

SapuraKencana Chief Gets PSM From Agong
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 1 (Bernama) -- SapuraKencana Petroleum Bhd president and group CEO Datuk Seri Shahril Shamsuddin was among those conferred the Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM) by Yang Di Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Halim Mu'adzam Shah in conjunction with his majesty's birthday.

The award, which carries the Tan Sri title, is one of Malaysia's highest honours and is only conferred by the Yang Di Pertuan Agong.

It is only given to distinguished citizens who have given meritorious service to Malaysia.

Forty-five individuals have been conferred the Darjah Panglima Setia Mahkota (PSM) this year.

Shahril, 52, is also group president and chief executive officer of Sapura Group, a diversified company involved in oil & gas services, secured communications technologies, property development and management, industrial and automotive component manufacturing, and education.

Shahril, being a senior corporate figure and philanthropist has been instrumental in putting Malaysia on the world oil and gas services map via SapuraKencana.

SapuraKencana Petroleum, the new entity formed by the merger of Sapuracrest Petroleum and Kencana Petroleum, resulted in the largest oil and gas service provider in Malaysia and the world's fifth largest EPCIC (engineer, procure, construct, intall, and commission) company by asset base.

It is reflective of the new attitude of growth and expansion prevalent throughout Malaysia today.

The combined company resulted in a work force of 9,000 people across more than 20 countries, ranging from Malaysia, Thailand, and Australia to Brazil and the United States.

SapuraKencana recently won its first US\$1.4 billion contract in Brazil for three pipe laying vessels and in May completed a US\$2.85 billion acquisition of London-based Seadrill's entire tender rig business, enabling a Malaysian company for the first time to be the world leader in a global drilling segment.

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