

Maritime Careers Spotlight

➤ **SKILLSFUTURE FEATURE:**
Hunger for Knowledge
Captain Jeevan Raj (Operations Manager, BTS Tankers)



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After learning about the maritime sector upon the completion of his O Levels, Captain Jeevan Raj enrolled in the Diploma in Nautical Studies course at Singapore Maritime Academy. In 2003, Jeevan was awarded the Tripartite Maritime Scholarship (TMSS) jointly sponsored by shipping companies, MPA, SMOU and SOS. Jeevan's hard work and dedication paid off as Jeevan attained his Certificate of Competency Class 1 and was promoted to the rank of Master Mariner in 2015. Not one to rest on his laurels, Jeevan believes that we must constantly upgrade ourselves and deepen our skills to stay competitive in today's maritime workforce.

Jeevan continued to further his maritime career on shore when he joined BTS Tankers as a Vessel Operator and was promoted to Operations Manager within a year. He has decided to further deepen his knowledge by taking up the MSc in Maritime Studies at Nanyang Technological University. He strongly believes that by graduating with this Master's degree, he will learn the necessary commercial knowledge which will complement well with his knowledge learnt from his days at sea. Jeevan acknowledges the importance of continuous learning. "Fellow Singaporeans should take up the opportunities given in the form of SkillsFuture Study Awards. It helps us to further enhance our skills to be more competitive and also to develop and upgrade ourselves."