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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER MOVING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE



Maritime transport is facing multiple challenges on multiple fronts, from geopolitical to trade tensions to the lingering effect of the Covid-19 disruptions to the increasing pressure to adopt and adapt to new technologies towards greater efficiency and resilience and sustainability as well as to ease regulatory burden on the industry.

At the recent IAPH World Ports Conference, for instance, the emphasis was on the need to balance between resilience and competitiveness, to consider long term economic sustainability whilst addressing the immediate needs of the local community and to balance the economic recovery of the present against a sustainable future.

The general conclusion of the conference was that the digitalisation of the trade and maritime value chain is key to harnessing the power of emerging technologies and digital transformation to deliver robust future trade, maintain competitiveness and achieve sustainable growth. Digital solutions will drive efficiency, connectivity, accessibility and ultimately realise the potential for lower emissions that will accelerate sustainable development and trade. Ports need to support decarbonisation and to build greener infrastructures through smart energy management to attain carbon neutrality. Amid all these challenges, cargo owners reeling from the pandemic-induced disruption of supply chains are increasingly selective of their ports of choice. Their emphasis is on cost reduction through greater efficiency, connectivity and automation and digitalisation for greater accessibility, security and reliability of data.

Ports, the backbone of the global economy, are facing a host of challenges, including growing freight traffic, increasing pressure to address environmental concerns, operational challenges, the ongoing pandemic-induced disruptions and, lately, even the global geopolitical impact of the Ukraine-Russia war. Amid such challenges, ports can no longer confine themselves to traditional roles and functions but to act as a neutral party or authority cum coordinator or facilitator in bringing stakeholders to the table to find solutions to issues faced at the macro and micro level.

This is the reason PKA has increasingly taken on the role of coordinator or facilitator in engaging with other government agencies and service partners such as logistics services providers as well as shipping lines and shippers to find mutually beneficial solutions to issues that would impact efficiency and hamper efforts to build a resilient and sustainable port based on current global requirements.

In response to these challenges, PKA has taken the lead in promoting sustainable development in capacity-building and greening programmes, pushed for digital transformation in Port Klang and adoption of technology and automation in the many aspects of its operations.

At the micro level, for example, PKA recently initiated the move to introduce a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the detention, inspection and release of containers as there was none before. The lack of an SOP had affected port efficiency and the bottom line of the parties concerned. The new SOP is the result of engagements with all the stakeholders to arrive at a mutually beneficial solution. I believe the new SOP will resolve this operational hiccup once and for all.

Rest assured PKA will not be a traditional port authority but one that is fully aware of its responsibility to build a resilient and sustainable port and one that will actively engage with all stakeholders in the journey to build future Port Klang.

Capt. K. Subramaniam

NEW SOP FOR DETENTION, INSPECTION AND RELEASE OF CONTAINERS

A new Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the inspection, detention and release of containers took effect from 1 May 2022 in Port Klang.

Under the new SOP, containers landing in Port Klang must be inspected and released within a three-day period by enforcement or other government agencies concerned. Containers which are detained for further inspection can be held for up to 30 days, at the end of which these should be released if no further action is needed.

Another feature of the SOP enables port users to make complaints online via the e-Feedback System should storage or removal charges, including for confiscated containers, are incurred due to delays on the part of the enforcement agencies or terminals in making available these containers for return to claimants within the 30-day period.

The introduction of the SOP was prompted by issues arising from delays on the part of enforcement agencies and other government agencies, terminal operators and forwarding agents in the processing of these containers. PKA initiated the move to draw up specific guidelines by engaging with various stakeholders such as the Customs and other government agencies, terminal operators and logistics players to establish a service standard at the port.



PKA's One Stop Centre Manager S. Kumaresan explained, "Previously, due to the involvement of multiple enforcement and government agencies involved in processing these containers combined with a lack of coordination, there was no specific time frame for how long these containers would be held by the agencies concerned. This resulted in delays as well as other issues which did not give the port a good image from the efficiency perspective."



"The SOP is intended to enhance coordination between agencies such as the Customs and MAQIS (Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Department) in facilitating the process involving the detention, inspection and release these containers. We believe with such an SOP in place, we can help reduce the stay time of a container. The SOP also serves as a KPI for each of the activities involved, from detention to release, with the objective to reduce the cost of doing business in the port and in facilitating trade as well."

