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SALAM TAKZIAH DIUCAPKAN KEPADA
SELURUH AHLI KELUARGA ALLAHYARHAM
Ts DR HJ ABDUL KUDDUS BIN RAMLEE FCILT

In loving memory



Deepest condolences is extended to the entire family of the late Ts Dr Hj Abdul Kuddus Bin Ramlee FCILT on his passing.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of a respected personality in the field of logistics and transport. The late Dr Abdul Kuddus was well regarded for his wisdom, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to advancing the industry as well as contributing to the development of the logistics and transport profession, particularly through his involvement with CILTM Sarawak Section.

Throughout his distinguished career, he had made significant contributions through his active participation in various professional initiatives, which have greatly impacted human capital development and industry advancement. His dedication, service, and legacy will continue to be remembered and serve as an inspiration to colleagues, peers, and future generations.

His passing is a great loss not only to his beloved family but also to the professional community, CILTM Sarawak Section, and the wider logistics and transport industry.

May his family be granted strength, patience, and comfort during this difficult time. May Allah SWT grant him eternal peace, forgive his sins, and place his soul among the righteous.

Al-Fatihah.

Sincerely from:
Professor ChLT Ts Dr Muhammad Zaly Shah FCILT
CILTM President
Management Council, Secretariat, Members



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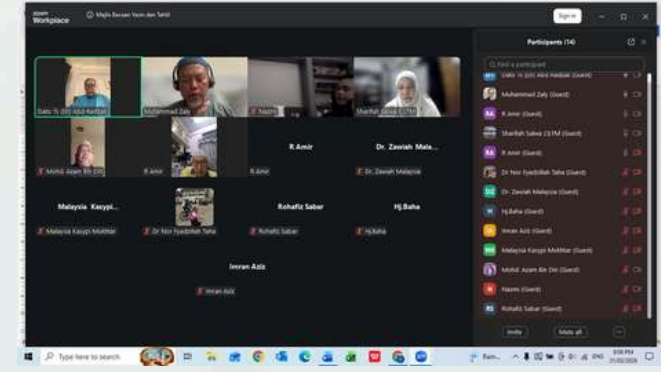
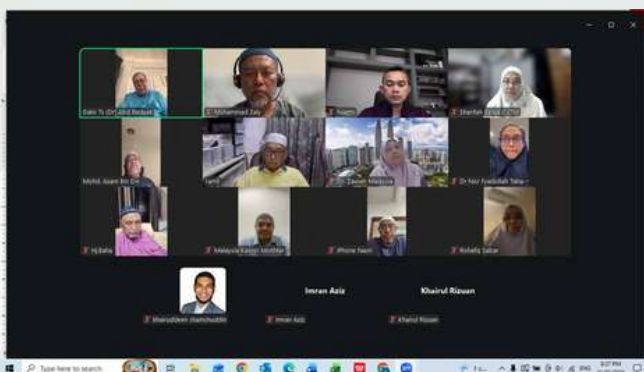
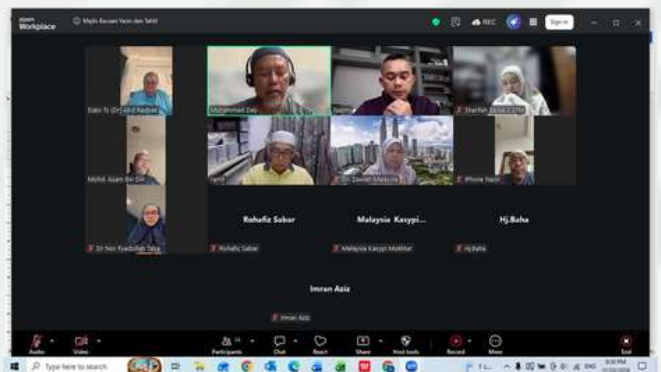
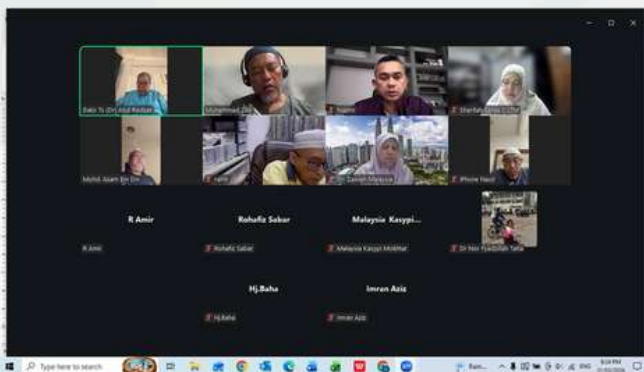
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MAJLIS YAASIN DAN TAHLIL – ALLAHYARHAM TS DR HJ ABDUL KUDDUS RAMLEE FCILT

Innalillahi wainnailaihirojiun - "Sesungguhnya kami adalah milik Allah dan kepada-Nya kami kembali" Dengan penuh rasa syukur, Majlis Bacaan Yaasin dan Tahlil bagi Allahyarham Ts Dr Hj Abdul Kuddus Ramlee FCILT telah berlangsung pada 31 Mac 2026 (Selasa), jam 8.00 malam (dalam talian). Bacaan Yaasin serta Tahlil telah dipimpin oleh Presiden CILTM, dan disertai oleh para hadirin sekalian yang bersama-sama mendoakan kesejahteraan roh Allahyarham.

Setinggi-tinggi penghargaan dan ucapan terima kasih dirakamkan kepada semua yang telah meluangkan masa untuk turut hadir. Semoga roh Allahyarham dicucuri Rahmat, diampunkan segala dosanya, serta ditempatkan dalam kalangan orang-orang yang beriman di bawah lindungan kasih sayang Allah SWT. Aamiin.



Editor's Message

Assalamualaikum Warahmatullahi
Wabarakatuh & Salam Sejahtera

Dear Members and Readers,

Warm greetings from CILTM.

Welcome to the April 2026 edition of CILTM Pulse, where we continue to bring you the latest updates, highlights, and developments from across the Institute and the logistics and transport industry.

This month has been particularly meaningful for CILTM as we successfully convened the Management Council Meeting in conjunction with the CILTM Hari Raya Aidilfitri Gathering on 3 April 2026. This special occasion not only provided a formal platform for the Institute's Council discussions and strategic deliberations, but also served as a vibrant gathering that brought together CILTM members, Council representatives, and key stakeholders.



Cdr ChLT Ts Shahrir bin Haji Ahmad RMN (R) FCILT
Editor-in-Chief, CILTM Pulse

The dual-purpose event reflected the spirit of unity and collegiality within our community, strengthening relationships while reinforcing our shared commitment to advancing the objectives of CILTM. It was a valuable opportunity for meaningful engagement, fostering collaboration between leadership and members in an informal yet purposeful setting.

Throughout this edition, we also feature updates from various State Sections, professional initiatives, and industry engagements that highlight the continuous efforts of CILTM in driving excellence, knowledge-sharing, and professional development within the logistics and transport sector.

As we move further into 2026, CILTM remains committed to strengthening industry partnerships, enhancing professional standards, and supporting national and global aspirations in logistics and transport transformation.

We hope this issue of CILTM Pulse offers valuable insights and inspiration. We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support and contributions from our members and stakeholders in making our initiatives impact and meaningful.

Thank you for your continued dedication to CILTM.

Warm regards,
Cdr ChLT Ts Shahrir bin Hj Ahmad (R) FCILT
Chairman, Media & Communications
CILT Malaysia

Milestones & Achievements

MONTH OF APRIL 2026

CILTM MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING 2/2026 STRENGTHENS STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND GOVERNANCE

The CILTM Management Council Meeting 2/2026 was successfully convened on 3 April 2026 at De Palma Hotel Shah Alam, held in conjunction with the Jamuan Hari Raya CILTM 2026. The meeting brought together Council Members and key representatives to deliberate on important organisational matters and reinforce the Institute's strategic direction.

The session focused on key governance priorities, including proposed organisational restructuring aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and responsiveness to industry needs. In addition, comprehensive policy discussions were undertaken to ensure that CILTM continues to remain relevant, progressive, and aligned with both national and global developments in the logistics and transport sector.

Significant emphasis was also placed on strengthening strategic collaborations with industry partners, government agencies, and academic institutions. The meeting further featured detailed presentations and updates from the Secretariat, Finance, and various Sections. These reports provided valuable insights into ongoing initiatives, financial performance, programme implementation, and sectional activities across the country. The sharing enabled constructive discussions and alignment among Council Members to ensure cohesive execution of plans and objectives.

Overall, the meeting served as an important platform for engagement, strategic review, and collective decision-making, reinforcing CILTM's commitment to strong governance, continuous improvement, and sustainable growth within the logistics and transport fraternity.



Milestones & Achievements

MONTH OF APRIL 2026

PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS IMPACT OF RISING GLOBAL LOGISTICS COSTS ON PRICES OF GOODS

In conjunction with the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Gathering 2026 on 3 April 2026, CILTM organised a timely and impactful press conference addressing the growing concern of rising global logistics costs and their direct implications on the prices of goods, supply chain sustainability, and the consumer market.

The session brought together key industry leaders, including Professor ChLT Ts Dr Muhammad Zaly Shah FCILT, Dato ChLT Ts Abd Radzak Abd Malek Hon FCILT, ChLT Tn Haji Baharudin Kamarudin FCILT, and Tuan Jamil Manan Supri. Their presence reflected strong leadership commitment in addressing current economic and logistics challenges, while providing authoritative insights into the evolving global supply chain landscape.

During the conference, speakers highlighted several contributing factors to escalating logistics costs, including global supply chain disruptions, fuel price volatility, port congestion, and geopolitical uncertainties. These challenges have significantly increased transportation and operational costs, ultimately impacting the pricing of goods and placing pressure on both businesses and consumers.

The panel also emphasised the importance of strategic planning, industry collaboration, and policy support in mitigating these challenges. Discussions touched on the need for greater efficiency, digitalisation, and resilience within the logistics ecosystem to better manage future disruptions and ensure cost sustainability. The event received strong engagement from the media, with more than 11 local press representatives in attendance. This encouraging turnout enabled broader dissemination of key messages and raised public awareness on the realities faced by the logistics sector and its downstream impact on everyday living costs.

CILTM extends its sincere appreciation to all media representatives for their continued support and commitment in highlighting important industry developments. The press conference successfully reinforced CILTM's role as a leading voice in advocating for the logistics and transport industry while contributing to informed public discourse on critical economic issues.



Kos logistik global mula beri tekanan harga barang

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Milestones & Achievements

MONTH OF APRIL 2026

CELEBRATING PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT IN LOGISTICS EXCELLENCE AT SILTERRA MALAYSIA - 17 APRIL 2026

A certificate presentation ceremony was held at SilTerra Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Kedah, to recognize participants who successfully completed the Professional Certificate in Logistics Fundamental Management and Professional Certificate in Warehouse & Inventory Management awarded by The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia.

The event, organized by SilTerra and conducted by EPTC Consultancy in accordance with CILTM standards, celebrated the participants' achievements in advancing their professional competencies. The session was further enhanced by remarks from Acting Vice President ChLT Tuan Haji Baharudin FCILT, who highlighted the benefits of CILTM membership and encouraged continued professional development and global recognition. The ceremony concluded on a positive note, acknowledging the participants' commitment to continuous learning and excellence in the logistics and supply chain field.



