. Many only realise too late they are borrowing money with rules they don't fully understand. For example, a student buys clothes with BNPL, returns the items, but the instalments keep getting deducted because the refund is slow. They end up paying for clothes they no longer have.



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Refunds, Returns, and Platform Power Imbalances

Even when the problem is simple—like the wrong size or colour—getting a refund isn't easy. Sellers often use “final sale” labels or short deadlines to refuse returns. For example, a buyer purchases discounted shoes marked “clearance – no refund.” When the shoes arrive in the wrong size, the seller refuses to take them back, even though it's not the buyer's fault. Many consumers think these labels override their legal rights, but under the CPA, sellers cannot exclude these rights.

Platforms promise “easy returns,” but many buyers face automated rejections or slow replies. Sometimes, the system rejects return requests because the buyer chose the “wrong” complaint reason. By the time the mistake is fixed, the return window has closed.

Consumer Protection and Challenges

To be fair, Malaysia's consumer protection laws are improving. The Consumer Protection Act requires goods to match their descriptions and be of acceptable quality. The Tribunal for Consumer Claims lets buyers file claims up to RM25,000 without needing a lawyer. New rules require online sellers to clearly show who they are and provide easy ways to complain. These are good steps forward.

However, many Malaysians don't know about these protections or think complaining is too much trouble for small amounts. Enforcement is difficult, especially when sellers operate from overseas or disappear after a dispute. For instance, some buyers win cases against foreign sellers on platforms, but the sellers vanish, making recovery impossible.

The Reality for Malaysian Shoppers

Right now, online shopping in Malaysia is a trade-off. It's convenient, but there are risks. Until laws are better enforced and more people understand their rights, many Malaysians will shop cautiously—hoping for good deals, expecting problems, and learning the hard way that a simple click can sometimes lead to regret.

Here's the uncomfortable truth: Malaysia's online shopping grew faster than consumer protection did. Platforms like Shopee, Lazada, TikTok Shop, and Facebook Marketplace dominate how we shop, but when things go wrong, it's mostly up to the buyer to prove their case. “Buyer protection” sounds good but often only helps those who know how to navigate complicated disputes. For many casual shoppers, losing money quietly has become part of the experience.

These platforms cannot act like neutral middlemen while controlling listings, payments, deliveries, and complaint handling. If a parcel shows as “delivered” but never arrives, or fake goods slip through their system, telling buyers to “talk to the seller” is not enough. If they profit from millions of sales and data, they must take real responsibility for fixing problems—not just hide behind fine print and chatbots. Also, regulators need to look more closely at how BNPL and other easy payment methods affect buyers. BNPL makes spending feel harmless, especially during big sales or livestreams. But when things go wrong, buyers find themselves trapped in confusing credit arrangements with fees and debts. BNPL should be regulated like any other form of borrowing.

Final Thoughts

Malaysia doesn't lack laws; it lacks enforcement and awareness. The Consumer Protection Act and Tribunal exist, but too many buyers think complaining is useless, and too many sellers think disappearing is easy. If we want online shopping to stay safe and trustworthy, this has to change. Until then, Malaysians will keep shopping online—but with their guard up. They will click, pay, and hope for the best, knowing that if something goes wrong, the system might test their patience more than protect their rights. Convenience shouldn't mean giving up, and our digital economy should never ask consumers to accept regret as the cost of joining in.

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A recent conversation at home offered a timely reminder of how our profession is often perceived by those just beginning their journey. A close friend of my son who currently a Year 1 student in Bachelor Business Administration Logistics and Transportation at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) asked why Marine Operations appeared to be more “hands-on” in logistics execution. My son himself is a first-year student in Bachelor in Marine Operations at UniKL Malaysian Institute of Marine Engineering Technology (UniKL MIMET). From his friend’s perspective, marine operations seemed closer to the realities of moving cargo, managing vessels, engaging ports, and supporting offshore activities.



It was a genuine question, shaped by observation rather than theory. My answer was straightforward: marine operations are indeed a vital part of logistics execution, but logistics and transport encompass the entire system from upstream planning, regulatory compliance, and commercial structure to downstream delivery, performance, and accountability. Marine operations occupy a critical segment of that system and logistics integrates all segments into a single, functioning whole effectively.

