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Rear Admiral Dato' Pahlawan Syed Zahiruddin Putra was born on 27 July 1959. He joined the Royal Malaysian Navy in September 1977 and was later trained as a Midshipman at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, United Kingdom in 1978. He was commissioned as a Sub Lieutenant in December 1979 and was promoted to his present rank on 1 May 2012. He assumed his current position as the Assistant Chief of Staff Planning Development on 3 December 2013.

Upon commissioning, he was appointed onboard several ships to take up various appointments at sea. His first appointment ashore was as a Staff Officer at the Naval Development and Planning Directorate at the Naval Head Quarters responsible for the Frigate and the New Generation Patrol Vessels Project. He also served the Maritime Tactical Center doing Training Research and Development. As a Captain from 2004 to 2005, he was the Director of Human Resource Planning, Human Resource Directorate. He was later appointed as the Head of the New Generation Patrol Vessels Project in 2006. His first appointment as a Flag Officer was as the Assistant Chief of Staff Human Resource.

He is an all round officer who has generally done a wide scope of various appointments from appointments at sea as staffs, commands and as Senior Officer Afloat. As for shore appointments, he has served in development planning, platform specifications and evaluations, project management, research and development, base commander, operations, human resource and training.

For his command attributes, he was entrusted upon a number of command posts from the Commanding Officer of KD YU (FAC G), KD HANDALAN (FAC M), KD KEDAH (NGPV), KD MALAYA (RMN Main Base), KD LEKIU (FF), Commandant of Royal Military College, Commander of Naval Region II, Commandant of Malaysia Armed Forces Defence College and Commander of Naval Education and Training.

He has attended various professional and career courses locally and abroad notably in United Kingdom, India, Argentina, United States and Germany. In 2010 he attended a year long program at the Indonesian National Resilience Institute, Jakarta and in 2013 he attended the Senior International Defence Management Course in Monterrey, USA. He has a Masters Degree from University of New South Wales, Australia and a Diploma from Malaysian Technology University, Kuala Lumpur.