Milestones & Achievements

MONTH OF APRIL 2026

PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION AUDIT FOR MARITIME PROGRAMMES

In line with its commitment to upholding academic excellence and professional standards, The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia conducted an Academic Accreditation Audit for three maritime programmes from 28 to 30 April 2026.

The programmes evaluated were:

- Diploma in Maritime Management (DMM)
- Bachelor in Maritime Operations (Honours) (BMO)
- Master of Maritime Operations and Management (MMOM)

This accreditation exercise underscores CILTM's ongoing efforts to ensure that academic programmes remain relevant, industry-driven, and aligned with global best practices. The audit focused on key areas including curriculum quality, programme delivery, industry integration, and graduate competencies, further strengthening the link between academia and the logistics and maritime industry.

An experienced panel comprising distinguished academicians and industry practitioners was appointed to carry out the audit, providing valuable insights and recommendations for continuous improvement.

Audit Panel Members

- Head of Panel: AP ChLT Ts Dr Rohafiz Sabar FCILT
- Panel Member: ChLT Ts Dr Hjh Zawiah Abdul Majid FCILT
- Panel Member: ChLT Ts Dr Mohd. Azam Bin Din FCILT
- Panel Member: Mr Zulkarnian bin Ahmad CMILT
- Secretary of Audit Panel: Mdm Sharifah Salwa Abu Bakar CMILT

Conclusion

The successful execution of this audit reflects CILTM's continued role in enhancing the quality, credibility, and recognition of maritime education in Malaysia, while supporting the development of future-ready logistics and maritime professionals.



Milestones & Achievements

MONTH OF APRIL 2026

PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION AUDIT FOR MARITIME PROGRAMMES

Closing Note

CILT Malaysia extends its sincere appreciation to all parties involved in the successful completion of the Academic Accreditation Audit. The cooperation and commitment demonstrated by the institution, academic staff, and industry representatives have been instrumental in ensuring a comprehensive and meaningful evaluation process.

COURTESY VISIT TO LUMUT MARITIME TERMINAL BY CILT MALAYSIA 30 APRIL 2026

CILTM Perak Section conducted a courtesy visit to Lumut Maritime Terminal on 30 April 2026, as part of its ongoing engagement with industry partners. The visit was held in conjunction with CILTM's Academic Accreditation Audit at UniKL MIMET, which took place from 28 to 30 April 2026.

As one of CILTM's active corporate members, Lumut Maritime Terminal hosted the delegation for a strategic engagement session aimed at strengthening collaboration and fostering closer industry-professional linkages. The visit also provided an opportunity for CILTM to share insights on the benefits of professional membership and pathways for employees to attain recognised professional qualifications.

The CILTM delegation comprised senior representatives, including ChLT Ts. Dr. Hjh. Zawiah Abdul Majid FCILT (Deputy President), ChLT Ts. Dr. Rohafiz Sabar FCILT, ChLT Ts. Dr. Mohd. Azam Din FCILT, Pn Sharifah Salwa CMILT, En. Zulkarnian Ahmad CMILT, Ts. Gs. It Noorhafizie Noordin CMILT, Ts. Dr. Amayrol Zakaria CMILT, and Dr. Hjh. Ismila Che Ishak CMILT.

This engagement underscores CILTM's commitment to supporting industry partners in human capital development, while promoting professional standards and continuous learning within the logistics and maritime sector.



Memory & Candid

CILTM HARI RAYA 2026

The CILTM Hari Raya Gathering 2026 was successfully held on 3 April 2026, bringing together CILTM Members and valued industry partners in a warm and meaningful celebration. The event provided an excellent platform for networking and strengthening relationships within the logistics and transport community.

The evening was filled with engaging interactions, fostering camaraderie and reinforcing the strong bonds among members and stakeholders. Beyond the festive atmosphere, the gathering served as a reminder of the importance of unity, collaboration, and mutual appreciation within the fraternity.

CILTM extends its sincere appreciation to all who attended and contributed to the success of this memorable occasion. Maaf Zahir & Batin



Memory & Candid

Safety Driving Centre (SDC) Hari Raya Open House 2026

CILTM representatives attended the SDC Hari Raya Open House 2026 held on 5 April 2026. The event was conducted in a vibrant and welcoming festive atmosphere, featuring a wide selection of Hari Raya delicacies, light activities, and interactive attractions for guests. The programme commenced with a brief opening ceremony in the morning, followed by networking sessions that provided opportunities for engagement and relationship-building among attendees from various organisations and industry sectors.

CILTM was represented by Dato' ChLT Ts. (Dr.) Abd Radzak Abd Malek Hon FCILT, ChLT Carol Fui Ling FCILT, Dr. ChLT Ts Nor Fyadzillah Binti Mohd Taha CMILT, and Pn Norshaheeda Binti Mohd Noor CMILT. Their presence reflected CILTM's continued commitment to fostering strong industry connections and participation in key stakeholder engagements.



CILTM SARAWAK SECTION IN ACTION

Successful EGM of CILTM Sarawak Section Held in Bintulu - 24 April 2026

The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the CILTM Sarawak Section was successfully convened at 101 Hotel, Bintulu, bringing together section members in a meaningful and well-attended session. The event was further strengthened by the presence of the Deputy President, representing CILTM Headquarters, reflecting the continued support and engagement from the national leadership.

The EGM marked a significant milestone for the Sarawak Section, particularly with the successful election of a new line-up of committee members who will lead the section forward. The meeting demonstrated a strong spirit of professionalism, unity, and commitment among members in ensuring the continued growth and relevance of CILTM within the region.

A highlight of the session was the appointment of Dr. Kennedy Paing as the new Chairman of the CILTM Sarawak Section. His election signifies a new chapter of leadership, and we extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes as he takes on this important role in steering the section towards greater achievements.

In a heartfelt moment following the EGM, a token of appreciation was presented in honour of the late Ts Dr Hj Abdul Kuddus Bin Ramlee, FCILT, in recognition of his invaluable contributions and dedicated service to the institution. The contribution was handed over to his son by the Deputy President on behalf of the CILTM President and Management Council, symbolising the Institute's deep appreciation and respect for his lasting legacy.

The event concluded on a note of unity and renewed commitment, as members and leadership reaffirmed their shared vision to strengthen the logistics and transport profession in Sarawak and beyond.




CILTM PENANG SECTION IN ACTION

Upcoming Event: CILTM Penang Section AGM 2026

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (CILTM), Penang Section, is scheduled to be held on 8 May 2026 (Friday) at 6:00 PM (1800 hrs).

The meeting will take place at Block C, Auditorium Room (Second Floor), Han Chiang University College of Communication. All members are encouraged to attend this important annual gathering, which serves as a platform to review the Section's progress, discuss key matters, and contribute to future planning and development.



The Chartered
Institute of Logistics
and Transport
Malaysia
(Penang Section)

22 April 2026

Dear FCILT, CMILT, and MILT,

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (Penang Section) will be held at **Block C, Auditorium Room (Second Floor), Han Chiang University College of Communication (Jalan Lim Lean Teng, 11800 Penang, Malaysia)** on **8 May 2026 (Friday)** at **1800 hrs.**


Agenda:

1. Address by the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of minutes of the AGM held on 30th May 2025.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Presentation of Management Committee Report for 2025.
5. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2025.
6. Review and transaction of any other business. Please note that any such business must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at eunice@sis.net.my at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing eunice@sis.net.my with (with your full name as per IC, CILT membership number, mobile number, and email address) latest by 1 May 2026 for our smooth arrangement.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

By Order of the Management Committee



Eunice Chang Qi Ying, CMILT
Secretary,
CILTM in Malaysia (Penang Section)

CILTM Penang Section Chairman Attends Hari Raya Open House

The Chairman of CILTM Penang Section, Dato' Log. ChLT Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM, attended a Hari Raya Open House hosted by industry leader Dato' Hj Rizal Abdullah, Managing Director of AEO Freight Sdn Bhd, on 11 April 2026.

The gathering provided a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the festive occasion while strengthening professional ties between industry leaders and CILTM representatives in a relaxed and cordial setting.

Also noteworthy is the inspiring journey of Ruhaidi Rusdi Rizal, MILT, ALogM, son of Dato' Hj Rizal Abdullah, who is a CILT graduate through AK Academy. He is currently pursuing his professional postgraduate Level 7 studies with UTMSPACE at AK Academy, reflecting a strong commitment to continuous learning while actively contributing to the family business. His dedication has been highly encouraged and commended by his father, exemplifying the importance of lifelong learning within the industry.

The CILT-accredited AK Academy, under AK Ventures Berhad, continues to play a vital role in developing industry-ready professionals by emphasising practical, real-world learning in logistics, transport, and supply chain management.



CILTM PENANG SECTION IN ACTION

FMM Perak Youth Hosts Insightful Fireside Chat with Industry Leaders

The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) Perak Branch (Youth) successfully organised a “Fireside Chat” on 9 April 2026 at FMM Perak, bringing together industry leaders and young professionals for an engaging and insightful session.

The event was held in the presence of Chairman Mr. Chua Kay Lin, Vice Chairmen Mr. Mark Chan (Moderator) and Mr. Edmund Wong, as well as Youth Chairman Mr. Vince Lew and committee members. The session featured Dato’ Log. ChLT Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM, Chairman of CILTM Penang Section, as the invited speaker.

During the session, Dr. Chang shared valuable insights on a wide range of topics, including military logistics, the evolution and perception of professional logisticians in Malaysia, global logistics systems such as intermodalism and multimodalism, and the importance of global business networks. He also addressed key industry developments and challenges, including seaborne trade, geopolitical factors, and major logistics infrastructure initiatives such as the proposed Kra Canal, Kulim Airport, Penang Airport expansion, Perak LUMIC, Perlis Inland Port, Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone (JS-SEZ), and seaport and inland container depot (ICD) developments.

The evening session was further enriched by the presence of FMM National Vice President, YBhg. Dato’ Gan Tack Kong, former Chairman of FMM Perak. The event was also attended by Log. Ts. Amy Ooi Ai Mi, FCILT, FLogM, adding further distinction to the gathering.

Overall, the Fireside Chat provided a fruitful platform for knowledge-sharing, industry dialogue, and professional engagement among leaders and practitioners in Perak, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in navigating current and future business challenges.



ORGANISER:
FMM PERAK BRANCH
YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE

FIRESIDE CHAT
with
DATO' LOG. TS. DR. CHANG KAH LOON.
PRESIDENT, THE SOCIETY OF LOGISTICIANS MALAYSIA

MODERATOR:
MR. MARK CHAN
FMM PERAK BRANCH
VICE CHAIRMAN

WHAT IS A LOGISTICIAN?
(Understanding the 'Log,'
Professional Title vs. Ir. & Ts.)

GLOBAL LOGISTICS & GEOPOLITICS
(Global Supply Chains and
Business Adaptation)

**PERAK'S ECONOMIC
OUTLOOK**
(Ipoh Logistics and LUMIC,
PORT Lumut's Impact)

DATE: 9th APRIL 2026
TIME: 4PM
VENUE: FMM PERAK BRANCH, IPOH

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<https://forms.gle/MqWc8XdxxSZVnAE9>

CILTM PENANG SECTION IN ACTION

CILTM Hosts Hari Raya Gathering in Shah Alam

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (CILTM) successfully hosted its Hari Raya Gathering on 3 April 2026 in Shah Alam, bringing together members and industry professionals in a warm and festive atmosphere.