That short exchange between two first-year students, one at UUM and one at UniKL MIMET has captures a question many young professionals carry with them: what truly defines logistics in practice, and how does it differ from marine operations? This reflection is offered from a practitioner’s perspective, shaped by years of work in project logistics, trade compliance, and marine coordination across Malaysia, the ASEAN region, and international markets, including with EPCI Contractors, SBM Offshore and McDermott International.

Vessel Movements

What students often see first is movement. Ships arriving at port, offshore vessels mobilising for construction campaigns, cranes lifting modules, pipelines being loaded and discharged. This is logistics in motion which is visible, physical, and measurable. It is therefore natural that marine operations are perceived as the centre of execution.

Logistics and transport, however, are frequently invisible when they function effectively. When cargo clears customs without delay, when a foreign-flagged vessel enters port without regulatory complications, when equipment arrives on schedule and within budget, few notice the planning, documentation, approvals, and coordination that made it possible. The paradox of logistics is that its greatest success is often quiet.

In offshore energy where much of my professional experience has been developed—marine operations are understandably prominent. Heavy-lift vessels install subsea structures, pipelay barges lay flowlines, and offshore construction vessels support field development campaigns. These operations are technically demanding and safety-critical. Yet long before any vessel sails, logistics and transport professionals have already defined whether those operations can occur.

They determine whether cargo may legally enter a country, how it should be classified for customs, what duties or taxes apply, and whether exemptions or temporary import regimes are available. They engage port authorities on berth suitability and handling capability. They assess immigration and maritime requirements for foreign-flagged vessels and international crew. They align Incoterms, contracts, and commercial terms so that responsibilities, risks, and costs are properly allocated. They ensure compliance with national regulations that, if overlooked, can stop a project before it begins.

Marine operations, in this sense, are the physical execution of a framework that logistics has already constructed.

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SEEING THE WHOLE SYSTEM FROM UPSTREAM TO DOWNSTREAM
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The Distinction of Marine Operation and Logistics

The distinction becomes clearer when viewed through an upstream–downstream lens. Marine operations largely operate downstream. They focus on how assets are used, how operations are executed safely and efficiently, and how schedules are maintained in real time. Logistics and transport span both domains. They determine whether movement is legally permitted, commercially viable, and operationally feasible before execution takes place.

In Malaysia and across ASEAN, this distinction is especially relevant. Our ports like Port Klang, Tanjung Pelepas, Penang, Bintulu and others are not merely physical gateways. They are regulatory environments shaped by customs law, maritime regulations, free-zone policies, cabotage rules, and international trade agreements. A vessel may be technically capable of performing a marine task, but without proper approvals, documentation, or regulatory alignment, it cannot operate. In such cases, the constraint is not marine capability, but logistics governance.

In my work supporting regional offshore developments, this interdependence is constant. From Malaysia to Indonesia, Brunei, Australia, and emerging markets in Africa, marine operations may appear similar on the surface, vessels, ports and offshore sites but each jurisdiction imposes distinct requirements on importation, taxation, vessel operations, crew, and documentation. Logistics and trade compliance frameworks must be adapted to each location before marine execution can be contemplated.

Logistics, therefore, is not simply about moving things. It is about enabling movement within a complex web of laws, contracts, and institutional requirements.

Another way to understand the difference is through accountability. Marine operations are accountable for operational performance: safety, efficiency, and technical execution. Logistics and transport are accountable for system performance: compliance, cost, risk, and integration across stakeholders.

When a vessel is delayed offshore due to weather or technical issues, that is a marine challenge. When a vessel cannot enter port because of incomplete documentation, cabotage restrictions, or customs non-compliance, that is a logistics failure. When equipment is held at the border due to misclassification or the absence of an exemption, the operational impact may be felt offshore, but the root cause lies upstream in logistics governance.

In project environments particularly in energy and infrastructure where costs escalate quickly and delays carry contractual consequences, logistics and transport are not support functions. They are strategic enablers of success.

The exchange between my son and his friend from UUM reflected this difference in a very practical way. One sees the vessels and offshore work his program prepares him for. The other is learning the systems, processes, and frameworks that sit behind those operations. Both are learning logistics at different points within the same chain.

