

COMRADE OF LABOUR

Yong Soon Huat

Treasurer

Singapore Maritime Officers' Union

Nominated by the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union

Yong Soon Huat has spent the last 31 years as a union leader in the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU) executive committee. He has served as a member in the Employment & Employability Committee and is currently the chairperson of the Financial and Investment Committees, and a member of the Human Resource Committee.

He often engages members on their welfare, employment and training needs. He has been steadfast in upholding the union's financial status to effectively provide for members' welfare.

Brother Soon Huat has always been supportive of members' employment security and concerns on revalidation of seafaring certificates.

Such feedback has also led SMOU to provide their Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW) course through Wavelink Maritime Institute. It also led to SMOU engaging the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) to be a surrogate employer to assist in its members' claims from the Maritime Cluster Fund.

In many ways, Brother Soon Huat's dedication towards the union and care towards union members, especially during difficult times, have been commendable.

He continuously encourages members to join SMOU to better protect their employment and welfare.

His efforts have contributed towards the cohesiveness shared between the union and its members.

As an executive committee member and treasurer, he often encourages members to upgrade their skills, especially in the current digitalised world