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First Admiral Dr Tay Yap Leong is the Senior Director Comprehensive Defence and Security Research Centre at the Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS), Ministry of Defence. He joined the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) in 1985 and commissioned into Executive Branch. First Admiral Dr Tay is a Mine Clearance Diving (MCD), qualified to dive to 90 meter and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Specialist. He holds a Doctor of Management from Universiti Malaya (2022), Master's in Strategic Defence Studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and has attended Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College (2013). In his 38 years' service, First Admiral Dr Tay had attended various courses locally and abroad, including the Maritime Terrorism and Civil-Military Response to Terrorism Course at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in California, USA in 2011. During his long and notable services, First Admiral Dr Tay has been awarded numerous medals and recognition, including KMN, PAT, KAT, AAP, PPS, PPA, mpat, and psc. He had also been a Commanding Officer of multiple RMN vessels and shore establishment during his service. First Admiral Dr Tay is married to Madam Soo Wat Kee and blessed with three children, a daughter and two sons.

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