A trial run of the SOP was conducted from January to April 2022, at the end of which, approval for its implementation was given by the Ministry of Transport.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Wee Ka Siong said the SOP would be implemented in other Malaysian ports if it is successful in Port Klang.



CONTAINER VOLUME DOWN 6% IN FIRST HALF OF 2022

Port Klang's performance in the first half of 2022 reflects the continuing global uncertainties amid the Covid-19 disruptions and geopolitical and trade tensions. Container throughput at the port declined 6% to 7.63 million TEU compared with 8 million TEU in the corresponding period of 2021.

Transshipment box volume fell nearly 12% to 4.36 million TEU compared with 4.95 million TEU in the corresponding period of 2021. Export volume increased 2.2% to 1.61 million TEU while import boxes increased marginally by 3.2% to 1.66 million TEU.

Indigenous cargoes grew nearly 3% compared with the corresponding period of 2021, with import boxes increasing just over 2% and export, by 3%.

With the economy continuing to show signs of improvement in the first half of 2022, PKA believes Port Klang would be able to achieve its target of 13.8 million TEU for 2022.

Container Traffic at Westports

Westports' total box volume declined by 6.6% to 5.75 million TEU from 6.2 million TEU in the corresponding period of 2021.

Westports has an 80% share of the port's transshipment traffic (3.5 million TEU). Transshipment boxes at the terminal dropped 12.4% to 3.49 million TEU due to the Covid-19-induced shutdown of the ports of Shanghai, Shenzhen, Dalian and Tianjin. Import box volume increased nearly 3% to 1,111,937 TEU and export boxes rose 5% to 1,151,706 TEU, supported by a significant increase in shipments of furniture, fertilisers and recycled plastics.

Indigenous cargo traffic was particularly strong in July with an increase of 32% compared with the corresponding period in 2021. The growth is attributed to shipments of vehicles to Sabah and Sarawak to fulfill bookings made up to June 2022 due to the sales and service tax exemption on motor vehicles offered by the government. Growth was also boosted by increased shipments of furniture by IKEA's regional distribution centre in Port Klang to Thailand, India, the Philippines, Hong Kong and Indonesia as well as exports of fertilisers, particularly to Papua New Guinea. Westports has a 69% (2.23 million TEU) share of Port Klang's indigenous cargo volume.

Based on the throughput in the first half, Westports has revised downwards its preliminary forecast of 10.8 million TEU for 2022 to 10 million TEU.

Container Traffic at Northport

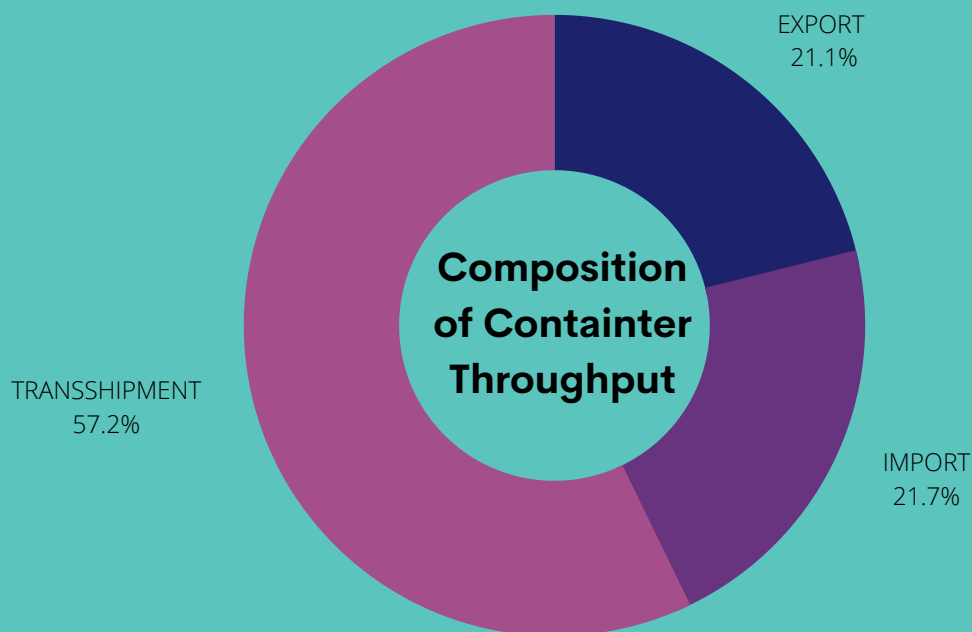
Northport’s container traffic decreased nearly 4.6 % to 1.88 million TEU compared with 1.97 million TEU in the corresponding period of 2021.

