

Professional biography



Captain Tamim Ahmed is an experienced maritime professional and academic with over two decades of service at sea and in maritime education. Born on 10 August 1973 in Chattogram, Bangladesh, he has built a career that reflects both practical expertise and a strong commitment to developing future generations of seafarers.

He holds a Master of Science (Research) in Maritime Studies (Nautical Science) from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), where he currently serves as a Lecturer in the Faculty of Maritime Studies. His academic background also includes a British Bachelor (Ordinary) Degree recognised by UK NARIC and a Higher National Diploma (HND) in Nautical Science under Edexcel, completed at Blackpool and the Fylde College, affiliated with the University of Lancaster. He began his maritime education at the Government Marine Fisheries Academy in Bangladesh, graduating first in his cohort.

Captain Ahmed's seafaring career progressed through the ranks from Third Officer to Master Mariner. He has served on a wide range of vessels, including bulk carriers, crude oil tankers, oil tankers, and chemical tankers, gaining extensive operational experience across different sectors of commercial shipping. In addition to his command experience at sea, he has held shore-based roles such as Marine Superintendent and Manager of Crew Training and Certification with Topwe International Shipping Co. Limited in China, where he was responsible for safety management, crew development, and regulatory compliance.

In academia, Captain Ahmed began his teaching career at the Government Marine Fisheries Academy under Bangladesh Maritime University in 2015. He later joined Universiti Malaysia Terengganu in December 2025. His teaching areas include navigation, bridge watchkeeping, collision regulations, ship stability, meteorology, and ECDIS. He is dedicated to preparing cadets with both technical knowledge and professional discipline required in modern maritime operations.

His research interests focus on maritime safety, port accident reduction, seafarer fatigue, and port state control. He has published and co-authored several papers in international journals and contributed to conference proceedings, including presentations at the International Conference of Advanced Intelligent Maritime Safety and Technology (Ai-MAST).

Captain Ahmed holds a Master Mariner, Deck Class-1 (Unlimited) Certificate issued in the United Kingdom and is an Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute (AFNI), London. He also possesses additional certifications including GMDSS, Specialized Oil Tanker Certification (TASCO), and Radar ARPA Simulator training at the management level.

He is fluent in English and Bangla, with conversational proficiency in Hindi, and is skilled in SPSS and Microsoft Office applications. Through his combined experience at sea and in academia, Captain Ahmed continues to contribute to the maritime profession through teaching, research, and mentorship.