The gathering served as a meaningful platform to foster camaraderie, strengthen professional relationships, and celebrate the spirit of Hari Raya within the CILTM community.

CILTM Penang Section was represented by its Chairman, Dato' Log. ChLT Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM, and Treasurer, Log. Ts. Amy Ooi Ai Mi, FCILT, FLogM, whose presence reflected the strong engagement and unity across sections.

The event highlighted the importance of togetherness and networking, reinforcing CILTM's commitment to building a cohesive and connected professional community within the logistics and transport industry.



CILTM PENANG SECTION IN ACTION

MICCI Northern Hosts CNY & Hari Raya Joint Network Lunch 2026

The Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MICCI) Northern Region successfully hosted its CNY and Hari Raya Joint Network Lunch 2026 on 31 March 2026, bringing together key industry players and business leaders in a vibrant and festive networking environment.

The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Minister of Penang, YAB Chow Kon Yeow, who attended as the Guest of Honour and officiated the ceremony, underscoring the importance of industry collaboration and economic engagement in the region.

Among the distinguished attendees was Dato' Log. ChLT Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM, representing X-Press Feeders / AK Shipping, alongside representatives from major maritime and shipping organisations including Penang Port Sdn Bhd (PPSB), CMA-CGM, COSCO, and Evergreen.

The joint celebration provided an excellent platform for strengthening professional networks, fostering cross-industry collaboration, and reinforcing ties within the maritime and logistics community, in line with the spirit of unity and shared prosperity.



Motivational Talk Inspires Future Logistics Professionals at AK Academy

On 22 April 2026, CILT (Penang Section) Chairman Dato' Log. ChLT Ts. Dr. Chang Kah Loon, PhD (USM), FCILT, FLogM and Treasurer Log. Ts. Amy Ooi Ai Mi, FCILT, FLogM conducted a motivational talk for logistics students at AK Academy.

Dato' Dr. Chang shared his personal journey, highlighting the global recognition of CILT qualifications and their pathway to postgraduate studies with relevant experience.

Students were encouraged to stay committed and work hard in their CILT studies.

CILTM JOHOR SECTION IN ACTION

Courtesy Visit by CILTM Johor Section to Johor Port Authority

CILTM Johor Section conducted a courtesy visit on 31 March 2026 to the Johor Port Authority as part of its continuous effort to strengthen strategic collaboration between professional institutions and port authorities. The meeting was chaired by Dr Siti Noraishah Azizan CMILT, General Manager of the Johor Port Authority, who warmly welcomed the CILTM delegation.

The CILTM Johor Section delegation was led by Lt Col ChLT Mohd Ramzi Bin Mohd Nor (Rtd) FCILT, together with ChLT Ts Dr Mohd Nasir Bin Haji Alias FCILT, Secretary General of CILTM. The discussion was held in a constructive and engaging atmosphere, focusing on potential areas of collaboration in human capital development, industry knowledge sharing, and joint initiatives to further strengthen the logistics and transportation sector, particularly within the port ecosystem. Key areas discussed included the potential organisation of professional training programmes, industry participation in curriculum development, and efforts to expand collaborative networks between CILTM and the Johor Port Authority.

Both parties also expressed their commitment to exploring closer cooperation in supporting the development agenda of the nation's maritime and logistics industry. This visit reflects CILTM's proactive role in fostering stronger engagement with industry stakeholders while contributing towards a sustainable and competitive professional ecosystem.



Strengthening Logistics Networks: CILT Engagement Enhances Industry–Academia Collaboration

Kolej Profesional MARA Bandar Penawar recently welcomed an official visit from ChLT Mr. Surendran Muniandy FCILT, Chairman of the CILT Melaka Section and Chairman of the Industry Lead Body (ILB) for CILT Malaysia, alongside Lt. Col ChLT Mohd Ramzi Bin Mohd Nor (Rtd), Chairman of the CILT Johor Section. The visit aimed to reinforce strategic collaboration between academia and industry, particularly within the logistics and supply chain sector.

During the session, Mr. Surendran presented the role of the Industry Lead Body (ILB), highlighting its value in enhancing graduate outcomes. Key initiatives include opportunities for students to obtain the Malaysian Skills Certificate Level 3 (SKM3) and participate in prestigious platforms such as WorldSkills. These efforts are designed to strengthen students' competencies, improve graduate employability, and ensure readiness to meet evolving industry demands.



CILTM JOHOR SECTION IN ACTION

Engagement Session between CILT Johor Section and Tanjung Pelepas Port (PTP)

On 29 April 2026, the CILT Johor Section, represented by its Chairman and accompanied by the CILT Secretary General, conducted an engagement session and meeting with the top management of Tanjung Pelepas Port (PTP) at Wisma PTP, Gelang Patah, Johor.

PTP was represented by the Head of Department, Learning & Development, the Senior Manager of Cargo Strategic Planning, the Senior Manager (Strategy & Performance), as well as the HR Manager and executive team. The session focused on exploring potential strategic collaboration between CILT Malaysia, particularly the Johor Section, and PTP. Discussions centred on supporting training initiatives, enhancing workforce competency, and facilitating professional recognition, including clear pathways towards CILT membership.

The meeting also addressed the role of CILT Malaysia in recognising PTP's in-house training programmes across various trades and competencies, highlighting opportunities for structured industry development and accreditation.



CILTM PERAK SECTION IN ACTION

Industry Engagement Session Inspires UTAR Logistics Students

Sharing sessions with industry experts continue to spark curiosity and deepen understanding among UTAR's Logistics and International Shipping students on real-world industry practices.

As part of an ongoing industry-university collaboration between Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and CJ Century Logistics Sdn. Bhd., an engaging session was held on 24 April 2026 featuring Mr. Wan Zanil Hairiz. The session was attended by second-year logistics undergraduate students from the Faculty of Science.

The interactive sharing provided students with valuable insights into current logistics operations, industry expectations, and practical challenges faced in the field. Through this engagement, students gained a clearer perspective on how academic knowledge is applied in real industry settings, further enhancing their readiness for future careers. Special appreciation is extended to the speaker and industry partner for their continuous support in nurturing the next generation of logistics professionals.
@utar_lis_society



CILTM PERAK SECTION IN ACTION

UTAR Logistics Students Explore Innovation at GDEX HQ

On 23 April 2026, logistics undergraduate students and lecturers from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR)'s Logistics and International Shipping programme embarked on an insightful industry visit to GDEX Headquarters. This initiative forms part of ongoing efforts to strengthen industry-university collaboration and enhance students' exposure to real-world logistics operations. A total of 40 students participated in the visit, where they were introduced to the integration of technology within logistics and courier services. The session provided valuable insights into digitalisation, operational efficiency, and the evolving landscape of the logistics industry. The visit not only broadened students' understanding of industry practices but also highlighted the importance of innovation in driving logistics excellence. Sincere appreciation is extended to GDEX for their warm hospitality and for sharing their success story with UTAR students. @utar_lis_society @gdex_official #logisticsandinternationalshipping



Industry Visit to KLIA FCZ Enhances Air Cargo Exposure

On 23 April 2026, the @utar_lis_society successfully organised an industry visit to the KLIA Free Commercial Zone (FCZ), providing valuable exposure for students in the Logistics and International Shipping programme. During the visit, International Shipping students and lecturers explored the Xpress Cargo Terminal (XCT), where they gained first-hand insights into air cargo operations, including handling processes, cargo management, and the role of integrated logistics in aviation.



The visit served as an excellent platform to bridge theoretical learning with real-world practices, further strengthening students' understanding of the air freight industry. Sincere appreciation is extended to MJet and XCT for their warm hospitality and for generously sharing their expertise with the undergraduate logistics students.

CILTM PERAK SECTION IN ACTION

Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026 - CILTM Perak Section

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026 of the CILTM Perak Section was successfully held on 28 April 2026 (Tuesday) in a hybrid format, combining both physical and virtual participation.

The physical session took place at Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Marine Engineering Technology, Lumut, Perak, while members also joined remotely via Zoom, ensuring wider participation and inclusivity.

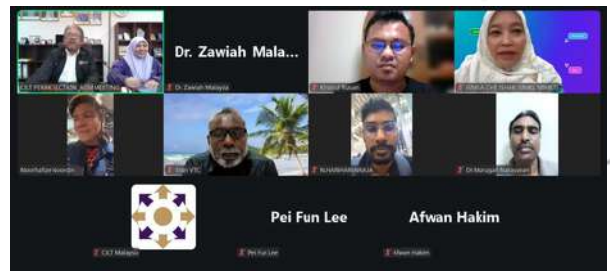
The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the Section Chairman, ChLT Ts Dr Mohd. Azam Bin Din FCILT followed by an address from the Deputy President of CILTM, ChLT Ts Dr Hjh Zawiah Abdul Majid FCILT. Both speakers highlighted the importance of continued collaboration, professional development, and strengthening the logistics and transport community.

The AGM proceeded in accordance with its formal agenda, including the confirmation of the minutes from the previous AGM, discussion of matters arising, and the presentation of the Secretary's Report and Activity Report 2025, as well as the Treasurer's Report 2025. These reports reflected the Section's active engagement in industry, academia, and professional initiatives throughout the year.

A key highlight of the meeting was the election of the new Management Committee for the 2026-2028 term, marking a renewed commitment to leadership and service within the Section.

Newly elected committee members:-

- ChLT Ts Dr Mohd. Azam Bin Din FCILT - Chairman
- Ts Gs Ir Noorhafize Bin Noordin CMILT - Vice Chairman
- Ts Dr Amayrol Bin Zakaria CMILT - Secretary
- Pn Hjh Ismila Binti Hj Che Ishak CMILT - Treasurer
- Dr Murugan A/L Narayanan CMILT - Committee Member
- Gs Ts Khairul Rizuan Bin Suliman CMILT - Committee Member
- Ts D Karunanithy A/L Degeras CMILT - Committee Member
- Pn Sarimah Binti Mat Isa CMILT - WILAT
- Hariharanraja A/L K.R.Nagalingam MILT - NextGen
- Assoc Prof Ts Cdr (R) Dr Aminuddin Md Arof CMILT - Int.Auditor



CILTM MELAKA SECTION IN ACTION

Courtesy Visit & Discussion on Halal Programme - 8 April 2026 | Kolej Profesional MARA, Bandar Melaka

A courtesy visit and discussion between CILTM and Kolej Profesional MARA (KPM), Bandar Melaka was held to exchange insights on the Halal programme and explore potential collaboration. The session included an overview of KPMBM and its Halal programme, followed by a sharing session on current focus, industry expectations, and challenges. Both parties also discussed opportunities for collaboration, including industry engagement, guest lectures, industrial visits, and enhancing students' professional exposure. The meeting concluded with agreement on potential next steps and future discussions.

The session was attended by the Deputy President of CILTM, Secretary of CILTM Melaka Section, and Head of CILTM Secretariat. It was chaired by the Pengarah of KPM Bandar Melaka, with participation from senior officers of MARA Headquarters and KPMBM academic staff.



CILTM KUALA LUMPUR SECTION IN ACTION

Driving the Future of Transport at TXA26

A key milestone was marked with an official briefing by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia on the upcoming Transport Expo Asia 2026 (TXA26), a premier platform set to shape the future of the logistics and transport industry in the region.