Transshipment boxes fell by more than 9.5 % compared with the corresponding period of 2021 due to the new strategies of shipping lines to replace short haul services with long haul ones with the introduction of larger capacity vessels that make fewer stops along their routes.

Export boxes volume declined nearly 4.6 % compared with the corresponding period of 2021 due particularly to lesser intra-Asia demand for merchandise goods. Import box volume rose just over 4% compared with the corresponding period of 2021 due to increased demand for consumer goods and raw materials for manufacturing from Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

Indigenous cargo volume via Northport rose nearly 15%, supported by an increase in the handling of laden containers through the ad hoc calls made by Wan Hai and its partners’ vessels. Food-based goods, chemicals, goods for manufacturing and daily use consumer products from China, USA and Myanmar contributed to the growth of imports via the terminal. Northport has a 31% (1 million TEU) share of the indigenous cargo trade.

Northport is maintaining its projection of a 3.19 million TEU throughput for 2022.



Port Klang Cargo Throughput

Cargo Throughput	Jan – July 2021	Jan – July, 2022	Growth (%)	Composition Of Container Throughput
Export	1,576,835	1,611,061	2.2	21.1
Import	1,604,749	1,656,079	3.2	21.7
Transshipment	4,445,843	4,362,542	-11.8	57.2
Total	4,945,843	7,629,682	-6.1	100

Conventional Traffic

Port Klang's total cargo tonnage – comprising containerised, dry bulk, liquid and breakbulk cargoes – fell nearly 7% to 17.28 million fwt in the first half of the year. Of which, nearly 87% of the port's total cargo volume was containerised while 13% were conventional.

Westports recorded a 22% growth in break bulk cargo traffic due to the increased handling of equipment destined for the Pulau Indah power plant, rubber goods and aluminium ingots while dry bulk traffic grew nearly 5% from growth in the volume of basic foodstuff such as flour and sugar. The sales and service tax exemption on motor vehicles offered by the government to boost sales of motor vehicles led to a 30% increase in ro-ro traffic while liquid bulk volume fell 12% from a decrease in transshipment of motor vehicle oil.

Northport's handling of liquid bulk cargo rose nearly 6% in the first half of 2022 through increased import of petrochemicals from Singapore, Europe and Pengerang (Johor). Dry bulk volume rose nearly 5% from the increase in demand from Japan and new markets such as South Korea and the Netherlands for biomass products. Break bulk cargo recorded marginal growth of 0.7% increased imports of steel products, particularly from China, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

Ro-ro cargo volume surged by more than 83%, particularly from the import of re-conditioned vehicles from Japan as well as more shipments of motor vehicles due to the sales and service tax exemption offer for motor vehicles.

Cargo handled via private jetties grew nearly 15% to 2.91 million fwt compared with the corresponding period of 2021. The increase in throughput via the bigger private jetties helped to compensate for the drop in cargo volume at the Kapar Power Station and other jetties.

Dry bulk handled via private jetties dropped 7% to 1.72 million fwt while liquid bulk volume decreased by 4% to 4.21 million fwt compared with the corresponding period of 2021.

Ship Calls

Port Klang received 6,081 ship calls in the first half of 2022, a 1% increase compared with the corresponding period of 2021.

Calls by containerships, which made up nearly 74% or 4,487 of the total, increased nearly 3% due to the introduction of several new services. Calls by liquid bulk carriers accounted for 13% (811), breakbulk, 9% (536), dry bulk, 4% (231) and miscellaneous vessels, 0.3% (16 calls).

Cruise operators who had suspended operations amid the pandemic resumed activities with calls at Port Klang from July. The vessels which are calling at the port on the Singapore-Port Klang-Penang route are *Genting Dream* of Resort World Cruises with three calls weekly and *Spectrum of the Sea* of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd with one call weekly.





