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It's time to bid good-bye to 2022 and welcome 2023.

**FROM THE
GENERAL
MANAGER**

It has been a year of many challenges but it was also a year of many accomplishments as we navigated through the turbulence in the aftermath of the pandemic, including those mentioned in the following.

Amid the disruptions from the pandemic, PKA had taken the lead in promoting sustainable development through digitalisation and automation in operational processes as well as capacity-building and greening programmes to ensure resilience to face any future crises.

PKA deeply appreciate the cooperation of all the stakeholders in the implementation of various initiatives to enhance efficiency in on-dock and off dock operations. For example, the new standard operating procedure (SOP) for the detention, inspection and release of containers was successfully implemented and came into force in May while the CargoMove Single Platform - Booking/Tracking System, which was initiated by PKA in partnership with logistics stakeholders, has been fully implemented at Westports, Northport and on-dock depots while that at off-dock depots is on-going.

Another initiative in collaboration with the Association of Malaysian Hauliers (AMH) on a new SOP for pick-up and drop-off of containers at on-dock and off-dock depots has seen positive results. AMH has reported that the pilot run of the SOP, started in January this year and on-going, has reduced turnaround time by more than 45 minutes. The SOP will come into force once it is endorsed by the National Logistics Taskforce.

PKA's proposal to the Ministry of Transport to set up a Port Klang Road Infrastructure Committee has been approved. The committee will monitor road condition, identify maintenance needs and prepare budget estimates to assist agencies such as the Public Works Department in planning upgrading works as well as in providing for new infrastructure.

In view of the shipping and port industry's vulnerability to environmental risks, PKA has always been a strong proponent of sustainable development. Digitalisation and automation of port and logistics operations is an imperative for a sustainable and resilient maritime transport industry. Towards this end, PKA has led the way in fostering sustainable eco-friendly solutions in Port Klang in relation to capacity-building and operational processes.

In tandem with the goal of the National Transport Policy to shorten cargo clearance time as well as to promote and encourage open data platforms for greater integration across all transport services, PKA has begun developed the Digital Port Community System (DPCS) aimed at enhancing Port Klang's productivity and competitiveness. The DPCS, a public-private sector initiative under the PKA digitalisation road map,

is designed to be a port logistics and trade focused community system connecting key players under a common and single sign-on platform with which users can gain immediate access to various logistics systems.

Recently, a most encouraging piece of news was Westports' receiving the Infrastructure Technology - Cargo Handling award at the Malaysia Technology Excellence Awards 2022 for the development of its Remote Physical-Check System (RPS). The RPS, which was developed internally, enables the verification process to be performed via 24/7 video streaming. It has not only improved work safety but also enabled remote work at the terminal and reduced turnaround time by one-third to 30 seconds. With the RPS, only one employee is needed for checking compared with the previous three. The RPS might seem like small stuff in the grand scheme of things but in the context of our digitalisation journey, it is a significant step forward for Port Klang.

PKA had also initiated the journey towards a green port and, slowly but surely, we are seeing greater commitment towards reducing our carbon footprint through the development of energy-efficient infrastructure as well as in operational processes. A recent example is the recently completed Northport Distribution Park 2 project which was constructed with the Industrialised Building System and equipped with environmentally friendly features in line with the terminal's green initiatives and sustainability programme. In the meantime, the adoption of low-carbon technologies in the various aspects of port operations, such as use of clean energy for cargo-handling equipment, is also increasing.

Northport had also brought honours to Port Klang by winning the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) 2022 Sustainability Award under the Health Safety and Security (HSE) category for its Journey Towards HSE Excellence project. As we move into 2023, we are mindful of the challenges that lie ahead but when we work together as we had this year, we can realise the vision of making Port Klang the preferred hub for the region for the mutual benefit of all stakeholders.

To all our valued port clients and stakeholders, thank you for your patience, willingness to adapt, to collaborate. It was this team spirit that was instrumental in our successful navigation through the turbulence of the last two years of the pandemic.

I wish you success in the year ahead and with the hope that we will continue to partner for mutual benefit in pushing Port Klang to the next level.

Capt. K. Subramaniam



Cruise activities resumed at Port Klang with arrival of the first cruise liner since borders were closed during the pandemic. The Spectrum of the Sea, which is operated Royal Caribbean Cruises, berthed at the Port Klang Cruise Terminal (PKCT) on 1 July 2022. It carried 3,500 passengers, mainly from Singapore.