For Malaysian students, this perspective opens significant career possibilities. Malaysia sits at the crossroads of major global trade routes. We host world-class ports, operate within multiple free-trade frameworks, and participate in regional supply chains stretching from East Asia to the Middle East, Europe, and Africa. Logistics professionals trained in systems thinking, regulatory compliance, and cross-border coordination are not confined to any single sector. Their skills are transferable across energy, manufacturing, retail, infrastructure, and humanitarian operations.

Marine operations, by contrast, are more sector specific. They are indispensable in shipping, offshore energy, and maritime construction, but less directly applicable in industries where physical maritime activity is limited. This does not diminish their value, but it does shape the breadth of career mobility.

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Hybrid Competence to Logistics Professionals

The professionals who add the greatest value today are those with hybrid competence, those who understand marine realities while also mastering logistics frameworks. In my own career, the ability to engage both operationally with vessels and commercially with customs authorities, regulators, and corporate governance has been essential in delivering complex projects across multiple jurisdictions.

Beyond energy, the same logic applies across industries. In manufacturing, marine operations may bring raw materials to port, but logistics determines how those goods are cleared, stored, distributed, and integrated into production. In infrastructure projects, marine teams may transport heavy equipment, but logistics professionals manage permits, multimodal connections, and regulatory interfaces. In humanitarian operations, ships deliver aid, but logistics ensures rapid clearance, transparent distribution, and accountability.

Marine operations provide capability; logistics and transport provide control.

This distinction is becoming more important as global supply chains face new pressures. Geopolitical shifts, sanctions regimes, environmental regulation, digital reporting, and sustainability requirements are reshaping how goods move across borders. Trade compliance, once regarded as administrative, is now strategic. Carbon reporting, customs transparency, and auditability are becoming as critical as speed and cost.

Students entering the profession must therefore be prepared for a world in which logistics is not only about optimization, but also about governance, ethics, and resilience.

From a Malaysian perspective, this evolution presents both challenges and opportunities. As ASEAN integration deepens, logistics professionals who understand regional trade frameworks, customs harmonization, and cross-border operations will be increasingly sought after. Growth in offshore energy, renewable infrastructure, and advanced manufacturing across the region will require practitioners capable of managing complex project logistics across multiple countries.

At the same time, global opportunities continue to expand. Logistics and transport skills are inherently portable. A professional trained in Malaysia can apply the same principles in Australia, the Middle East, Africa, or Europe, adapting to local regulations while operating within a familiar conceptual framework. This has shaped my own professional journey, supporting projects across Asia-Pacific and other regions while remaining grounded in systems-based logistics.

For students, this means that a degree in Logistics and Transport is not a narrow qualification. It is a platform for a global career. Those who complement it with exposure to marine operations, project environments, or sector-specific knowledge will be particularly well positioned to meet the demands of multiple industries worldwide.

Returning to the original question from my son's friend, the answer is not that one discipline is more "real" than the other. Marine operations are real because they involve tangible assets and visible execution. Logistics and transport are real because they determine whether that execution is possible, lawful, and sustainable.

In practice, the two cannot succeed in isolation. Marine operations without logistics risk becoming technically excellent but operationally constrained. Logistics without marine understanding risk becoming conceptually sound but practically disconnected. The future of our profession lies in integration, not in choosing between the two.

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For educational institutions, this carries important implications. Programs in Logistics and Transport should continue to strengthen systems thinking, trade compliance, and cross-border governance, while exposing students to operational realities through applied projects and industry engagement. Marine operations programs should situate technical training within the wider logistics framework, ensuring that graduates understand the regulatory and commercial environments in which they will operate.

For students, the message is equally clear: do not limit your understanding of logistics to what is immediately visible. Seek to understand the full chain. Ask not only how cargo moves, but why it is allowed to move, under what conditions, and with what consequences.

Logistics as Strategic Function

The simple question from a Year 1 student at UUM, prompted by conversations with my son at UniKL MIMET, is a timely reminder of why professional bodies such as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) remain vital. Our role is not only to certify competence, but to articulate the evolving identity of our profession. Logistics today extends far beyond warehouses and transport routes. It is a strategic function connecting operations, regulation, commerce, and global systems.

Marine operations will always be a cornerstone of that system, particularly for a maritime nation like Malaysia. But logistics and transport provide the architecture that holds the entire structure together.

By helping the next generation see this complete picture, we are not merely answering an academic question. We are shaping how they will contribute to industries that move economies, connect communities, and sustain global trade.