Nearly 500 delegates from over 40 countries attended the 2022 IAPH World Ports Conference in Vancouver, Canada from 16 – 18 May. This is the first in-person World Ports Conference to be held since the 2019 meeting in Guangzhou, China.

The Malaysian ports delegation to the conference included PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam who is also the current IAPH president, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport Datuk Isham Ishak, PKA chairman Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Malacca Port Authority chairman Datuk Koh Chin Han, Northport CEO Dato' Azman Shah, Port Klang Free Zone chairman Datuk Lawrence Low as well as representatives from Penang Port Authority, Johor Port Authority and Bintulu Port Authority.

The keynote addresses were delivered by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim while IAPH President Capt. K. Subramaniam and CEO of Vancouver Port, Robin Silvester delivered the welcome address.

The conference, with the theme #CloseTheGaps addressed issues such as closing the gaps in global seaport competitiveness, setting an agenda to raise the performance of the world's major port regions, to help port authorities and port operators worldwide improve their competitiveness and contribute to bridging the divide in terms of three generational challenges that ports are facing, namely resilience, digital transformation and energy transition.

Among the key topics addressed at the conference were current issues and challenges faced by ports globally, including sustainability, decarbonisation, geopolitical and trade tensions and challenges from climate change including some unique issues and challenges faced by ports in South East Asia and Oceania, particularly connectivity and accessibility, efficiency, digitalisation, carbon emission of shipping, shipping cost and regulatory issues.

IAPH World Ports Tracker

IAPH has rolled out its World Ports Tracker to monitor critical aspects of the global port industry to better understand the challenges ports are facing regionally and globally through a combination of survey-based results and port performance data.

The non-survey part of this new data tool looks at the quarterly container port statistics based on the S&P Global Port Performance Programme data which focused on four container port metrics: vessel calls, evolution of call and vessel size and port moves per hour which is then aggregated per region for the 2017- 2021 period.

Through regular updates of these and additional metrics, the World Ports Tracker will guide ports and stakeholders in their efforts to improve services and address emerging challenges. The expected projected information to be shared includes expected number of cargo vessel calls, current hinterland transport conditions, current capacity utilisation of warehouses and distribution facilities, cargo throughput expectations, cruise and passenger vessel call size and frequency as well as current staff availability.



IAPH Background

IAPH, which was founded in 1955, is now a global alliance of 161 port authorities, including many of the world’s largest port operators as well as 126 port-related businesses. IAPH member ports handle about one-third of the world’s sea borne trade and well over 60% of global container traffic.

IAPH has NGO consultative status from IMO, ECOSOC, ILO, UNCTAD, UNEP, and WCO and leads global port industry initiatives on decarbonisation and energy transition, risk and resilience management, as well as in accelerating digitalisation in the maritime transport chain. Its World Ports Sustainability Programme has become the reference database of best practices of ports that are applying the UN Sustainable Development Goals and integrating them into their businesses.



FIRST MALAYSIAN PORT TO RECEIVE AWARD FROM WORLD PORTS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME



Northport has become the first Malaysian port to receive an award from the World Ports Sustainability Programme under the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH).

The award, which was presented at the recent IAPH 2022 World Ports Conference is for Northport's safety and security initiatives. Northport's CEO Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof received the award on behalf of Northport (Malaysia) Bhd.

Northport's strategic roadmap towards the highest level of health, safety and environmental (HSE) standards began with its 'transformation' phase in 2012 to promote mindset and behavioural change. In 2016, the focus shifted to 'effective implementation' to enforce all the actions towards achieving HSE goals. In 2019, Northport embarked on 'sustenance and continuous Improvement' to strengthen the best HSE practices while the 'business resilience and continuity' phase was implemented in 2020 to seal the terminal's commitment towards business continuity management.



PKA General Manager Capt. Subramanian, who is also the president of IAPH, said, "I'm so proud that one of our terminals in Port Klang has received global recognition here in Vancouver. Northport's initiatives on health, safety and security have already received several industry awards but for them to receive this award on a world stage is really something special."



The IAPH Managing Director Patrick Verhoeven commented, "With projects from 26 different countries this year, we are delighted to see that such a diverse group of winners have been selected from the Americas, Europe, Asia and Oceania by the jury and voters. We sincerely congratulate Northport Malaysia and their team."