The session was attended by key industry representatives, including Ir. Abdul Naseer Wahab FCILT, where constructive discussions took place on the theme “Future on the Move” and the acceleration of next-generation transport solutions. Representing the CILTM, the Acting Vice President/Chairman of CILTM KL Section highlighted that CILT Malaysia will play an active and strategic role in this landmark event. TXA26 is expected to serve as a dynamic platform, featuring key programmes such as the Road Safety Congress and the TXA Awards, bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders.

CILT Malaysia remains committed to contributing its expertise towards advancing a safer, more sustainable, and technologically driven transport ecosystem across the region. Stay tuned for more updates as preparations continue towards October 2026. #TXA26 #TransportExpoAsia #LogisticsAndTransport



BIM-MACC MoU Strengthens Integrity and Governance

On 8 April 2026, Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) formalised a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a significant step towards تعزيز transparency, accountability, and ethical practices within Malaysia’s professional community. The MoU was signed by Prof. ChM. Dr. Juan Joon Ching, President of BIM, and Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Azam Baki, Chief Commissioner of MACC.

The event was followed by a dialogue session on Empowering Public Fund Integrity, featuring industry experts who shared insights on the roles and responsibilities of professional bodies in safeguarding governance standards.

Through this collaboration, BIM and MACC aim to strengthen integrity awareness, promote zero tolerance towards corruption, and enhance knowledge-sharing and capacity building among professional bodies.

This partnership reflects a strong commitment to fostering a culture of integrity and reinforcing public trust in Malaysia’s professional ecosystem.



CILTM KUALA LUMPUR SECTION IN ACTION

Strategic Engagement Between BIM and MITI Strengthens National Industry Collaboration

A high-level Strategic Engagement Session between Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) and the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI) was successfully convened at MITI Tower, bringing together key stakeholders to advance the role of professional bodies in Malaysia's economic development.

Chaired by Mr. Muhammad Zulhilmi Ahmad, Senior Director of MITI, the session saw BIM represented by its Deputy President, ChLT Hj. Baharudin Hj. Kamarudin FCILT, alongside Exco members and committee leaders. Discussions focused on key strategic pillars, including formalising long-term collaboration frameworks, expanding professional services exports, strengthening SME participation, advancing ESG and sustainability practices, and addressing digitalisation and AI governance.

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CILTM KEDAH & PERLIS SECTION IN ACTION

16 April 2026 - UUM and CILTM

Today marks an important milestone as UUM-CILTM Kedah/Perlis Section initiates a strategic collaboration with Safa Group and Tabung Haji in Hajj and Umrah Logistics Management.

This initiative aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of logistics operations for Hajj and Umrah, covering key aspects such as pilgrim movement, supply chain management, and coordination of both domestic and international operations. The collaboration also provides a valuable platform for the exchange of industry and academic expertise, in line with the evolving demands of the logistics sector. In addition, this partnership is expected to contribute to talent development and the enhancement of professional competencies in Hajj and Umrah logistics, while supporting continuous improvements in service delivery to pilgrims. It is hoped that this collaboration will serve as a catalyst for further strategic initiatives, strengthening the overall logistics ecosystem.



**Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026
CILTM Kedah & Perlis Section
19th April 2026 via Hybrid at UUM, Sintok**



Annual General Meeting (AGM) CILTM Kedah & Perlis Section 2026

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) & Majlis Silaturahmi of CILTM Kedah & Perlis Section 2026 was successfully held on 19 April 2026 in a hybrid format at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). The meeting included opening remarks, key reports presentations, and discussions on prior matters. New committee members were elected, and an internal auditor was appointed. The event concluded with positive participation, strengthening member engagement and organizational continuity.

Heartiest congratulations to the newly elected leadership line-up of CILTM Kedah & Perlis Section during the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Chairman: Assoc Prof ChLT Ts Dr Rohafiz Binti Sabar FCILT
Vice Chairman: Dr Mohammad Harith Bin Amlus FCILT
Secretary: Dr Fariza Binti Ahmad Mahyadin @ Mahidin CMILT
Treasurer: Assoc Prof Dr Suhaila Binti Abdul Hanan CMILT
Internal Auditor: Assoc. Prof. Dr Kamal Imran Bin Mohd Sharif CMILT
Exco (WiLAT): Dr Emy Ezura Binti A Jalil CMILT
Committee Members:
Dr Azizi Bin Romli CMILT – Head of Education & Membership
Dr Yusrizal Sufardi Bin Mohd Yunan FCILT – Head of CPD
Assoc Prof Ts Dr Mohamad Ghazali Bin Hassan CMILT – Deputy Head of CPD

Wishing the newly elected team every success in carrying out their duties and leading CILTM Kedah & Perlis Section towards continued excellence and progress.

International Relation

International Study Visit to Hong Kong Strengthens Global Collaboration

From 20 to 24 April 2026, a delegation embarked on an international study visit to Hong Kong, engaging with key institutions and industry leaders to enhance global collaboration in logistics and transport.

The visit included strategic engagements with The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU), and Hutchison Port. The programme provided a comprehensive platform to explore professional cooperation, academic partnerships, and industry best practices within one of Asia's leading logistics hubs.

Key highlights included discussions on capacity development and insights into Hong Kong's logistics ecosystem with CILT Hong Kong, as well as academic exchanges with PolyU focusing on potential collaborations, mobility programmes, and research opportunities. The delegation also gained valuable exposure through a technical visit to Hutchison Port, where they observed port operations, automation technologies, and global terminal networks.

The visit was supported by the CILT Malaysia Secretariat, with assistance from CILT Hong Kong. Sincere appreciation is extended to the President of CILT Hong Kong and their secretariat for their strong support in facilitating connections with industry representatives and higher education institutions throughout the programme.

Representing KPM Bandar Penawar were:

- Dr. Haji Musa bin Muhammad Ali, CMILT - Deputy Director of Academic Affairs
- Mohd Syamrie bin Nazhari, CMILT - Logistics Lecturer

This international engagement reflects a continued commitment to strengthening industry-academia linkages, enhancing knowledge exchange, and positioning Malaysian professionals within the global logistics landscape.



International Relation

Strengthening International Maritime Collaboration and Academic Pathways (17-23 April 2026)

By Dr Loke Keng Bin CMILT & ChLT Ts Dr Mohd Saiful Izwaan Bin Saadon CMILT

In April 2026, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), in collaboration with the Malaysia Maritime Logistics and Transport Centre (MaLTrAC), undertook a series of strategic academic and industry engagement visits in China, reinforcing its commitment to advancing global maritime education, research, and collaboration.

Visit to Jiangsu Shipping College (JSSC) 19 April 2026

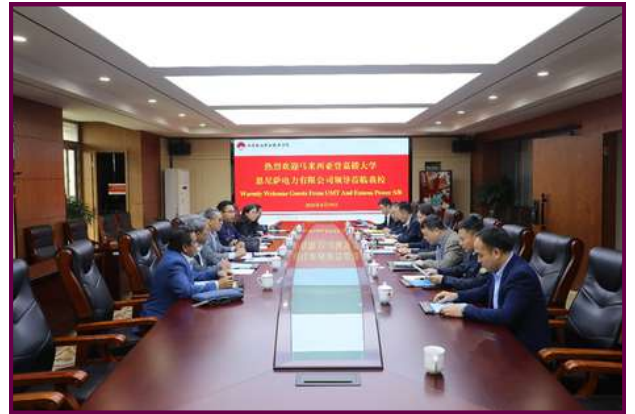
A delegation from UMT and MaLTrAC visited Jiangsu Shipping College (JSSC) with the aim of establishing meaningful academic and professional partnerships. The primary objective of the engagement between UMT and JSSC was to develop articulated academic pathways that will enable JSSC graduates to seamlessly progress into Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes at UMT. Both institutions also explored opportunities to jointly develop Sino-foreign cooperative education programmes.

In parallel, discussions between MaLTrAC and JSSC focused on collaboration in training and development, mobility programmes, as well as joint research and development initiatives.

The JSSC delegation was led by President Wu Lihua and included senior academic leaders such as Vice President Liu Fangwu, and several deans representing key faculties including Transport Management and Economics, Humanities and Arts, Navigation Technology, Marine Engineering, and the International Education College.

The UMT delegation was headed by Vice Chancellor Mohd Zamri Bin Ibrahim, accompanied by Muhammad Zaly Shah Bin Muhammad Hussein, President of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, along with Mohd Saiful Izwaan Bin Saadon and Loke Keng Bin from MaLTrAC.

Following the meeting, the delegation was given a comprehensive tour of JSSC's advanced training facilities, including train and ship simulators, as well as marine engineering training rooms, showcasing the institution's strong technical capabilities.



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Visit to Shanghai Maritime University (SMU) 21 April 2026

On 21 April 2026, the delegation continued its engagement with a visit to Shanghai Maritime University (SMU). The discussions centered on expanding collaboration in academic development, training and capacity building, joint research initiatives, and dynamic staff and student mobility programmes.

A key highlight of the engagement was the proposal to establish a robust academic pathway supported by a structured domestic bridging course. This initiative aims to equip students with essential competencies, academic preparedness, and professional guidance, ensuring a smooth transition into Master's degree programmes at UMT.

The SMU delegation was led by Vice President Ying Ming and included senior representatives such as Ruan Wei, Director of the International Office, along with deans and academic leaders from the Schools of Economics and Management, Transport and Communications, and the International Education College.

The UMT delegation remained consistent, led by the Vice Chancellor and supported by key representatives from academia and MaLTrac.

A campus tour was organized following the meeting, featuring SMU's state-of-the-art 360-degree ship simulator, highlighting the university's commitment to advanced maritime education and training.



International Relation

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Visit to Shanghai Port

On the same day, the delegation visited Shanghai Port, arranged by SMU. Recognized as the largest port in the world, Shanghai Port exemplifies cutting-edge advancements in smart port technology and green initiatives. The delegation was given an overview of port operations, offering valuable insights into modern maritime logistics and sustainable practices. This visit also opened discussions on potential future collaboration between Shanghai Port and MaLTrac, particularly in areas of innovation and research.

Conclusion

These visits mark a significant step forward in strengthening international partnerships and fostering collaboration in maritime education and industry development. Through sustained engagement with Jiangsu Shipping College and Shanghai Maritime University, UMT and MaLTrac are well-positioned to create lasting impact—not only within their academic communities, but also across the broader maritime industry and global knowledge ecosystem.

Such collaborations reflect a shared vision of excellence, innovation, and mutual growth, paving the way for future opportunities in education, research, and professional development.

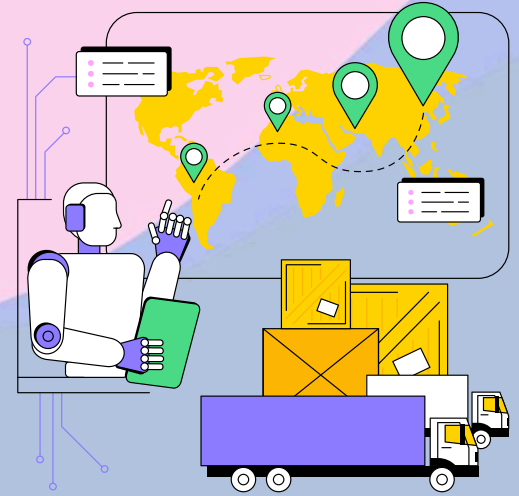


From the Desk of the Chairperson Leading the Digital Frontier: Women in AI Logistics

Assalamualaikum WBT and warm greetings to all members, colleagues, and industry partners.

