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### **EAGLESTAR'S CAPTAIN EEZMAIRA IS THE NATION'S FIRST WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE NATIONAL SEAFARER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Captain Eezmaira Sazzea binti Shaharuzzaman, Eaglestar's first female Master Mariner made history as the nation's first female recipient of the prestigious National Seafarer of The Year award during the Day of the Seafarer National Celebration that was held in Terengganu, Malaysia on 25 June 2022. The National Seafarer of the Year is awarded to outstanding Malaysian seafarers who have demonstrated significant passion and commitment in their profession as well as in recognition of their social contribution to the maritime community.

Expressing her appreciation, Captain Eezmaira Sazzea said, *"I am truly grateful to be named as the National Seafarer of The Year and this is certainly one of the most important achievements in my career ever since I embarked on my first voyage as a seafarer more than a decade ago. My success to this day would not have been possible without the support and motivation from my family, friends and colleagues. I am grateful to Eaglestar and MISC for continuously paving the way for women to build their careers as maritime professionals and I am incredibly proud to be part of a progressive team that is committed towards fostering diversity, inclusion and talent excellence at sea and shore."*





Captain Eezmaira Sazzea added *“I believe that this honour is not only for me, but it also pays tribute to the commitment and passion of women in the maritime industry. I hope this recognition will inspire more women to pursue careers at sea and promote an inclusive maritime future.”*

Captain Eezmaira Sazzea was among the first group of Malaysian women selected to pursue professional maritime training at the Malaysian Maritime Academy (*Akademi Laut Malaysia*, also known as ALAM) and graduated with a Diploma in Nautical Studies in 2010. She has been sailing as an Eaglestar officer for more than 10 years and became the first Malaysian woman to be appointed as a Master Mariner when she took command of MISC’s LNG carrier, *Seri Bijaksana* in 2021.

Captain Peter Liew, Managing Director & CEO of Eaglestar said, *“We proudly salute Captain Eezmaira Sazzea as the National Seafarer of the Year 2022. Her achievement is a testament to Eaglestar’s commitment towards cultivating a diverse and inclusive workplace culture that provides equal opportunities for all to grow and contribute together towards shaping the maritime industry’s progress. She stands as an excellent role model for young women aspiring to become seafarers and is certainly an inspiration to the maritime community to soar to greater heights of success.”*

Datuk Yee Yang Chien, President/ Group CEO of MISC said, *“Our heartiest congratulations to Captain Eezmaira Sazzea and we are incredibly proud of her success as the nation’s first female recipient of the award. When MISC Group opened our doors to welcome the participation of women to embark on careers at sea, our commitment is not only to ensure the sustainability of the maritime talent pipeline but most importantly for us to build an inclusive, dynamic and talented maritime workforce of the future. We will continue to nurture the personal and professional development of our people across the Group, empowering them to achieve their fullest potential and become the best version of themselves.”*

During the award presentation ceremony, Captain Eezmaira Sazzea, who is currently on a voyage, was represented by her father, En. Shaharuzzaman bin Abdul Rahman, who received the award from the Deputy Transport Minister of Malaysia, YB Dato Henry Sum Agong.



En. Shaharuzzaman bin Abdul Rahman (right), Captain Eezmaira Sazzea's father, received the award from the Deputy Transport Minister, YB Dato Henry Sum Agong, witnessed by the Director-General of the Marine Department of Malaysia (MARDEP), YBhg. Dato' Hj. Baharin bin Dato' Abdul Hamid (left).

The Day of the Seafarer was established by the International Maritime Organization in 2010 as an annual celebration on 25 June to recognise the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade, the world economy and civil society as a whole.

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Eaglestar delivers a comprehensive suite of solutions ranging from fleet management and operations to crew management and manning services, dry-docking management as well as project management services for newbuild construction and conversion projects. Leveraging on the combined resources and experience of more than half a century in the shipping industry, we strive to enable the delivery of reliable and efficient ship management services serve key vessel segments in various markets across the globe

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