PKA HOSTS INTERNATIONAL

HARBOUR MASTERS CONGRESS

PKA played host to the 13th International Harbours Masters Association's Congress 2022 which was held from June 27 to 30 in Kuala Lumpur. This is the first time the conference was held in Asia.

The International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA) is a non-governmental organisation based in London. It is also a member of the International Maritime Organisation.

The congress featured 40 leading experts as speakers and panellists and was attended by about 150 local and foreign delegates from 30 countries including Australia, Spain, Sweden, Canada, Netherlands, Italy, United Kingdom, Brazil, London, Singapore and Vietnam. Thirty local and foreign companies participated in the trade exhibition which was held in conjunction with the congress.

The event, with the theme Shaping for a Better, Safer Future addressed topics such as sustainability and digitalisation; safety, navigation and autonomous vessels; port management and operations; and seafarers and wellbeing.

The congress addressed the challenges faced by harbour masters arising from sustainability, safety and environmental issues and highlighted the need for collaboration for effective management of these challenges while case studies presented by speakers showcased the benefits of collaboration in capacity building and knowledge sharing.

The congress also highlighted recent technological advancements in the maritime industry, especially in port operations and how ports adapt in tackling disruptions from the Covid-19 pandemic as well as in embracing new technologies to drive efficiency.

Of special interest was the welfare of seafarers who were severely affected by the pandemic, with some being stranded on-board for over a year with no shore-leave. The presentations made at the congress showcased on-going initiatives to provide seafarers with safe havens and reiterated IHMA's and the industry's unconditional support for all seafarers.

The congress also featured updates by local and international trainers on the importance of effective maritime education and training and a technical site visit to Northport, Westports and Port Klang Free Zone.



PKA RECEIVES LOW CARBON CITY AWARD



PKA has received the Low Carbon City Award 2021 from the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre (MGTC) under the Diamond Recognition Partners' category of the Low Carbon City Challenge 2030 (LCC2030C).

The award is the result of a PKA project which reduced greenhouse gas emission by 7.08% through one element valued at 40.94 tCO₂e.

The goal of LCC2030C is to reduce the intensity of total carbon emissions from cities across the country in line with Malaysia's commitment to a 45% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

LCC2030C targets to establish 200 Low Carbon Zones and 1,000 Low Carbon Partners across Malaysia by 2030. The Low Carbon Zones and Low Carbon Partners target to minimise their emissions from energy usage by maximising building energy efficiency and increase adoption of renewable energy; maximise water usage efficiency and increase adoption of rainwater harvesting; increase mobility through greater use of public transport, cycling, walking and other low carbon modes; reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills; and maintain or increase greenery by increasing the number of trees and green spaces in a city.

WORLD DREDGING CONGRESS 2022

Four PKA officials were among the 400 delegates at the 23rd World Dredging Congress (WODCON) held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 16–20 May 2022. The PKA delegation comprised Board members Dato' Loo Kooi Thiam and Datuk Hj. Mohd Roslee bin Abd Hamid, Asst. General Manager (Regulatory and Operations) Capt. Kamal Ariffin Bin Idris and Hydrographic Surveyor Badrul Hisham Bin Ismail.

WODCON is held triennially, with the venue rotated among the regions of Asia/Australia, Europe/Africa and the Americas as represented by the regional associations of Eastern Dredging Association (EADA), Central Dredging Association (CEDA) and Western Dredging Association (WEDA) respectively. The three associations collectively form the World Organisation of Dredging Associations (WODA).

The technical proceedings of the congress comprised three parallel sessions which saw a total of 68 papers presented in three days by speakers from France, Netherland, USA, Denmark, Belgium, United Kingdom, Sweden, Finland, Germany and Australia.

Among the topics covered were the beneficial use of sediment, energy efficiency and decarbonisation, flood risk and coastal protection, marine construction, port and waterways erosion, sedimentation maintenance, renewables infrastructure including energy islands, sediment treatment and the Fehmarnbelt Tunnel which is an on-going immersed tunnel construction that will link the Danish island of Lolland with the German island of Fehmarn.