Author Profile

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DENYUT SUNYI RANTAIAN BEKALAN BY DATUK HJ RAMLI AMIR FCILT



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SIMFONI – RANTAIAN – BEKALAN

*Rangkaian bekalan jarang disebut namanya.
Ia tidak menuntut perhatian, tidak mencari pujian.
Namun setiap hari, tanpa gagal, ia memastikan dunia terus bernafas.*

*Ia bermula jauh dari pusat bandar,
di tempat yang sunyi daripada papan iklan dan grafik ekonomi.
Di ladang, di bengkel kecil, di kilang yang berdengung tanpa henti,
manusia bekerja bukan untuk kemasyhuran,
tetapi untuk kesinambungan.
Apa yang dihasilkan di sini bukan sekadar barangan,
tetapi permulaan kepada satu perjalanan panjang yang tidak terlihat.*

*Perjalanan itu bergerak di atas jalan raya,
melalui pelabuhan, gudang, dan sempadan.
Lori, kapal, dan kereta api menjadi ayat-ayat panjang
dalam sebuah esei kolektif yang ditulis oleh ramai tangan.
Setiap persimpangan ialah keputusan,
setiap kelewatan ialah ujian,
dan setiap ketepatan masa ialah kemenangan kecil
yang jarang diraikan.*

*Di gudang, masa diukur bukan oleh jam,
tetapi oleh aliran.
Masuk, keluar, susun, hantar.
Bunyi pengimbas dan pergerakan forklift
menjadi bahasa senyap antara manusia dan sistem.
Tiada siapa berhenti untuk merenung keindahan ini,
kerana keindahan rangkaian bekalan terletak pada hakikat
ia tidak sepatutnya disedari*

*Namun rangkaian ini rapuh.
Satu simpul yang terlepas,
satu peranan yang diabaikan,
boleh menggegarkan keseluruhan jaringan.
Di sinilah kebenaran terserlah:
rantai bekalan bukan tentang kelajuan semata-mata,
tetapi tentang kepercayaan.
Kepercayaan bahawa setiap pihak akan melakukan bahagiannya,
walaupun tiada siapa yang melihat.*

*Apabila malam tiba, perjalanan
belum berakhir.*

*Pemandu meneruskan laluan dalam
sunyi,
lampu bandar menjadi saksi bisu
kepada dedikasi yang tidak
bernama.*

*Menjelang pagi, barangan itu akan
tiba—
di rak kedai, di barisan pengeluaran,
di hadapan pintu rumah.
Ia kelihatan biasa, hampir tidak
bermakna,
tetapi di situlah kejayaannya:
kehadiran yang dijangka,
ketiadaan yang dirasakan.*

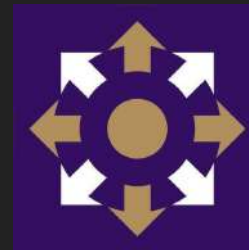
*Rangkaian bekalan ialah puisi moden
kehidupan.*

*Ia menghubungkan jarak dengan
keperluan,
usaha dengan kelangsungan,
manusia dengan manusia lain yang
tidak pernah ditemui.
Selagi dunia bergerak,
selagi manusia memerlukan,
denyut sunyi ini akan terus hidup—
menyokong kehidupan dari balik
tabir,
tanpa meminta apa-apa,
selain kefahaman bahawa
yang paling penting dalam ekonomi
selalunya adalah yang paling tidak
kelihatan.*

*Nukilan Rasa,
Ramli Amir*

CREATING A SAFE JOURNEY FOR EVERY CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL

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Happy New Year 2026. As we begin a new year, it is timely to reflect on the experiences and lessons of the past year. These reflections help us move forward and improve practices within the transportation sector toward safer and more efficient systems. One area that is often overlooked is school bus and van transportation. Although picking up and dropping off children is a basic function of transportation, it plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of children. Greater attention must be given to child safety to ensure that every journey to and from school is secure.

At the start of each school year, parents are busy preparing school supplies as their children get ready to resume classes. For many working parents, school bus or van services are essential to ensure their children travel safely. However, recent incidents have highlighted serious safety concerns. There have been cases where children were unintentionally left behind in vehicles, as well as accidents occurring when drivers failed to notice children moving around the bus or van. These events serve as important reminders of the need for heightened awareness, responsibility, and safety measures in school transportation.



