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Ismail Ahamad

Assistant Treasurer
Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU)

Nominated by the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union

In his 36 years with the Singapore Maritime Officers' Union (SMOU), Ismail Ahamad has held various roles, including as Committee Member and Assistant Treasurer. He also served on the Welfare Committee from 2001 to 2013, the Financial Committee from 2013 to 2018, and the Membership Committee from 2018 to 2023. Additionally, he was Vice-Chair of the Young SMOU Committee from 2008 to 2013. Currently, he is a member of the HR and Building Committees. As part of the Financial Committee, he ensures the union's financial stability to support various welfare benefits and training initiatives, offering advice on investment opportunities.

Brother Ismail's dedication to the union and his caring approach toward members, especially in difficult times, are commendable. He encourages members to join SMOU for better job protection and welfare support, fostering cohesiveness between the union and its members.

In his 28 years as a union leader, Brother Ismail has actively engaged with members on issues related to welfare, employment, and training. He is a strong advocate for members' employment security and welfare assistance. His feedback has led SMOU to provide the essential International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers training through Wavelink Maritime Institute and work with the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) to assist members in making claims under the Maritime Cluster Fund.

He encourages skills upgrading and actively supports the Tripartite Maritime Training Awards (TMTA) programme aimed at young adults pursuing seafaring careers. In today's digital world, he advocates for continuous upgrading and reskilling to support lifelong learning.