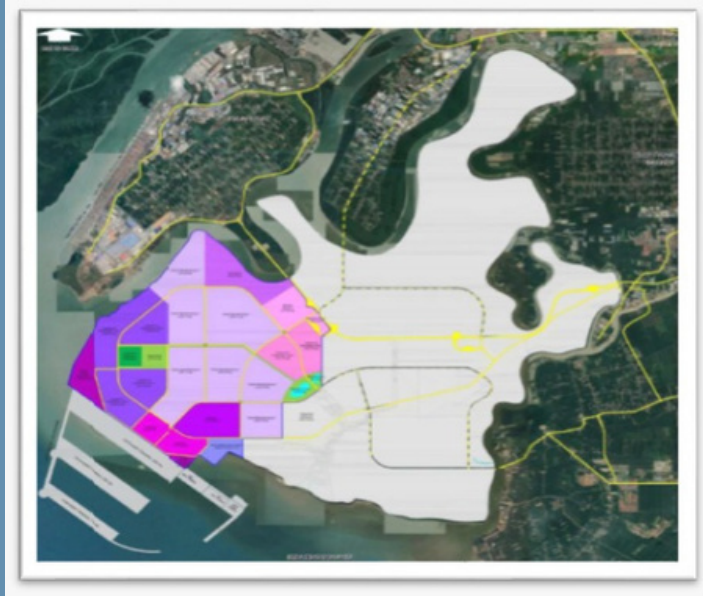
On 20 May, a full day technical tour of the Fehmarnbelt Tunnel and the surrounding reclamation areas was arranged by the hosts. The tunnel, one of the largest construction projects in Europe, will cut journey time between the German and Danish coasts to just seven minutes by train and 10 minutes by car, down from the current travel time of one hour by ferry or a 160km drive. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-2029.

A trade exhibition with 35 exhibitors comprising dredging companies, specialised dredging equipment manufacturers, survey and marine equipment suppliers, shipyards and environmental consultants, was held in conjunction with the congress.

WODA also held its board meeting with representation from all the three regional associations.

The 24th WODCON Conference to be held in 2025 will be hosted by Western Dredging Association in Las Vegas, USA.





Presentation of Carey Island Port Feasibility Study to Selangor Government

The report on the Feasibility Study for the Development of a Third Port Klang Terminal on Carey Island was presented to the Selangor state government by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport Datuk Isham Bin Ishak together with PKA officials and the consultant of the study.

The presentation was conducted online on 26 January 2022 with the Selangor State Economic Action Meeting chaired by the Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Haji Amirudin bin Shari and attended by state executive councillors and heads of state agencies and departments.

The proposed Carey Island terminal is to ensure that Port Klang has sufficient capacity to meet future demand and that it remains as the national load centre and competitive with other regional ports.

Dredging Deal Signed for Federal Ports

The government has given Integrated Marine Works Sdn Bhd (IMW) a 15-year concession to carry out dredging and reclamation works at federal ports.

The new concession agreement with the government was signed on 30 May by the secretary-general of the Ministry of Transport Datuk Isham Ishak together with the general managers and representatives of Port Klang Authority, Penang Port Commission, Johor Port Authority, Bintulu Port Authority and Kuantan Port Authority.



PKA REPORTS TO NLTF ON LATEST PORT DEVELOPMENTS

The National Logistics Task Force (NLTF) held a virtual meeting on 21 April 2022 to discuss various industry issues. The meeting was chaired by Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Wee Ka Siong.

PKA was represented at the meeting by General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam, Assistant General Manager R. Vijayaindaran, One Stop Centre Manager S. Kumaresen and Free Zone Manager Ahmad Rizal Bin Mohd Yusop.

PKA reported to the meeting on current developments in Port Klang, including the development of a port community system while waiting for the completion of the new customs system and the promotion of the Cargo Move System the system enables haulage operators to pre-book the arrival of their trucks at the terminals thereby easing congestion there as well as on the roads.

The meeting was also informed on the chronic bad conditions of the roads leading to the terminals in Port Klang due to heavy container truck traffic. The meeting took note of the collaboration between the NLTF Work Cluster Group III and PKA to come up with long-term solutions to this problem to improve last mile connectivity at Port Klang.

NLTF has five cluster groups to spearhead the implementation of the Logistics and Trade Facilitation Master Plan. The Ministry of Transport heads Cluster I: Institutional Mechanism and Regulations and Cluster III: Infrastructure and Freight Demand Cluster II: Trade Facilitation Mechanism is under MITI and the Royal Customs Department. Cluster IV: ICT-driven Innovation is headed by Multimedia Development Corporation and Cluster V: Human Capital Development is led by the Ministry of Human Resources.

