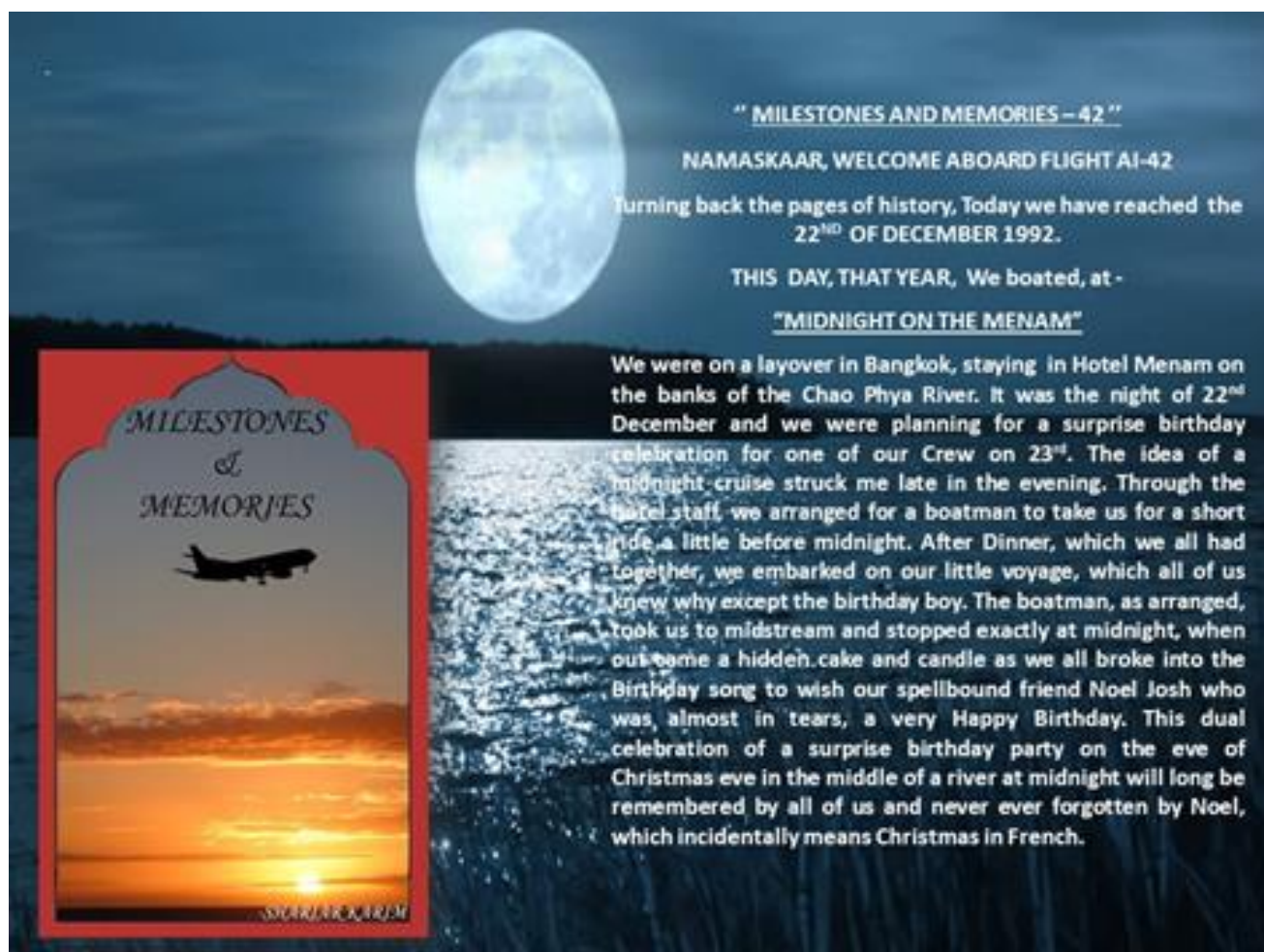


**ODYSSEY AI - 42**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI - 41 on 5th December 2020 “ My 700th Flight As An I.F.S ”  
THIS FLIGHT : AI - 42 on 22nd December 2020 “MIDNIGHT ON THE MENAM”  
NEXT FLIGHT: AI - 43 on 27th December 2020 “One Day”



**“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES – 42 ”**

NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-42

Turning back the pages of history, Today we have reached the  
**22<sup>ND</sup> OF DECEMBER 1992.**

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We boated, at -  
**“MIDNIGHT ON THE MENAM”**

We were on a layover in Bangkok, staying in Hotel Menam on the banks of the Chao Phya River. It was the night of 22<sup>nd</sup> December and we were planning for a surprise birthday celebration for one of our Crew on 23<sup>rd</sup>. The idea of a midnight cruise struck me late in the evening. Through the hotel staff we arranged for a boatman to take us for a short ride a little before midnight. After Dinner, which we all had together, we embarked on our little voyage, which all of us knew why except the birthday boy. The boatman, as arranged, took us to midstream and stopped exactly at midnight, when out came a hidden cake and candle as we all broke into the Birthday song to wish our spellbound friend Noel Josh who was, almost in tears, a very Happy Birthday. This dual celebration of a surprise birthday party on the eve of Christmas eve in the middle of a river at midnight will long be remembered by all of us and never ever forgotten by Noel, which incidentally means Christmas In French.

*MILESTONES  
&  
MEMORIES*

*SHARIAR, KARIM*

### MIDNIGHT ON THE MENAM

The clock has struck the midnight hour,  
On the eve of this Christmas Eve,  
A few moments together lets spend,  
Before its time to leave.  
May this friendship cruise, bring in its wake  
A sense of camaraderie,  
And may we find peace and joy,  
Wherever in the world we be,  
In keeping with the spirit of Christmas,  
In this ancient land of Siam,  
Let's pass goodwill all around,  
From this-'Midnight on the Menam',  
And since we must make a start,  
In good intent and well,  
What better time could there be than now,  
To say-Happy Birthday (Joyeux) Noel.

On the Chao Phya River,  
In Bangkok-Thailand,  
On December 22-23, 1992,  
At Midnight.

- Shariar Karim

### CREW ON THE CRUISE

Noel Josh  
Camy Coelho  
Xavier Gracias  
Kelly Pereira  
Vinod Madkaikar  
Louis Toscano  
Ravinder Kumar  
Unni Nayar  
Safiyah Karim  
Priya Watsa  
Judith Rodrigues  
Lorna Condillac  
Vanessa Bhuse  
Vida Saldanha  
Saroj Kumari  
Melinda Pinto

Surprise 'Midnight Cruise' arranged to celebrate the Spirit of Christmas and the birthday of our colleague  
Noel Josh (Noel means Christmas in French)