To enhance the quality and safety of school bus and van services, proactive measures must be taken by all stakeholders. This includes strengthening driver training programmes, enforcing strict safety procedures, improving vehicle monitoring systems, and conducting regular maintenance and inspections. Schools and service providers should implement clear operating procedures for student pick-up and drop-off, attendance checks, and emergency response protocols. Simultaneously, parents and students should be educated on safe travel behaviour and awareness. Through continuous improvement, shared responsibility, and a strong safety culture, school transportation services can become safer, more reliable, and better equipped to protect every child.

The support and oversight of both the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Education are also critical in addressing school bus and van safety issues. These ministries play a key role in developing and enforcing regulations, setting safety standards, and monitoring compliance among service providers. Collaboration between both ministries ensures that safety policies are consistently implemented across schools, operators, and regions. Strengthening governance, supervision, and awareness programmes will help create a safer transportation ecosystem and reinforce public confidence in the protection of children during their daily journeys.

Additionally, benchmarking best practices from developed countries such as the United Kingdom and Japan can provide valuable guidance for improving local school bus and van services. In these countries, transportation systems emphasise strict safety regulations, well-trained drivers, clear operating procedures, and strong accountability mechanisms. By adapting these proven practices to the Malaysian context, we can strengthen our school transportation framework and enhance the overall safety, efficiency, and reliability of services for children.

Children are the jewels of the nation, and their safety must always be our top priority. All stakeholders including the government, schools, transport service providers, parents, and the wider community must work together to ensure that school transportation is safe, reliable, and well-managed. By enforcing safety regulations, maintaining vehicles properly, training drivers effectively, and educating students and parents on safe travel practices, we can prevent accidents and ensure every child's journey to and from school is secure. With collaboration, vigilance, and a shared commitment to child safety, school transportation can become not only efficient but truly safe for every child.

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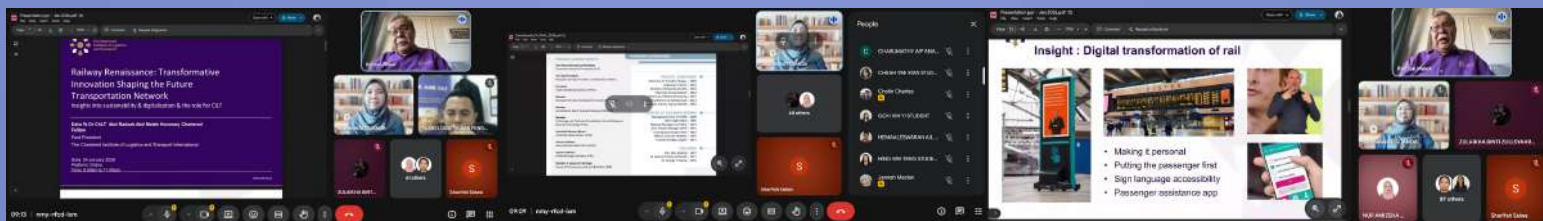


Railway Renaissance: Transformative Innovation Shaping the Future Transportation Network

Inspiring the Next Generation Through Sustainability, Digitalisation, and the Role of CILT. Held on 24 January 2026, from 9.00 am to 11.00 am via an online platform, this inspiring session ignited students' curiosity and ambition by showcasing how innovation, digital transformation, and sustainability are redefining the future of railway and transportation networks. More than a discussion on technology, the session encouraged students to view transportation as a dynamic and impactful field—one where ideas, leadership, and purpose come together to shape societies and economies. Students were exposed to forward-looking perspectives on smart rail systems, green mobility, and digital integration, helping them connect academic learning with real-world industry needs. The session also highlighted the vital role of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) in guiding and empowering young talents to become future-ready, globally recognised professionals.

**Speaker: Dato' Ts Dr ChLT Abd Radzak Abd Malek, Honorary Chartered Fellow
Past President, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport International**

Drawing from decades of leadership and industry experience, Dato' Ts Dr ChLT Abd Radzak Abd Malek, Honorary Chartered Fellow delivered compelling insights and reflections that inspired students to think beyond textbooks, embrace innovation, and envision themselves as future leaders in sustainable transportation. The session attracted more than 100 participants, predominantly students, whose active engagement reflected a strong enthusiasm for learning and contributing to the future of sustainable and digitally enabled transportation networks.