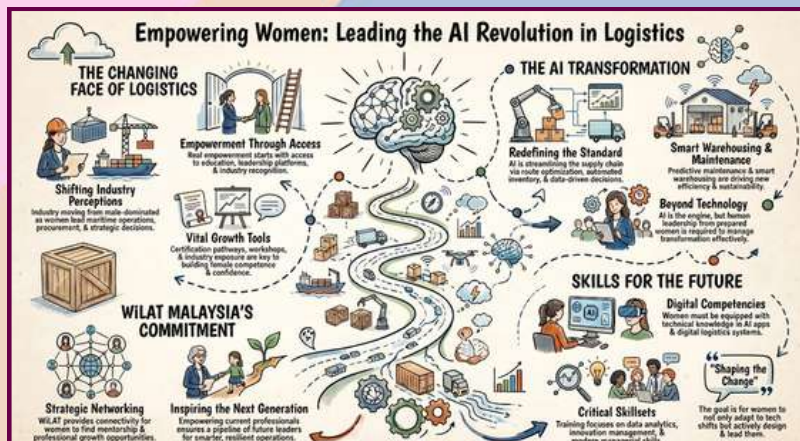
The logistics and transport industry is entering a new era—one shaped by digital transformation, innovation, and the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI). As this industry evolves, women must not only be part of the journey but also lead the way in shaping its future.

AI is transforming logistics operations across the world. From smart warehousing and predictive maintenance to automated inventory systems, route optimisation, and data-driven decision-making, technology is creating faster, more efficient, and more sustainable supply chains. These advancements are no longer optional; they are becoming the foundation of modern logistics.



At the same time, women in logistics are proving that leadership, adaptability, and innovation are not defined by gender. More women are taking active roles in supply chain management, transportation planning, procurement, maritime operations, and strategic leadership. Their perspectives bring balance, resilience, and stronger decision-making to organisations.

However, true empowerment requires more than participation—it requires preparation. Women must be given access to continuous learning, digital training, mentorship, and leadership opportunities. Skills in AI applications, data analytics, digital systems, and strategic technology management are now essential for future-ready professionals.



Training is the bridge between opportunity and leadership. By investing in women’s professional development, we are not only supporting individual growth but strengthening the entire logistics ecosystem. Women equipped with digital knowledge and confidence can drive innovation, improve sustainability, and influence policy at every level.

At WILAT Malaysia, we remain committed to creating platforms where women can learn, lead, and thrive. Through professional networking, industry collaboration, mentorship programmes, and leadership development initiatives, we continue to support women in becoming strong voices in the future of logistics and transport.

The future of logistics is digital, and women must be at the forefront of this transformation. By embracing AI and empowering women with the right skills and opportunities, we build not only smarter supply chains but also a stronger and more inclusive industry.

Let us continue leading the digital frontier together—with knowledge, confidence, and purpose.

Thank you.
Warm regards,
Lt Cdr ChLT Ts. Dr. Nor Fyadzillah Mohd Taha RMN (R)
Chairperson
Women in Logistics and Transport (WILAT) Malaysia



UPNM Maritime Students Sweep Major Awards at Second OceanCon 2026

LUMUT, PERAK – Students from the Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM) demonstrated exceptional academic excellence at the Second OceanCon: Oceanography Conference 2026 held at UniKL MIMET on 27–28 April 2026. The delegation, comprising 24 students and 6 lecturers from the Department of Maritime Science and Technology, successfully bridged the gap between theoretical learning and industry application through this prestigious regional event.

A Clean Sweep of Top Honors

The conference, themed "Empowering Future Maritime Leaders Towards Maritime Security, Safety, and Sustainability," concluded with UPNM students securing several of the most coveted awards, underscoring the high quality of research produced by the Bachelor of Maritime Logistics and Transport Management with Honours program.

The following accolades were awarded to the UPNM teams:

Best Poster Award & Best SDG Contribution Award

In a double-win performance, the team supervised by WiLAT Malaysia Chairperson Lt Cdr ChLT Ts. Dr. Nor Fyadzillah binti Mohd Taha RMN (Retired) CMILT and Lt. Cdr. Ir. Ts. Mohd Najib bin Abdul Ghani Yolhamid RMN (Retired) CMILT took home both the Best Poster and Best SDG Contribution awards. Their research into the impact of smart port technologies on maritime connectivity significantly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

- Team Members: Muhammad Syakirin Mountford (2240408), Royson Beliang Anak Niclas Mawar (2240412), and Alloysius Edward John (2241035).

Best Community Award

Focusing on the practical aspects of safety and community impact, a combined supervisory effort led by WiLAT Malaysia Chairperson Lt Cdr ChLT Ts. Dr. Nor Fyadzillah binti Mohd Taha RMN (Retired) CMILT and Gs. Siti Sarah binti Mohd Isnan secured the Best Community Award. Their work focused on reducing workplace accidents and improving safety training within the Malaysian port ecosystem.

- Team Members: Iman Afiq bin Mohamad Sazali (2240401), Haziq Hilman bin Hashim (2240400), and Tuan Hamizan Syazwan bin Hazli (2240413).

CILTM: Driving Professional Excellence

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) played a pivotal role in the success of this conference. As a key collaborator, CILTM provided essential industry depth through:

- Expert Mentorship: CILTM invited guest speakers to deliver a Talent Talk, sharing invaluable professional insights with the participants.
- Industry Alignment: The institute ensured that the conference themes—Environment, Logistics, and Innovation—remained relevant to the evolving needs of the global supply chain and maritime sectors.
- Strategic Collaboration: By partnering with UniKL MIMET and UPNM, CILTM continues to foster a robust ecosystem that prepares the next generation of logistics professionals for the complexities of the maritime industry.

Strengthening Industry-Academic Links

The participation was part of an elective practical learning initiative for the TML3442 Final Year Project I course. By engaging in poster presentations and sessions with industry experts, students gained vital exposure to global trends in maritime logistics and oceanography.

The success at OceanCon 2026 not only adds significant value to the academic profiles of the students but also reinforces UPNM's reputation as a leading institution in maritime education. With the continued support of professional bodies like CILTM, these award-winning students have proven they are ready to lead the future of maritime security and sustainability.



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LOGISTICS IS NO LONGER MERELY A SUPPORT FUNCTION BUT A STRATEGIC ENABLER OF GROWTH

Logistics used to be viewed as a back-end support function, mainly focused on transporting and storing goods at the lowest cost. Today, that view has changed significantly. Logistics is now considered a strategic enabler of business growth, helping companies expand into new markets, improve delivery speed, and enhance customer satisfaction. Instead of just supporting operations, logistics is becoming a key factor that shapes how businesses compete and grow.

This shift is driven by a more complex and unpredictable global environment. Supply chains face disruptions from geopolitical tensions, changing trade policies, and rising customer expectations for faster and more reliable delivery. To deal with this, companies are investing in advanced technologies like AI, digital platforms, and smarter infrastructure, as well as modern warehouses that can respond quickly to demand. Logistics systems today must be flexible, resilient, and efficient, allowing businesses to adapt quickly when conditions change.

As a result, logistics is no longer just about moving goods—it is now a core part of overall business strategy. Decisions about where to locate warehouses, how to manage inventory, and how to optimize transportation directly impact a company's ability to grow and compete. Businesses that treat logistics as a strategic asset can respond faster to market opportunities, reduce risks, and gain a strong competitive advantage in an increasingly challenging global market.

<https://www.weforum.org/stories/2026/01/logistics-viewed-today-no-longer-support-function-but-strategic-enabler-of-growth/>



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I am Deenesha Murugun, an Analytics and Modeling Senior Analyst with over five years of experience in the global maritime and trade industry. My work centers on translating complex data into strategic insights that support commercial decision-making, optimize network performance, and enhance operational efficiency across global supply chains.

At Accenture, I lead analytical initiatives across global trade flows, cargo demand, and capacity planning, enabling stakeholders to make informed, high-impact decisions. I specialize in data modeling, forecasting, and performance analytics, and have developed automated reporting frameworks using Python, SQL, and Power BI to improve data accuracy, scalability, and overall business value.

Previously, at S&P Global, I collaborated with international port authorities and industry stakeholders to strengthen the quality and reliability of large-scale maritime datasets. This experience deepened my understanding of global port operations and contributed to delivering trusted intelligence and analytics solutions to clients worldwide.

I hold a Master's degree in Data Science & Analytics from Universiti Sains Malaysia and a Bachelor's degree in Maritime Management, graduating with distinction. Beyond my professional role, I am actively involved in mentoring and STEM initiatives, reflecting my commitment to continuous learning, knowledge sharing, and supporting the next generation of talent in the industry.

I am passionate about leveraging data to drive smarter, more connected, and resilient logistics systems, and I bring a global perspective, strategic mindset, and strong analytical foundation to every engagement.

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POST-EVENT HIGHLIGHTS: WEBINAR ON "INTELLIGENT SUPPLY CHAINS: HOW AI IS REDEFINING LOGISTICS"

The webinar on "Intelligent Supply Chains: How AI is Redefining Logistics" was successfully held, bringing together industry professionals and thought leaders to explore the transformative role of artificial intelligence in modern logistics.

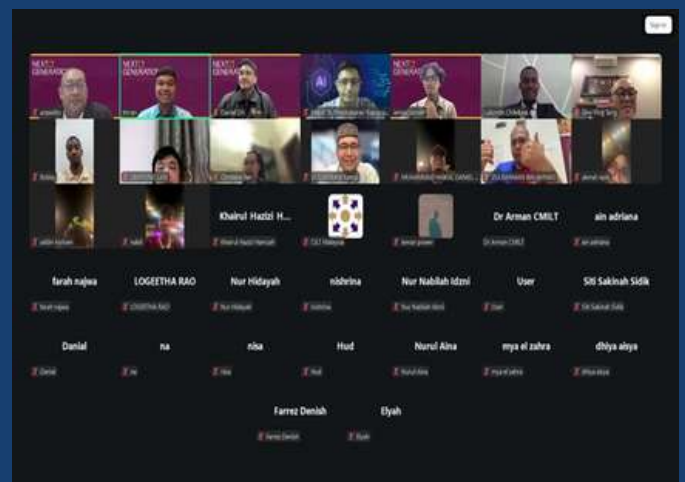
The session commenced with a warm welcome remark by Mr. Danial Hakim, MILT Chairperson of Next Gen Regional Southeast Asia, who highlighted the growing importance of digital transformation and innovation in shaping the future of supply chains. He emphasized the need for young professionals to stay adaptive and forward-thinking in an increasingly AI-driven industry. The webinar was expertly moderated by Mr. Ieman Bin Badru Saman, who guided the discussion with insightful questions and ensured an engaging and interactive session for all participants. The event featured two distinguished speakers:

Mr. Lukonde Chilekwa, CMILT, who shared valuable perspectives on how AI technologies are enhancing efficiency, visibility, and decision-making across global supply chains. Mr. Amnurrasyid bin Rasedin, FCILT, who provided practical insights into real-world applications of AI in logistics operations, including predictive analytics, automation, and smart warehousing.

Together, the speakers discussed key trends, challenges, and opportunities in implementing AI-driven solutions, offering attendees a comprehensive understanding of how intelligent supply chains are reshaping the logistics landscape. The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where participants had the opportunity to interact directly with the speakers and gain deeper insights into the topic.

