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PETALING JAYA: The first Littoral Mission Ship, the *KD Keris*, has been officially commissioned by the Royal Malaysian Navy.

The ceremony, which was held at the Wuchuan Shipbuilding Industry Co Ltd, Wucang Port, Qidong in China, was launched by Navy chief

Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Mohd Sany on Monday.

Among those who attended the event were Defence Ministry deputy secretary-general (development) Mastura Ahmad Mustafa as well as the top management of Boustead Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd (BNSSB)

and China Shipbuilding & Offshore International Co Ltd (CSOC).

Admiral Mohd Reza read out the commission order to commemorate *KD Keris* being commissioned as well as installed the command insignia to Commander Mohd Zulkarnain Mohd Rawi, who will be the ship's

first commanding officer.

Construction of the ship started on July 31, 2018 at the Wuchuan Shuangliu Manufacture Base, Wuhan.

"It has gone through various tests before being handed over to the government," the navy said.