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### **HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF THE BUNGA MAS LIMA NAVAL AUXILIARY VESSEL TO THE ROYAL MALAYSIAN NAVY**

KOTA KINABALU, SABAH - MISC Berhad (MISC) today had successfully handed over to the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) the Naval Auxiliary Vessel BUNGA MAS LIMA (BM5), joining the RMN's current fleet that will be deployed to safeguard the safety of our Malaysian waters and strengthen the RMN's future maritime defense strategy.

A ceremony to commemorate the handing over of the vessel was held today at the RMN Kota Kinabalu Navy Base, Sabah and attended by representatives from MISC and the RMN. The event was graced by the presence of YBhg. Admiral Dato' Seri Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin, Chief of Navy and Mr. Yee Yang Chien, President/CEO of MISC.

BUNGA MAS LIMA, a 699 TEUs container ship was the first Malaysian vessel to be converted into an RMN Auxiliary Vessel and was tasked with escorting MISC ships sailing through the Gulf of Aden, a high-risk area that was rampant with piracy activities.



The Handing over Ceremony of BUNGA MAS LIMA reflects MISC's dedication from end to end towards supporting the National Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) and RMN's role in safeguarding the safety of our Malaysian waters.

"MISC's collaboration with the RMN to convert the BUNGA MAS LIMA into a Naval Auxiliary Vessel was a significant milestone for the company and set a bold precedent for the shipping industry as MISC was the first and only shipping company that has implemented this unique security arrangement to protect its ships, crew and cargo against piracy," said Mr. Yee Yang Chien, President/CEO of MISC.

"The decision to modify our container ships into Naval Auxiliary Vessels was testament to MISC's long-term commitment as responsible corporate citizen to improve the security of our vessels, support the RMN in its military operations and most importantly contribute towards the nation's security. We would like to thank RMN for their support to MISC though all these years as it has helped us in assuring the security of our crew, cargo and assets. The ceremony today marks a new journey ahead for BUNGA MAS LIMA and we wish the RMN all the best in its future endeavors," Mr. Yee added.

BUNGA MAS LIMA was launched on 1 June 2009 and throughout her involvement in the RMN operations, codenamed OP FAJAR, she safely escorted over 415 vessels of Malaysia's strategic interest plying the Gulf of Aden and its adjacent area.



Among the notable contributions of BUNGA MAS LIMA includes :

- Participation in OP FAJAR from June 2009 till May 2014.
- Mobilised as a sea basing platform in support of the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) in July 2014 and was stationed at Sabah's east coast as part of the forward operational base for intercepting cross-border criminals.
- Played a supporting role in OP PIRAMID in the evacuation of Malaysian students out of Egypt during the 2011 Egyptian Spring revolution.
- Foiled the hijacking attempt against MT Bunga Laurel in January 2011.

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#### **About MISC Berhad**

MISC Berhad (MISC), a subsidiary of PETRONAS, was incorporated in 1968 and is one of the world's leading international energy shipping and maritime conglomerates.

The principal businesses of MISC comprises energy shipping and its related activities, owning and operating offshore floating solutions, marine repair and conversion, engineering and construction works as well as maritime education and training.



Its fleet consists of more than 110 owned and in-chartered LNG, Chemical and Petroleum vessels with additionally 15 floating facilities. The fleet has a combined capacity of 12 million dwt.

Aside from its shipping business, maritime education, training & innovation are a priority for the company and its Malaysian Maritime Academy (ALAM) is ranked amongst the top 10% in the world.

Operating a modern, well-diversified fleet and backed by a knowledgeable workforce made up of more than 10,000 employees from all corners of the globe, MISC is committed to impart quality services to our customers, creating value for our stakeholders and contributing to the sustainability of the industry.