

VETERAN OF LABOUR

Lee Van Chong

Executive Committee Member
Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS)

Nominated by the Singapore Organisation of Seamen.

Lee Van Chong's journey with the Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS) began in January 1976 when the National Trades Union Congress seconded him to the union as an Industrial Relations Officer. Little did he know back then that this would mark the beginning of an extraordinary and enduring bond.

The same year, Brother Van Chong was elected Treasurer, showcasing his financial acumen and unwavering commitment to the union. His hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and in 1985, he transitioned into direct employment with SOS, solidifying his profound connection with the union.

Throughout his illustrious career, Brother Van Chong has held numerous esteemed positions that have shaped the fabric of SOS. Serving as an Office Bearer and Executive Committee Member, he assumed the role of Treasurer from 1976 until June 2013, an impressive tenure of 37 years dedicated to the union's financial well-being.

Even after stepping down from this role, he continued to serve as an Ordinary Member, ensuring that his wealth of experience continued to benefit SOS. In addition to his pivotal roles within the union, Brother Van Chong has also undertaken crucial positions within Seacare Co-operative Ltd and its group of companies. He has served as the Co-operative's Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer since July 2013, and Managing Director of Seacare Manpower Services Pte Ltd since October 1995, bringing his extensive knowledge and expertise to the forefront.

Furthermore, he has been a valued member of various SOS standing committees since 2001 and chaired the SOS Investment Committee since 2007. In 2014, he was awarded the prestigious Public Service Award (PBM) at the National Day Awards for his efforts. His involvement in Industrial Relations, Membership, Finance and investment, and Human Resources has left an indelible impact on SOS and Seacare.