

## **Mr Patrick Phoon**

Mr Patrick Phoon is a veteran in Singapore's shipping industry, bringing with him over 40 years of experience as an ex-Mariner to managing a major privately held global shipping company. Shipping is in the life blood of Mr Phoon, after graduating he served 2 years sailing as a deck officer on a merchant marine vessel. He returned to shore, heeding an entrepreneurial calling, and began his journey to build his foundational skills on a shore-based career in shipping.

Today, Mr Phoon collectively reflects those 40 years of shipping experiences that span from being a boarding officer, to commercial operations, to technical and business management. After comfortably getting his foundations set, Mr Phoon went on to start an agency company and eventually caught the fancy of Taiwanese giant, Evergreen Marine group, which appointed Mr Phoon's agency to be their sole partner overseeing South East Asia region's business operations and interest. As a senior executive on the Evergreen board, Mr Phoon helped set up Evergreen's foray into the commercial and passenger airline arm in EVA Air. He went on to serve as President of the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA), contributing many hours and providing direction to help steer the SSA into a leading industry trade association. Mr Phoon is widely respected among his peers internationally and in Singapore. His foresight and strategies enable him to place the SSA in close collaboration with the Marine Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). This public-private partnership and collaboration has enabled Singapore to set out cohesive national programs, setting Singapore on the path towards being a leading International Maritime Centre. In addition, he served on many governmental policy committees in the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Transport.

For his many years of contribution towards national interests in building and developing the shipping industry, Mr Phoon has been recognised internationally as well as awarded the following:

- MPA - International Maritime Award 2017
- Republic of Singapore President's Award - Public Service Medal Award 2016
- Republic of Singapore - Public Service Star Award 2016
- Seatrade - Lifetime Achievement Award 2014
- Spring Singapore - Merit Award 2009.