Overall, the webinar was a great success, fostering knowledge sharing and inspiring participants to embrace innovation in logistics and supply chain management.

The poster for the webinar series features a dark blue background with a glowing cityscape and a large 'AI' logo. The title 'INTELLIGENT SUPPLY CHAINS' is prominently displayed in white and blue. Below the title, the subtitle 'How AI is Redefining Logistics' is written in white. The poster lists four key roles: Welcoming Remark by Danial Hakim Mohd Ramzi (MILT), Keynote Speakers Lukonde Chilekwa (CMILT) and Amnurrasyid Bin Rasedin (FCILT), and Moderator Ieman Bin Badru Saman (MILT). Each role is accompanied by a circular portrait of the individual. At the bottom, the event details are provided: '23 APRIL 2026 | 8.30-9.30 PM | ZOOM'. A QR code is included for registration, and a '1 CPD POINT AWARD' badge is shown. The 'NEXT GENERATION' logo is at the bottom right.



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I truly appreciate the opportunity to be part of the webinar it was a great experience engaging with such an enthusiastic and diverse audience.

The session on Intelligent Supply Chains: How AI Is Redefining Logistics highlighted the growing importance of data-driven decision-making in modern logistics. From my perspective, one of the key takeaways is that while AI is transforming supply chains globally, its real value lies in solving practical challenges particularly in emerging markets like Africa, where issues such as manual processes, limited visibility, and infrastructure constraints still exist.

It was encouraging to see the level of interest from participants, especially around AI can be applied now in real-world logistics operations such as customs processes, multimodal transport, and last-mile delivery. I believe conversations like this are important in bridging the gap between theory and practice, and in preparing the next generation of logistics professionals for a more intelligent and connected supply chain environment.

Thank you once again for the opportunity, and I look forward to future collaborations.

Kind regards,
Lukonde Chilekwa



**Mr. Lukonde
Chilekwa CMILT**



**Mr. Amnurrasyid bin
Rasedin, FCILT**

Overall, I believe the session was timely and relevant, especially given the current shifts in global logistics driven by AI, geopolitical uncertainties, and increasing regulatory complexity.

From a trade compliance perspective, I am glad we were able to bring attention to often overlooked areas such as export controls, regulatory interpretation, and cross-border complexities, which are becoming increasingly important in today's environment.

One key takeaway I would highlight is that while AI is transforming logistics, particularly in areas such as predictive analytics, automation, and visibility, the role of professionals especially in areas like trade compliance, risk management, and strategic decision-making remains critical.

I hope the session provided practical insights and helped participants better understand not just the impact of AI, but also how they can prepare themselves for the future of the industry.

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Professional Reflections

“Adaptive Transport Law: Building Resilient Legal Frameworks for Transport Systems in an Era of Global Uncertainty”

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Adaptive transport law is about making transport regulations flexible enough to keep people and goods moving safely when the world is hit by shocks such as pandemics, climate change, and geopolitical crises. Instead of rigid rules that only work in “normal” times, it advocates laws that can be adjusted, reviewed, and improved as risks and technologies evolve.

In practice, this means using legislation, standards, and contracts to strengthen the resilience of roads, ports, shipping, aviation, rail, and logistics chains so they can withstand, absorb, and recover from disruption. Tools include adaptive planning requirements (like the Thames Estuary 2100 and the Dutch Delta Programme), emergency powers with sunset clauses, performance-based standards, and fiscal reforms such as distance-based charging that remain effective as fleets decarbonise.

Recent crises show what this looks like on the ground: temporary relaxation of trucking and customs rules during COVID-19 to keep essential freight moving; special regimes for vaccine logistics; agile public-transport contracts and service patterns; and fast-tracked digital trade and customs procedures to ease global supply-chain congestion. In the current Middle East crisis, adaptive transport law is being tested in decisions on rerouting ships away from the Red Sea, applying war-risk and force-majeure clauses, allocating insurance and liability, and designing legal instruments to protect maritime lifeline corridors while managing sanctions and security risks.

For transport professionals, the message is clear: resilience is no longer just an engineering or operational issue; it is a legal and governance challenge. The next generation of transport law will need built-in mechanisms for learning, risk assessment, and cross-border coordination so that systems can continue to function—and adapt—through whatever disruptions come next.



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Logistics Military Resilient Training for Cadets: Preparing Future Leaders at UPNM with Industry Support from CILTM By Kdr Ts. Mohd Arif bin Ahmad RMN (R) CMILT Senior Lecturer UPNM/ Member of CILTM KL Section

Military logistics is the backbone of defence operations, ensuring that troops, equipment, supplies, and essential resources are delivered efficiently and effectively during both peace and conflict. For cadets preparing to become future military officers, resilient logistics training is not only about operational readiness but also about shaping strong, disciplined, and capable leaders.

At Universiti Pertahanan Nasional Malaysia (UPNM), cadets undergo a unique combination of academic excellence and military training designed to prepare them for leadership in the Malaysian Armed Forces. UPNM's mission emphasizes leadership and professional development, knowledge dissemination, and strengthening patriotism through basic military skills, aptitudes, and competence. The university also aims to develop future leaders who are capable of understanding responsibility, integrity, and national service.

Resilience in military logistics refers to the ability to respond, recover, and continue operations despite disruptions such as supply shortages, transportation failures, cyber threats, natural disasters, or unexpected battlefield challenges. Cadets must understand that successful missions depend not only on combat strength but also on reliable logistical support that sustains the entire operation.

At UPNM, officer cadets are required to participate in military training as part of their academic journey. Their daily life is built around discipline, structured schedules, physical fitness, and leadership development. Military training includes physical education, drills, obstacle courses, shooting practice, field exercises, and Cadet Basic Training. These experiences develop endurance, resilience, and readiness for real operational environments.

Cadets pursuing programmes related to logistics, supply chain management, maritime transportation, and defence operations are exposed to logistics fundamentals including supply chain management, transportation systems, inventory control, warehousing, maintenance planning, and strategic resource allocation. These academic programmes are strengthened by military leadership training, ensuring cadets understand how defence logistics differs from commercial logistics, where mission success, security, and speed are often more important than cost.

However, technical knowledge alone is not enough. Preparing cadets to become good leaders is equally important. Leadership in military logistics requires discipline, responsibility, integrity, and the ability to remain calm under pressure. A good leader must be able to make quick decisions, manage limited resources wisely, and guide teams through difficult situations.

This is where strong industry collaboration becomes highly valuable. The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) plays an important role in supporting logistics education and professional development by bridging academia and industry. Through professional talks, industrial networking, knowledge-sharing sessions, and exposure to real-world logistics challenges, CILTM helps cadets understand current industry demands and future logistics trends.

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CILTM also promotes professional certification, leadership development, and continuous learning, which are essential for cadets preparing for long-term careers in military and strategic logistics. Engagement with CILTM allows students to connect with industry experts, senior practitioners, and policy leaders who contribute valuable perspectives beyond the classroom.

Training supported by both UPNM and CILTM creates stronger professional readiness. Cadets can develop not only operational military competence but also professional confidence, strategic thinking, and broader industry awareness. This combination strengthens their ability to manage defence supply chains that increasingly require both military discipline and commercial logistics expertise.

Practical simulation exercises play a major role in this preparation. Field training involving emergency supply deployment, fuel management, ration planning, medical logistics, and equipment maintenance allows cadets to face realistic operational challenges. These exercises strengthen confidence, decision-making ability, and problem-solving skills in high-pressure environments.

Modern military logistics also requires digital readiness. Cadets should be exposed to technologies such as predictive maintenance, AI-driven demand forecasting, drone-supported delivery systems, and IoT-based asset monitoring. Understanding these tools prepares them to lead in a defence environment where technology and logistics are increasingly connected.

Resilient leadership also involves ethical responsibility and sustainability. Future officers must manage resources responsibly, reduce waste, improve fuel efficiency, and consider environmental impacts while maintaining mission effectiveness. Strong leadership means balancing operational success with long-term strategic responsibility.

Most importantly, good leaders lead by example. UPNM's values of duty, honour, and integrity reflect the qualities that cadets must carry throughout their professional journey. Respect, accountability, professionalism, and continuous self-improvement define effective military leadership.

Ultimately, logistics military resilient training at UPNM, strengthened by the professional support of CILTM, shapes cadets into officers who are operationally competent and leadership-ready. It prepares them to face uncertainty with confidence and to support missions with both strategic thinking and human leadership.

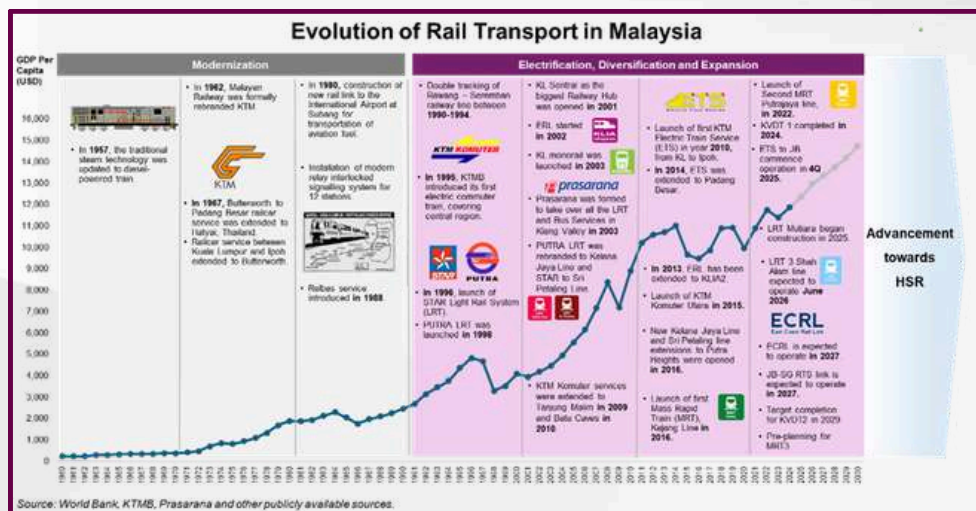
A strong military is built not only on weapons and tactics but also on the invisible strength of logistics and the character of its leaders. By investing in resilient logistics training and strong industry collaboration, UPNM and CILTM continue to prepare cadets to become officers who can lead with strength, serve with honour, and protect the nation with excellence.

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From Steam to Speed: The Evolution of Rail Transport in Malaysia By Mohd Ikhsan Ahmad ACMA,CGMA

Malaysia's rail system has grown alongside the country's economy. Back in the early days, steam locomotives mostly hauled tin, helping build the foundation for what would become a national network. As steam gave way to diesel engines, the system got faster, more reliable, and better organised, especially when Keretapi Tanah Melayu took charge of rail operations across Peninsular Malaysia. Still, trains had their limits back then, both in where they could go and what they could handle



Everything started shifting in the 1990s. Malaysia's economy boomed and so did its rail ambitions. Electrified heavy rail, such as the KTM Komuter, made it easier for thousands of people to get in and out of the Klang Valley every day. Urban travel picked up speed with LRT, Monorail and later the MRT, dramatically changing life for city commuters. Getting between cities also became significantly easier with services like the Electrified Train Service. Trains ran faster and more comfortably with smart upgrades such as double tracking and improved signalling and meant fewer delays and greater reliability. With a stronger economy and a growing middle class, people demanded better ways to travel.