The NLTF, which reports to the Special Committee on Services chaired by the Prime Minister, drives and monitors the implementation of the Logistics and Trade Facilitation Master Plan as well as addressing issues related to the logistics industry as and when raised by industry players. It also serves as a platform to coordinate logistics matters among government agencies and industry players.

Besides the Minister of Transport, other members of the NLTF include representatives from government agencies such as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Ministry of Human Resource and the Royal Malaysian Customs Department. Industry interests are represented by associations from the three primary sectors of the logistics chain, comprising mainline operators, freight forwarders and shippers.

CELEBRATING AIDILFITRI AND LABOUR DAY WITH SEAFARERS

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramanian and Northport's Head of Corporate Communications Mohd Azmi Mohd Anis presented gifts of festive goodies to seafarers who were on duty at the port on 30 April in conjunction with the Raya Eid and Labour Day celebrations.

The event was organised by Ikhtisas Kelautan Malaysia in appreciation of the services of seafarers.



Joint Celebration of Aidilfitri, Retirees and Excellent Service Awards

A joint celebration of Hari Raya Aidilfitri, appreciation of retirees and excellent service awards was held at the PKA Sports and Recreation Sport on 12 May. The guests included the secretary general of the Ministry of Transport Datuk Isham Ishak, PKA chairman Datuk Chong Sin Woon, representatives from various government agencies, the Port Klang community as well as representatives from welfare homes.

Recently retired Fire Services Manager Muhamad bin Bahauddin was honoured for his over 27 years of service to PKA together with the Legal Department and One-Stop Centre for their 100% KPI achievement in 2021. Fourteen staff members received the Excellent Service Award while another 14 received the Special Service Award which were presented by Datuk Chong Sin Woon.

At the same function, PKA presented donations to six welfare homes as part part of its CSR programme in conjunction with the Aidilfitri celebrations.



Visit by New York Centre for Foreign Policy Affairs

The New York Center for Foreign Policy Affairs (NYCFPA) visited PKA and Westports on 1 June. The NYCFPA delegation who was led by its Principal Director Justin Russel, was received by PKA General Capt. K. Subramaniam.

The visitors were briefed on latest developments in Port Klang and discussed trade and other matters of mutual interest to Malaysia and the US. They also visited the Vessel Traffic Management System operations centre in Westports.



Visit by Selangor Maritime Enforcement Agency Director



Selangor Maritime Enforcement Agency Director Capt. Siva Kumar Vengadasalam paid a courtesy call on PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam on 13 June.

Also present during the visit were PKA Assistant General Capt. Kamal Ariffin bin Idris, PKA Assistant General Manager (Operations & Regulatory), PKA manager (Security) Supt. Abdul Halid bin Ludin and Maritime Lieutenant Mohd Syafiz bin Sazali of the Enforcement and Exercise Unit from the Selangor State Maritime headquarters.



Eco-Friendly NDSB2

The three new warehouses at the recently completed Northport Distribution Park Sdn Bhd 2 (NDSB2) development are equipped with environmentally friendly features in line with the terminal's green initiatives and sustainability programme.

NDSB2, which was completed in October 2021, adopted eco-friendly features with the installation of solar panels on the roof of the warehouses. Northport intends to install solar panels for future building development.

Other eco-friendly features of the warehouses include a natural air ventilation system with the installation of louver windows and natural lighting through translucent panels for natural day lighting. A rainwater harvesting system with a capacity of about 800 gallons has also been installed to collect rainwater for general cleaning purposes.

The NDSB2 warehouses were constructed with the Industrialised Building System (IBS) which reduces overall costs through shorter construction time, less manpower usage and a cleaner and safer worksite environment. All of which contribute towards less energy usage and waste generation. The NDSB2 project has a score of 95.36% utilisation of the IBS system.

New Australia Service at Westports

A new Port Klang-Australia service commenced on 5 June 2022 with the maiden call of the mv BBC Ocean at Westports. The vessel has a capacity of 250 TEU.

The fortnightly Australia NWC (Newcrest) service, for which three vessels with 120m LOA have been deployed, is operated by Blue Water Shipping. The port rotation for the service is Westports-Lihir Island-Brisbane.

