

**DPM Launches Malaysia Maritime Strategic Plan 2040**  
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LANGKAWI, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today launched the Malaysia Maritime Strategic Plan 2040 (MMST 2040) book at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre, here.

The MMST 2040 is the blueprint which will drive the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) towards excellence. It is a prime document that sets the direction for the agency in the short term and long term in carrying out the mission set by the government.

MMEA director-general, Maritime Admiral Datuk Mohd Amdan Kurdish, said the MMST 2040 was the outcome of the review of the MMST 2020 documented in 2006.

He said MMST 2040 was drawn up using the approach called Balanced Scorecard.

"Nine strategic objectives were identified to ensure the vision and mission could be accomplished to make the MMEA a forward-looking organisation not just in the country but in the international arena as well.

"In the current geopolitical scenario and dynamic maritime security situation, the MMEA needs a flexible approach, that is, being able to make suitable changes to a strategic plan in setting the agency's direction, and in building capacity and developing assets in a holistic manner."

Mohd Amdan said as Malaysia's sole maritime enforcement agency, the MMEA had to monitor the country's waters.

"Its task is different from that of similar agencies of other countries as the MMEA not only has to enforce Malaysia's maritime law but to also prosecute those who violate the law," he said.

Mohd Amdan said the MMEA's performance had been positive and one to be proud of since its establishment in 2005.

"Its good performance shows its seriousness and use of effective strategies which not only focus on domestic operations, but also playing an active role on various regional and international platforms of cooperation," he added.

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