



Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman
**Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin
Syed Mohamed Tahir**

Date of Appointment: 1 July 2020

Working Experience

Tan Sri Dato' Sri Haji Syed Zainal Abidin bin Syed Mohamed Tahir has been appointed as the Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman of DNeX, effective 1 January 2025. He has served as the Company's Executive Chairman since 9 December 2022. Before that, he served as Group Managing Director of DNeX and its subsidiaries, effective 1 October 2020.

In addition, he is the Chairman of SilTerra Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., a strategic investment of DNeX in collaboration with the Beijing Integrated Circuit Advanced Manufacturing and High-End Equipment Equity Investment Fund Center (Limited Partnership), commonly known as the CGP Fund. He has also served as the Chairman of Ping Petroleum Limited, a subsidiary of the Company.

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

In 1995, he joined HICOM Holdings Berhad, where he assumed various senior positions. In 1999, he moved to PERODUA, taking on the role of Senior General Manager. 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.

He subsequently held key positions in well-established corporations, including serving as Group Managing Director of Proton Holdings Berhad and as an Independent Non-Executive Director for both RHB Bank Berhad and RHB Islamic Bank Berhad. In July 2018, he was appointed Chairman of the Board at Universiti Teknologi MARA, a position he held until January 2021. He also served as Chairman of Scanwolf Corporation Berhad until 31 December 2023.

Currently, he is the Chairman of the PAA Digital Trade Alliance. The first global digital trade alliance that aims to promote and provide secure, trusted, reliable and value-adding IT infrastructure and facilities for efficient global trade and logistics. In addition, he serves as Chairman of Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor and is a board member of the Selangor Islamic University (UIS).

He sits on the board of Cahya Mata Sarawak Bhd and its subsidiaries, which include Cahya Mata Oiltools Sdn. Bhd., Oiltools International Sdn. Bhd., Cahya Mata Cement Sdn. Bhd., and Scomi Oiltools (RUS) LLC.

With extensive experience in transforming organisations and leading large enterprises, he is frequently invited to give talks and lectures on transformational leadership. He also provides advice to both the government and the private sector in Malaysia. Additionally, he is active in community work through several non-governmental organisations (NGOs) that assist victims of natural disasters.

Qualification

- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, University of Maryland, United States of America