It is evident that each stage builds on the capabilities of the previous one. In recent years, projects such as the East Coast Rail Link are enhancing regional connectivity while also improving the efficiency of cargo movement across the country. At the same time, cross-border links like the RTS are strengthening Malaysia's integration with its neighbours. Other cities are catching up too, with Penang now exploring its own transit networks to support its continued growth.

All of this sets the stage for High Speed Rail (HSR). The next chapter is not just about laying more tracks or solving city commuting. It is about redefining how Malaysia connects, both internally and with the region. HSR shortens travel times between major cities, strengthens regional connectivity and reshapes how businesses and regions interact.

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There is another level to it as well. HSR demands a leap in reliability, safety and overall performance. It pushes the entire rail industry to meet higher standards and sets a new benchmark for what people can expect.

So really, Malaysia's rail story is not just a collection of upgrades and new train routes. It is a continuous journey. From the steam trains of the past to electrified networks, the development of urban transit systems and soon HSR, every new phase stands on the shoulders of the last. This next leap is not just the latest project, but a step towards a more connected, future-ready nation contributing to a stronger and more advanced economy.

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Advancing Road Safety Through Professionalism and Strategic Collaboration

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A UNITED COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT
Building Competent Trainers. Developing Safer Road Users. Saving Lives.

RSEA and The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Malaysia (CILT Malaysia) join forces to advance a professional, structured and quality-driven approach to road safety—starting with our trainers, strengthening our systems, and shaping responsible, competent road users.

- ✓ Shared Vision. Common Purpose.
- ✓ One Goal: Zero Road Deaths.

RSEA CONTRIBUTES

- ✓ Road safety expertise and practical experience
- ✓ Defensive driving and rider training excellence
- ✓ Advocacy for safety, law and enforcement
- ✓ Focus on infrastructure and road ecosystem

CILT MALAYSIA CONTRIBUTES

- ✓ Professional standards and competency framework
- ✓ Logistics, transport and supply chain expertise
- ✓ Research, data and knowledge leadership
- ✓ Policy influence and multi-stakeholder network

OUR SHARED STRATEGY: A PROFESSIONAL DUAL APPROACH

- 1. STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL TRAINING STANDARDS**
 - Develop and certify high-quality trainers
 - Embed defensive driving, hazard perception and behavioural discipline
 - Move beyond licensing for compliance to developing competent, thinking road users
- 2. REINFORCE THROUGH CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT**
 - Ensure enforcement is visible, fair and data-driven
 - Reinforce what has been taught
 - Deter deliberate and high-risk violations

TRAINING BUILDS CHARACTER AND COMPETENCE
LONG-TERM SAFETY

ENFORCEMENT ENSURES ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONTROL
IMMEDIATE IMPACT

SAFER ROADS DO NOT BEGIN WITH PUNISHMENT — THEY BEGIN WITH PROFESSIONALISM, EDUCATION, DISCIPLINE, AND LEADERSHIP.
TOGETHER, WE BUILD A ROAD SAFETY CULTURE THAT SAVES LIVES.

Road safety is not an option; it is a national obligation.

Every road user carries a responsibility, not only for their own safety, but for the lives of others who share the same space. Compliance with traffic rules must go beyond enforcement; it must become a matter of personal discipline and professional conduct. Likewise, industry players must rise beyond symbolic Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and embed road safety as a core operational value.

The Road Safety Expert Association, in collaboration with The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia, stands united in driving a systemic transformation of the national road safety agenda, one that is structured, professional, and grounded in evidence, not assumptions.

Professionalism as the Foundation of Road Safety

Road safety cannot be sustained through fragmented, reactive measures. It must be engineered through a professional ecosystem defined by competence, accountability, and continuous improvement. Professionalism in road safety is not merely technical; it is behavioural, strategic, and deeply rooted in system thinking. It requires the integration of knowledge, discipline, and responsibility across every level of road use and management. Without this foundation, every intervention becomes temporary, and every improvement reversible.

Beyond Enforcement: From Compliance to Culture

Enforcement is necessary, but it is not sufficient.

A system driven purely by enforcement produces compliance under pressure, not conviction. It creates road users who behave safely when watched, but revert to risk when oversight fades.

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This is the critical failure point, we have enforced rules, but we have not fully built a culture.

True road safety begins when individuals choose discipline even in the absence of enforcement—when safety is internalised, not imposed.

Repositioning the Catalyst: Trainers as Nation Builders

If we are serious about long-term change, we must invest where it matters most, **at the source of behavioural formation: training.**

Defensive driving trainers are not merely instructors. **They are shapers of mindset, builders of judgement, and influencers of culture.** A professional trainer does not just teach how to drive, they instil how to think, how to anticipate, and how to decide under pressure. When trainers are elevated, the entire system rises. When trainers are weak, the system collapses into cycles of enforcement and failure.

From Short-Term Compliance to Long-Term Transformation

We must be clear about the difference: A compliance-driven model produces temporary discipline. Relies on fear and enforcement presence. Fails when supervision weakens..

A professionalism-driven model, builds lasting behavioral change, anchors decisions in knowledge and responsibility and sustains safety regardless of enforcement. The choice is not theoretical, it is strategic.

A Multi-Pillar Strategy for National Impact

To break the cycle of recurring road crashes, Malaysia must adopt **a dual, integrated strategy, i.e:**

1. Elevate Professional Training Systems

- Institutionalise competency-based certification for trainers
- Standardise defensive driving and behavioural frameworks
- Shift licensing from procedural compliance to demonstrated competence

2. Strengthen Intelligent Enforcement

- Deploy data-driven, consistent, and visible enforcement
- Reinforce behavioral standards through accountability
- Ensure fairness across all categories of road users

Strategic Conclusion

The path forward demands clarity and courage: Professional training builds thinking road users and enforcement sustains discipline and system integrity

But only one creates lasting change. If we are committed to reducing road crashes, not temporarily, but permanently, we must move decisively, embed professionalism at the core of road safety management, invest in trainers as high-impact system multipliers and build a society where safety is driven by competence, not fear

Final Statement

Road safety is not achieved through enforcement alone. It is engineered through professionalism, sustained through discipline, and lived through culture. Because in the end, safe roads are not created by rules, they are created by **responsible people.**

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Enhancing Procurement Sensitivity: Ensuring Halal Integrity in the Procurement of Food Supply Chain Equipment

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In the increasingly competitive global halal industry landscape, halal integrity is no longer limited to the selection of raw materials alone. Instead, it encompasses the entire supply chain ecosystem, including logistics processes, handling, storage, and often overlooked operational equipment. In this context, the procurement function plays a critical role as the gatekeeper of an organisation's halal compliance. However, the level of sensitivity towards risks of contamination, particularly those involving equipment such as brushes made from pig bristles, remains an issue that requires serious attention.

Fundamentally, the procurement function in the supply chain is not merely about acquiring goods at the best cost, but also about ensuring that technical specifications and compliance standards are fully met. In the halal food industry, this requirement becomes more complex as it involves adherence to Shariah principles that mandate compliance with halal rulings. This includes ensuring that every component purchased for use in the production process is not derived from materials classified as najis, especially najis mughallazah such as pigs.

The issue of using brushes made from pig bristles in halal food production operations is a classic example of a sensitivity gap within the procurement function. From a technical standpoint, such brushes are often chosen due to their durability and effectiveness in industrial cleaning tasks. However, from a halal perspective, their use results in cross-contamination that can compromise the halal status of the final product. More concerning is that such contamination may occur unknowingly, especially when information regarding the material composition of equipment is not clearly disclosed by suppliers.

The risks associated with using equipment contaminated with non-halal elements can be mitigated through three strategic approaches. The first approach is the implementation of detailed halal procurement guidelines specifically for operational equipment and tools. While emphasis is often placed on auditing raw materials and food suppliers, equal attention must be given to auditing supporting equipment. Halal companies need to develop comprehensive and integrated halal procurement policies. These policies should not only list prohibited materials but also include technical specifications of permitted equipment, including requirements for material verification from suppliers. In the case of industrial brushes, for example, specifications should clearly prohibit the use of non-halal animal bristles and encourage alternatives such as synthetic fibres or plant-based materials.

Secondly, investment in training and competency development for procurement officers is critical. Such training must go beyond basic halal knowledge to include practical applications in procurement processes, such as the ability to evaluate technical documents, supplier certifications, and material declarations. With improved knowledge and understanding of halal concepts among procurement officers, the risk of errors in equipment selection can be significantly reduced. Furthermore, halal training can equip procurement personnel to prioritise halal compliance over cost considerations when selecting equipment suppliers.

Thirdly, the integration of technology in procurement processes can serve as a catalyst for transparency and traceability. Digital systems that record supplier information, product specifications, and halal compliance status can assist organisations in making more accurate and timely decisions. In the era of Industry 4.0, the use of technologies such as centralised databases and intelligent tracking systems is no longer optional, but a strategic necessity.

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The implications of these strategies are significant. From an operational perspective, they help avoid the need for complex *sertu* (ritual cleansing) processes, which can disrupt production efficiency. From a reputational standpoint, they help mitigate the risk of failing to comply with halal standards, which could result in the revocation of halal certification, loss of consumer trust, and market losses—particularly among increasingly aware and knowledgeable Muslim consumers. Within the global supply chain context, a single point of failure can trigger a domino effect across the entire system.

In addition, a collaborative approach between internal departments must be strengthened. The procurement function should not operate in silos but instead work closely with quality assurance (QA) units, internal halal departments, and production operations. Joint review mechanisms prior to purchase approval can reduce the risk of non-compliance. Regular internal audits should also be conducted to ensure continuous compliance and identify areas for improvement. In this regard, the role of the Internal Halal Committee (IHC) is crucial to ensure that input from all departments is effectively integrated.

Finally, supplier selection and management must be given special attention. Suppliers are not merely business partners but integral components of the organisation's halal ecosystem. Therefore, supplier evaluation should include aspects such as halal compliance, information transparency, and willingness to meet specification requirements. Long-term relationships with trusted suppliers can reduce risks and enhance supply chain stability.

In conclusion, the sensitivity of the procurement function in equipment purchasing is a critical element that must be strengthened in halal supply chain management. The issue of pig bristle brushes illustrates how minor weaknesses in procurement processes can lead to major implications for halal integrity. Therefore, transforming the procurement function from a mere cost centre into a strategic partner in halal compliance is a crucial step in ensuring the sustainability and global competitiveness of the halal industry.



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A Defining Shift in the Profession

The logistics and supply chain industry is entering a period of profound transformation. Artificial intelligence (AI), combined with geopolitical volatility and increasingly complex regulatory frameworks, is reshaping how organisations design and execute their supply chains.

Within this evolving landscape, a recurring question continues to emerge: Will AI replace logistics professionals?

This question was recently explored during the recent Next Gen CILT Malaysia Webinar Series, titled "Intelligent Supply Chains: How AI is Redefining Logistics", where I had the opportunity to contribute as a speaker alongside industry peers.

The discussion reinforced a key reality: AI is not replacing logistics professionals; it is redefining the role.

For those of us operating in complex industries such as oil and gas, particularly within engineering, procurement, construction, and installation (EPCI) projects, this shift is already evident. Logistics is no longer confined to execution. It is now deeply embedded in strategic planning, trade compliance governance, and risk management across the entire project lifecycle.

The Evolving Role of Logistics

Logistics has evolved far beyond its traditional role of transporting goods. In modern project environments, it functions as a strategic discipline that directly influences cost, schedule, and overall project success.

