



Dato' Captain Nik Huzlan

FOREWORD

I first met Capt. Lim Khoy Hing in 1977, when he was the Club Captain and Chief Flying Instructor of the Royal Selangor Flying Club. Captain Lim was at the same time serving the Royal Malaysian Air Force holding the rank as a Major, flying the C130 Hercules out of the Main Military Base.

Holding a voluntary position in the Flying Club while also doing Military flying duties means Capt. Lim is just more than a Pilot. It shows his passion in not just flying, but in all things aviation. His desire to share, contribute and promote shone through even 5 decades ago.

We met again, a short few years later, when I was a CoPilot on my first posting and Captain Lim was an F27 Commander. We were both based in Sabah. We eventually went on our separate career progression paths, with Capt. Lim retiring on the Boeing B777 in MAS and thereafter joining Air Asia flying the Airbus A320. Throughout his flying career his above

average practices took him to the end of his flying days with nary a scratch, driven by his competence, calm confidence, discipline and natural leadership, never overbearing, always with a warm friendly demeanour, to all around him. Qualities of an exemplary airline pilot.

A man of deep intellect, Capt. Lim diligently chronicled his Aviation journey, beginning with the Royal Malaysian Air Force, moving on to the Premier National Airline, ending his flying with a Premium Low-Cost Carrier.

He has flown in Aerobatic Training aircraft, heavy Turboprops, and retired on the latest state of the art airliners, a wide and varied spectrum of experience, one that should be shared.

While similar career progression was also journeyed by other Pilots of similar vintage, we are indeed privileged that Capt. Lim is also adept in translating his experience into a 'first person viewpoint', able to put thought into words, printed in uncomplicated easy to read language that both entertains and informs. He contributes to *redcap*, Air Asia's in-flight magazine.

The success of the two bestselling Aviation books he wrote in 2013 and 2017 will surely ensure *A Pilot's Story* will go beyond expectations.

In *A Pilot's Story* Captain Lim opens up his life with honesty and humility, and while the book may be biographical in nature, it is also a chronological reflection of the growth of Malaysia's aviation, and a personal reflection that articulates the deeper, soulful meaning that Capt. Lim went through from his early years.

As a fellow aviator and ex- Chief Pilot of Malaysia Airlines, I read his work with professional appreciation and personal pride, secure in knowing such knowledge will be preserved and passed on to the next generation.

A heartfelt legacy, it will guide, inform, inspire those who love aviation as much as Capt. Lim does, and more importantly, sow seeds of passion to those with minor interest in aviation,

a catalyst to increasing the numbers of enthusiasts, adding to aviation growth meaningfully.

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