



Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamed Tahir

Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman

Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin Syed Mohamed Tahir is Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman of Dagang NeXchange Berhad ("DNeX") with effect from 1 January 2025.

History

Prior to this, he was Executive Chairman of the company since 9 December 2022, Group Managing Director of the company since 1 October 2020, and earlier was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Director of the company on 1 July 2020. He is also Chairman at SilTerra Malaysia Sdn Bhd, a strategic investment of DNeX and Beijing Integrated Circuit Advanced Manufacturing and High-End Equity Investment Fund Center (Limited Partnership) ("CGP Fund").

He previously held the position of Vice President, Downstream Marketing, Petroliaam Nasional Berhad ("PETRONAS") and served as Managing Director of PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad. He began his career as a Project Engineer with PETRONAS Gas Sdn Bhd in 1987, before joining PETRONAS in 1992 as Senior Executive of the company's Corporate Planning & International Business Development unit.

He then left to join HICOM Holdings Berhad in 1995, where he assumed various senior positions in the company. In 1999, he lent his expertise to PERODUA when appointed Senior General Manager. Subsequently, he was appointed Executive Director of PERODUA Auto Corporation Sdn Bhd in 2002 and later promoted to Deputy Managing Director of PERODUA in October 2005.

Thereafter, he also held various key positions in established corporations including Proton Holdings Berhad as Group Managing Director, RHB Bank Berhad and RHB Islamic Bank Berhad as Independent Non-Executive Director. In July 2018, he was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Universiti Teknologi MARA until January 2021.

He is currently Chairman of PAA Digital Trade Alliance, the first global alliance that aims to promote and provide secure and value-adding IT infrastructure and facilities for efficient global trade and logistics.

Additionally, he serves as Chairman of PUSRAWI Heritage Sdn Bhd, Perbandaran Waqaf Selangor, and Cahya Mata Oiltools Sdn Bhd and a board member at Cahya Mata Cement Sdn Bhd and Islamic University Selangor. He is a Council Member of the Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council ("Majlis Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan or MAIWP").

With his vast experience in transforming organisations and leading several large organisations, he is often invited to give talks and lectures in Transformational Leadership and often gives advice to both the government and private sector in Malaysia. He is active in community work through several non-governmental organisations ("NGOs") that help victims of natural disasters.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from University of Maryland, United States of America.