Sincere appreciation is extended to Dato' Ts Dr ChLT Abd Radzak Abd Malek, Honorary Chartered Fellow for the inspiring session, particularly in motivating our students as future professional logisticians.



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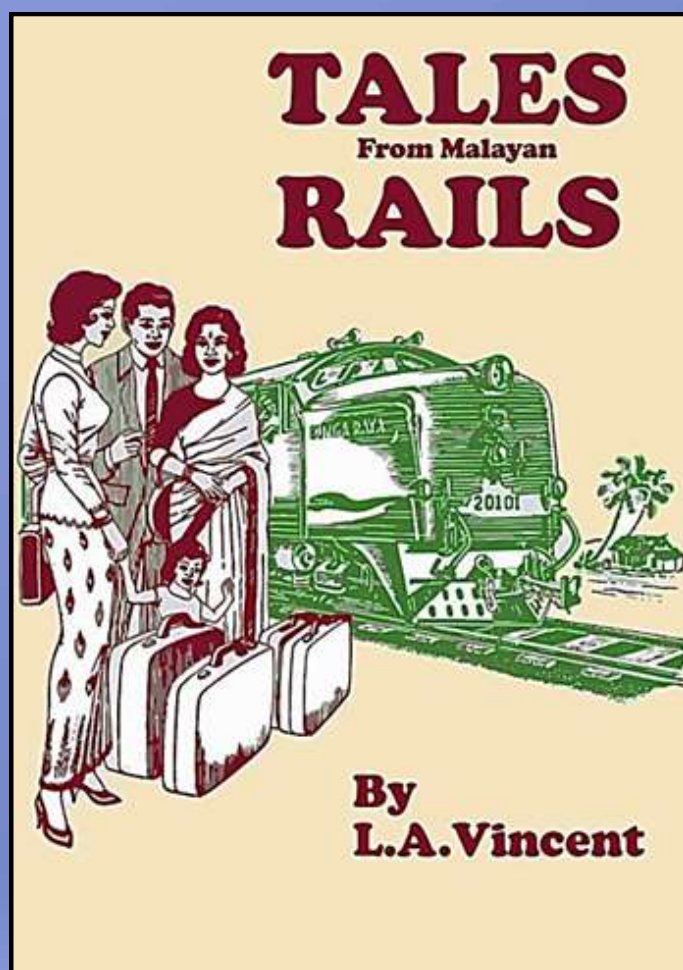
Tales from Malayan Rails

This is a non-fiction, railway book. Spread out over 50 chapters spanning 444 pages, the book offers illustrated anecdotes about the romance, people, language, and memorable experiences from Malayan Railways historic past. Along the way, it reflects on its evolution from colonial times starting out from 1885 to the post Merdeka period.

From days gone by to the present time, many would have made long-distance rail journeys, perhaps for work, holidays, going back to boarding schools and college campuses, or on balek kampong trips. My earliest train-trip memory was at KL station, sitting in a coach, wondering where everyone was bound for when the coach window dropped on my hand! As the years went by, I accumulated more railway memories. Not many, for instance, may know that our passenger trains had some pretty glamorous names. The earliest named train was the Sappo Express. Then there was the PnO Mail, the Northern Star, the Southern Cross, Tren Sombong and the Sodthy Express. It wasn't just trains that had these glamour names; even railwaymen sporting individual quirks, acquired unique nicknames. There was a smartly uniformed train guard called General Kariappa. Amongst locomotive drivers were the likes of Powder Maniam, Hassan Laut and Jomari Mike. And being a part of the staff moving with trains, some would have lively stories of ghosts that rode the rail tracks, houses and stations! A lively discussion will ensue when asked where the best food came from on trains. Was it from the breakdown train's kitchen, or the mail train's buffet car? And there were scores of other railway stories from my years as a railway-man. Ever wondered, for instance, how the railways paid its staff their salaries when there were no banks?. Well, very simple really; the railway ran its own dedicated pay trains every month escorted by the railway's own police force personnel. And the pay train was never, ever, held up and robbed.....no Great Train Robbery here in Malaya!

Spiced with interesting anecdotes and historical gems, this railway book will be a walk down the corridors of time. Because, many of the things mentioned in the book, are from newspapers and articles pertaining to the time they took place, decades back.

A 'must read' book for a railway buff.