In EPCI projects, logistics decisions determine whether critical cargo arrives within installation windows, whether offshore operations proceed as planned, and ultimately whether contractual commitments are met. Artificial intelligence (AI) is accelerating this evolution by enabling logistics professionals to move from execution to orchestration.

Through predictive analytics, real-time visibility, and scenario modelling, logistics teams are now equipped with tools that allow them to anticipate disruptions and evaluate alternative strategies. However, while AI enhances the quality of decision-making, it does not replace the need for judgement. Responsibility for outcomes remains firmly with the professional.

Global Disruptions Redefine Logistics Strategy

The recent disruptions in the Red Sea and along the Suez Canal corridor provide one of the most compelling real-world examples of how logistics has shifted from operational execution to strategic decision making.

For decades, the Suez Canal has been a critical artery for global trade, offering the shortest route between Europe and Asia. In project logistics, this route has often been the default choice due to its efficiency in both time and cost.

However, the escalation of security risks in the Red Sea region has fundamentally altered this assumption.

In several project scenarios, shipments that were originally planned to transit via Suez were suddenly exposed to elevated risk levels. Vessels faced increased insurance premiums, potential rerouting advisories, and, in some cases, outright avoidance of the corridor. This created an immediate dilemma for logistics teams.

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Rerouting vessels around the Cape of Good Hope significantly increased transit time that sometimes by up to two weeks while also raising fuel costs and impacting vessel availability. At the same time, maintaining the original route exposed shipments to security threats and potential delays.

In offshore EPCI projects, such decisions are far from theoretical. A delay in cargo delivery can directly impact installation windows, leading to idle vessel costs, disruption of offshore campaigns, and contractual exposure.

AI tools have become particularly valuable in such situations. They allow logistics teams to simulate multiple routing scenarios, quantify cost implications, and assess schedule impact in real time. However, the final decision cannot be left to algorithms alone.

From a trade compliance perspective, rerouting introduces additional considerations. Changing the route may involve transiting through different jurisdictions, which can trigger new regulatory requirements or expose shipments to sanctions related risks.

The Red Sea disruption underscores a critical reality: logistics decisions today are no longer driven purely by cost and time as they are shaped by risk, compliance, and strategic judgement.

Trade Compliance: From Operational Requirement to Strategic Imperative

Trade compliance plays a central role in ensuring that supply chains operate within legal and regulatory boundaries. In the oil and gas sector, this function becomes increasingly complex due to the global nature of sourcing and execution.

Equipment is often procured from multiple countries, each governed by its own regulatory framework. In addition to customs regulations, logistics professionals must consider export control laws and sanctions regimes.

Frameworks such as the Export Administration Regulations and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations impose strict controls on certain categories of goods and technologies.

When Compliance Redefines Execution

In one project, equipment assembled in Asia incorporated components sourced from both the United States and Europe. While the shipment initially appeared routine, a deeper technical review revealed that certain components could fall under dual-use classification.

This finding fundamentally altered the logistics approach. Additional verification was required to confirm classification, validate end-use, and ensure compliance with applicable regulations. Although this introduced delays, it prevented a potentially serious compliance breach.

AI can support such processes by analysing technical specifications, identifying potential risks, and automating screening. However, it cannot fully interpret regulatory intent or assess the nuances of specific transactions.

This reinforces an important lesson that compliance must be embedded early in the planning process, not addressed as a final checkpoint.

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Proposal and FEED Stages: Designing for Success

The importance of logistics is most evident during the proposal and Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) stages. At this stage, the focus shifts from execution to strategic planning. Logistics teams are responsible for evaluating the feasibility of different approaches, including port selection, routing strategies, vessel requirements, and importation regimes. These decisions form the basis of the Logistics Management Plan (LMP).

AI enhances this process by providing data-driven insights into port capabilities, congestion trends, and routing risks. It allows logistics teams to test assumptions and evaluate alternatives more effectively.

Lessons from Early Planning Misalignment

In one project, a port was selected during the FEED stage based primarily on proximity to the project site. While the decision appeared logical, it did not fully account for the port's handling limitations.

During execution, it became evident that the port lacked the necessary lifting capacity for certain heavy equipment. This required a redesign of the logistics approach, resulting in increased cost and schedule impact.

Such issues highlight the importance of validating logistics assumptions early. AI-driven analysis can help identify constraints before they become critical during execution.

Building Safeguards into the Logistics Management Plan

A robust Logistics Management Plan must incorporate safeguards to manage potential risks. These risks may arise from operational factors such as vessel delays, regulatory issues such as permit approvals, or external factors such as geopolitical developments.

AI supports this process by enabling predictive risk identification and scenario modelling. However, safeguarding a project ultimately depends on structured planning and professional judgement.

Malaysia as a Strategic Logistics Hub

Malaysia continues to play a key role as a logistics hub for oil and gas projects in the region. The regulatory environment, governed by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department and supported by agencies such as MIDA, provides both opportunities and challenges.

Free Trade Zones offer operational advantages, while specialised equipment may require approvals from authorities such as DOSH and the Energy Commission. Navigating these requirements requires a coordinated approach that integrates logistics planning with compliance strategy.

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The Future Supply Chain: Intelligence with Accountability

The supply chain of the future will be increasingly predictive, integrated, and automated. AI will handle routine decisions, while logistics professionals focus on strategic oversight and risk management.

The concept of modern Logistics emphasises the importance of combining technological capability with human judgement to ensure resilience and sustainability.

Reinvention, Not Replacement

The integration of AI into logistics represents a fundamental shift in the profession. Rather than eliminating roles, it elevates them. AI will not replace logistics professionals but it will redefine those who are willing to evolve.

AI can simulate possibilities and optimise processes. But only professionals can ensure that decisions are compliant, responsible, and aligned with project objectives.

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When Fuel Prices Rise, the Nation Feels the Heat: Impacts on Malaysia's Mobility and Economy By Ts Dr. Nuur Fathin Roslan CMILT Senior Lecturer, UniKL MITEC, PASIR GUDANG, JOHOR

Malaysia's transportation landscape has long been characterised by a heavy reliance on private vehicles, with many Malaysians preferring cars and motorcycles over public transportation. While this reflects convenience, flexibility, and accessibility, it also results in higher national fuel consumption and greater exposure to fuel price fluctuations. As fuel prices continue to rise, the impact is no longer limited to transport operators it is felt across households, businesses, and the broader economy. In a system where mobility is closely tied to fuel usage, any price increase quickly translates into a nationwide concern.

When fuel prices rise, the consequences extend far beyond the transportation sector. Fuel is a fundamental input in economic activities, particularly in a country where road transport dominates the movement of people and goods. As oil prices increase, operational costs across multiple sectors also rise, including manufacturing, retail, agriculture, and services. Businesses are often left with little choice but to adjust prices to maintain margins, resulting in cost-push inflation. For consumers, this means higher expenses for daily necessities, reduced purchasing power, and increased financial pressure. In essence, fuel price increases create a cascading effect what begins at the pump ultimately spreads throughout the entire economy.

The logistics and supply chain sector, often described as the backbone of Malaysia's economy, is among the hardest hit. With a strong dependence on diesel-powered transportation, logistics providers face immediate cost increases when fuel prices surge. These higher costs are typically passed along the supply chain, leading to increased prices of goods across the market. From food and groceries to construction materials and industrial products, the cost of transportation is embedded in the final price paid by consumers. As logistics costs rise, businesses must navigate the difficult balance between maintaining competitiveness and managing operational expenses, while consumers bear the impact through a higher cost of living.

Public transportation and related services are not immune to these challenges. Operators must decide whether to increase fares to offset rising fuel costs or absorb the additional expenses and risk financial strain. At the same time, higher fuel prices may discourage private vehicle usage, potentially increasing demand for public transport. However, without sufficient investment in efficiency, reliability, and accessibility, the public transport system may struggle to accommodate this shift effectively. This highlights the need for a more integrated and resilient transportation system that can respond to changing economic conditions.

Considering these challenges, the government plays a critical role in developing strategic solutions to mitigate the impact of rising fuel costs. Strengthening and promoting public transportation systems is essential to reduce dependency on private vehicles. At the same time, improving subsidy mechanisms to ensure fair and targeted support for those most affected can help stabilise the industry. Additionally, encouraging the adoption of alternative energy sources, such as electric vehicles and biodiesel, offers a long-term pathway towards reducing reliance on fossil fuels. Investments in smart mobility solutions, integrated transport networks, and digital optimisation tools can further enhance efficiency and reduce overall fuel consumption.

Ultimately, rising fuel costs should not be viewed solely as a challenge, but also as an opportunity for transformation. It serves as a wake-up call for Malaysia to rethink its mobility patterns, strengthen its transportation infrastructure, and accelerate the transition towards a more sustainable and resilient system. The decisions made today by policymakers, industry players, and consumers will shape the future of Malaysia's transportation landscape. In facing the heat of rising fuel prices, the nation has the chance to drive meaningful change towards a more efficient and sustainable mobility ecosystem.

Professional Reflections

Advancing Road Safety Through Professionalism and Strategic Collaboration By Datuk Ts Mohamad Ashfar Bin Mohamad Ali FCILT



Long-haul express bus trips may face delays due to diesel purchase caps and fuel shortages at certain service stations. - NSTP file pic

KUALA LUMPUR: Long-haul express bus trips may face delays due to diesel purchase caps and fuel shortages at certain service stations.

Pan Malaysian Bus Operators Association president Datuk Mohamad Ashfar Ali said the government's 150-litre cap per purchase forces some operators to make additional refuelling stops.

He said the situation was complicated by some stations lacking sufficient diesel supply and the fact that Subsidised Diesel Control Scheme (SKDS) fleet cards are tied to specific brands.

"If a bus is travelling from Johor to Penang and the operator's fleet card can only be used at Petron, the driver cannot refuel at Petronas or Shell.

"This means the driver will need to look for another Petron station, and this will affect travel time," he told the New Straits Times.

Ashfar said if a driver had no choice but to refuel at a station where the fleet card was not accepted, the operator would have to foot the bill.

Ashfar said that some members have reported shortages at certain stations rather than an overall diesel shortage.

The unsubsidised price for diesel is RM6.72 per litre in Peninsular Malaysia until April 15, compared with the RM2.15 per litre enjoyed by fleet card holders.

"Short-distance services are unlikely to be significantly affected, but long-haul routes will require more careful planning as they depend on higher diesel consumption and fixed schedules," he said.

Ashfar said that the monthly subsidised diesel quota of 6,000 litres per bus per month was sufficient for most operators.

"The challenge now is ensuring timely journeys, especially for long-haul trips. We hope the public understands these challenges."

Ashfar said PMBOA appreciates the efforts taken by the government to ensure adequate fuel supply and hopes that the 150-litre cap, which came into effect in April, will be temporary.

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

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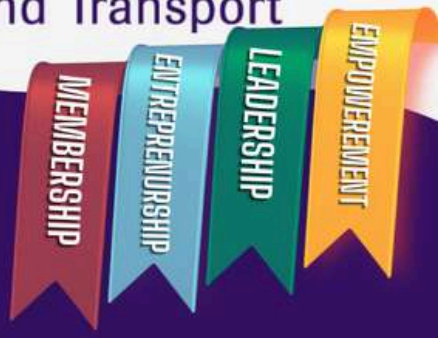
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