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New Head Shipping Engagement Branch of the Information Fusion Centre Announced

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Daniel Ng, the Information Fusion Centre's (IFC) Head Shipping Engagement Branch (Hd SEB), will hand over the appointment to Major (MAJ) Zix Toh in Feb 2025. LTC Ng, who is also concurrently the Deputy Head IFC, is the IFC's first Hd SEB and pioneered the IFC's Shipping Engagement strategy, which was instrumental in developing the strong industry-military relationship we have today. LTC Ng will be retiring from the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in May 2025, after more than 29 years of outstanding Service.

"The past five years have been the most rewarding period of my career. It has been a privilege working alongside many shipping partners to enhance Maritime Security (MARSEC) in this region. During my tenure as Hd SEB, I received unwavering support from the Asian Shipowners' Association (ASA) and the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA). Together, we strengthened industry-military

engagement and introduced many initiatives that have greatly benefitted the industry.” - LTC Daniel Ng, reflecting on his tenure as Hd SEB.



1 - LTC Daniel Ng speaking at the IFC's 46th Shared Awareness Meeting



2 - IFC co-organised the 42nd Shared Awareness Meeting with ASA

Having previously served as Head of Operations at the IFC from Apr 2019 to Aug 2022 and now as a Watch Commander of the RSN Maritime Security Task Force's (MSTF) Sea Security Group, MAJ Zix Toh has strong operational experience in the field of MARSEC. MAJ Toh also participated in Operation Blue Sapphire, a counter-piracy operation conducted by the Singapore Armed Forces in the Gulf of Aden in 2013.

"Under LTC Ng's leadership, our Shipping Engagement team has achieved remarkable milestones in strengthening collaboration and mutual trust with the maritime industry. I am grateful for his professionalism, dedication, and vision in leading the team to where it is today. While there is still much more to be done, I am excited to be given this opportunity to lead the team and work closely with our shipping partners to address the evolving MARSEC challenges." - MAJ Zix Toh, on LTC Daniel Ng and taking on the new role.



3 - MAJ Zix participated at the International Maritime Exercise (IMX) 2019 held in Bahrain

Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

The IFC will release its annual report in end Jan 2025 and has an exciting lineup of key events planned throughout 2025 to foster deeper collaboration amongst all maritime stakeholders.

- **47th Shared Awareness Meeting:** Co-organised with both ASA and SSA on **20 Feb 2025**. Participants can look forward to a wide array of presentations by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and leadership from both MARSEC agencies and the maritime industry, covering situational updates across various Areas of Operation, key challenges, and topical issues.
 - **9th Maritime Information Sharing Exercise (MARISX):** Scheduled from **6 to 8 May 2025**. MARISX will bring together practitioners from international MARSEC agencies and the maritime industry to exercise operational processes over realistic MARSEC scenarios to strengthen mutual trust and cooperation in dealing with MARSEC threats.
 - **13th Regional MARSEC Practitioner Programme (RMPP):** Scheduled for July 2025 (TBC). Participants can look forward to interesting presentations and discussions led by renowned academia and SMEs on relevant MARSEC issues.
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4 - Over 250 representatives from navies, coastguards, and the regional shipping community participated in the 46th Shared Awareness Meeting.

*Through these initiatives, the IFC aims to strengthen partnerships and promote collaboration across the maritime community, so that together, we can ensure **Safe and Secure Seas for All**. We look forward to a fruitful 2025 with you!*



5 - Participants for the 12th RMPP gathered to share different perspectives and concerns on MARSEC issues.