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The Bernam Mail

The story takes the reader back to pre-war days when the country was under British rule. It is a 'what-if' story: what if, the Federated Malay States Railways or FMSR, back in the 1920s, had extended their railway line from Batang Berjuntai across the Selangor River, to Teluk Anson in Perak? Though suggested by the FMSR, the plan was never implemented.

In 1908 or thereabouts, coal was discovered in the Batu Arang area and a colliery was founded. As the tin mines and the railways were in need of coal, the mines were rail connected to move the coal more efficiently. The 14-mile branch line to serve the colliery, started out from Kuang railway junction. It went all the way to Batu Berjuntai. Coal was the main item ferried on this 14-mile rail track. In pre-war days, five fully laden coal trains ran over the tracks daily, conveying almost 3,000 tons of coal, bound for places as far away as Singapore. Soon after the line was commissioned, the government suggested that the track might continue northwards if situation permitted, along the coast to Teluk Anson.

But that idea, did not come to pass; the 14-mile rail track from Kuang did not go beyond Batang Berjuntai. But in the rich imagination of the author, an ex-railwayman, that rail corridor comes alive. Crossing the states of Selangor and Perak, that fictitious rail corridor from Batang Berjuntai passed through Kuala Selangor, Tanjung Karang and Sabak Bernam. Over the Bernam River into Perak, it continued towards Hutan Melintang and Bagan Datoh on to Teluk Anson. On this track, ran daily, the exclusive looking Bernam Mail Train.

This 'alternate history' story combines actual developments in the area and elsewhere with historical events, to weave an engaging tale of life along the track with all its settlements, stations and halts. With the coming of a railway line, commercial and rural development comes to life. Only the coming of a railway, would have spurred such a development.



Had this happened, the demographics of the area, would have taken on a very dynamic posture. But it did not, and the area through which the track might have passed had the track been constructed, remained in the proverbial boondocks!

But just imagined that it did!



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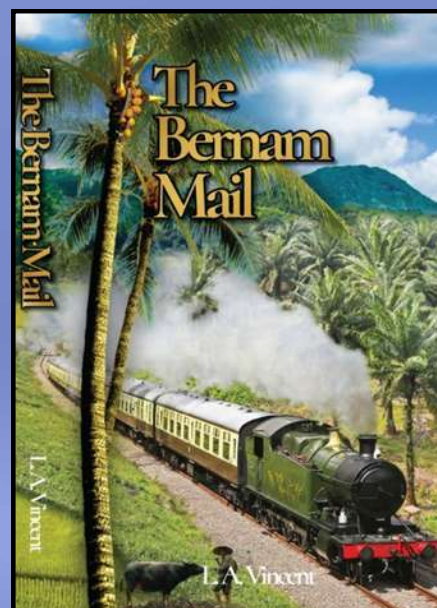
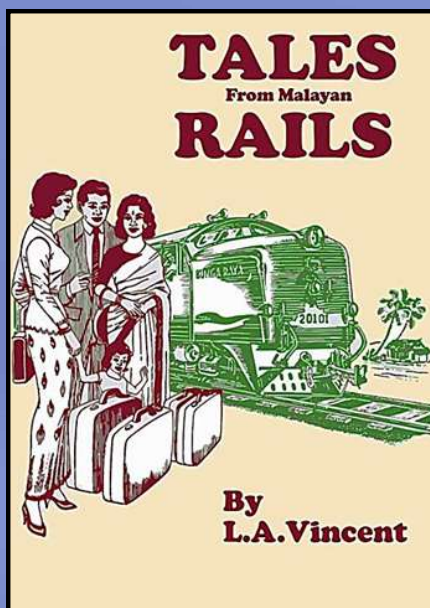
Each book is RM 50 a copy, plus RM 5 for courier charges. Those interested, can contact the author through a WhatsApp message to phone number 019-3127394.

About The Author

Born into a railway family, this 3rd generation spent almost all his working life in the railways. The best, and the most interesting were the 10 odd years as the railway's District Traffic Superintendents at Ipoh, Johor Baru and Butterworth. From those few years, come a lot of the railway stories in his books. Subsequent to his postings at the districts, he moved over to KL as the General Manager of the railway's Freight Services Department. After retirement from the railways in 2006 as the General Manager of KTMB's Multimodal Freight Company, he started on this writing pastime. Tales From Malayan Rails, is his 4th book.



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