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Capt I G Sangameswar is working as the Senior Assistant Director of the Training Standards Department, in the Shipping Division of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA).

Capt IG Sangam joined the Marine Department (now MPA) as a Marine Surveyor in 1982. He was a Senior Marine Surveyor from 1994 to 1996 before becoming Assistant Director (Nautical) in 1996. He was re-designated as Assistant Director (Investigation) in 1999, and subsequently Assistant Director (Investigation and Certification) in 2001. In Mar 2004, he was posted to the Training Division as the head of the Training Standards Department.

Capt Sangam was born in India in 1952. He took up sea career by joining the training ship "DUFFERIN" in 1968. He obtained his Certificate of Competency as Master of a Foreign-Going Ship from India in 1978. Prior to joining the Marine Department, he served at sea in various ascending capacities as deck officer in the Shipping Corporation of India from 1970 to 1980. Capt Sangam subsequently joined NOL and served as a Master from 1981 to 1982. He has served on cargo ships, feeder container ship, bulk-carrier, parcel tankers, very large crude oil tankers and passenger ships and has about 3 years command experience.

In his current post, Capt Sangam is responsible for overseeing the training and certification of seafarers and operation of the Integrated Simulation Centre. He has experience in conducting examinations for deck certificates of examination, co-ordination of maritime search and rescue and conducting investigations into maritime accidents and audit of maritime training institutes. He has also

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He is a member of the Nautical Institute London and Maritime Industry Advisory Committee of the Singapore Polytechnic.