Other major cruise operators with vessels calling at PKCT are Genting Cruise Lines, the Carnival Group, Cunard Lines and Costa Cruises. Genting Cruise Lines resumed operations in July with the commencement of the region's first dual homeport arrangement in Singapore and Port Klang. With the homeporting options, travellers now have the option to embark for cruising from Port Klang or Singapore.

The terminal, which was previously owned by Boustead Holdings Berhad, is now jointly owned by Westports and Northport.





On 5 September, the terminal was officially re-branded as Port Klang Cruise Terminal at a ceremony attended by the sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, Tengku Permaisuri Permaisuri Norashikin, Regent of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Amirudin Shari as well as foreign dignitaries, including the British High Commissioner and Canadian High Commissioner.

On 13 October, PKA Board members and management officials made an official visit to Northport and Port Klang Cruise Terminal. The delegation was led by General Manager of PKA, Capt K. Subramaniam.

The delegation was greeted and welcomed by YBhg Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of Northport (Malaysia) Bhd and his management team. The visitors were briefed by Northport CEO Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof on latest developments at Northport and PKCT.

PKCT, which can accommodate vessels of up to 348m in length and 8,000 passengers at any one time, received 92 calls from cruise liners with a total of 323,291 passengers between July and November 2022.

According to Selangor Tourism data, the state received 9883 tourists via 40 cruise ships at PKCT before borders were closed due to the pandemic.



CONTAINER THROUGHPUT DOWN 5% IN JANUARY-OCTOBER 2022

CONTAINER THROUGHPUT

Port Klang's container throughput declined nearly 4% in the January – October period of 2022 to 11.1 million TEU compared with 11.6 million TEU in the corresponding period of 2021.

The lower volume is attributed to a 9% decline in transshipment boxes to 6.3 million TEU (Jan – Oct 2021: 7.1 million TEU). However, the decline in transshipment traffic was somewhat offset by an increase in indigenous cargo boxes, comprising a 7% rise in imports to 2.4 million TEU and 4% in exports to 2.3 million TEU. Westports handled nearly 76% or 8.4 million TEU of total box throughput at Port Klang while 24% or 2.7 million TEU was handled via Northport.

With the projected downturn in the global economy next year amid the on-going Ukraine war, continuing constraints in supply chains and the knock-down effect of COVID-19 lockdowns in China, PKA has revised downwards its projection of 13.8 million TEU for 2022 to 13.2 million TEU.



WESTPORTS' BOX TRAFFIC DOWN 5%

Westports' box volume declined 5% to 8.4 million TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 8.8 million TEU).

Transshipments declined 13% to 5.1 million TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 5.8 million TEU), largely due to congestion issues being experienced at hub ports, particularly ports in China which are affected by the country's zero COVID-19 policy. Lockdown restrictions have caused shipping lines to carry out port omissions, resulting in transshipment containers at the affected ports, including Port Klang, missing scheduled shipment to their destinations.

The terminal's import boxes increased nearly 7% to 1.6 million TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 1.5 million TEU) due to the continuing economic recovery post-pandemic while an increase in export of furniture and vehicle led to a 7% increase to nearly 1.7 million TEU in export boxes (Jan-Oct 2021: 1.6 million TEU).

Westports has revised downwards its earlier forecast of 10.8 million TEU for 2022 to 10 million TEU.

Westports' dry bulk trade in the January-October period declined by 2% to 3.3 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 3.4 million fwt); liquid bulk was up by 4% to 5 million fwt (Jan-Oct: 4.8 million fwt); and breakbulk, by 12% to 1.5 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 1.3 million fwt). Ro-ro traffic increased nearly 27% to 2.2 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 1.6 million fwt).

NORTHPORT'S BOX TRAFFIC DOWN 3%

Northport recorded a drop of 3% in its container throughput to 2.7 million TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 2.8 million TEU).

Import box volume grew nearly 6% to 776,964 TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 727,049 TEU) due to increased domestic demand for consumer goods as well as raw materials for manufacturing. Exports, however, declined by 3% to 652,444 TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 672,841 TEU) due primarily to a drop in the handling of empty export containers.

Transshipment traffic fell by 9% to 1.2 million TEU (Jan-Oct 2021: 1.4 million TEU), due primarily to shipping lines switching their routes from short to long hauls to reduce the number of calls along each route.

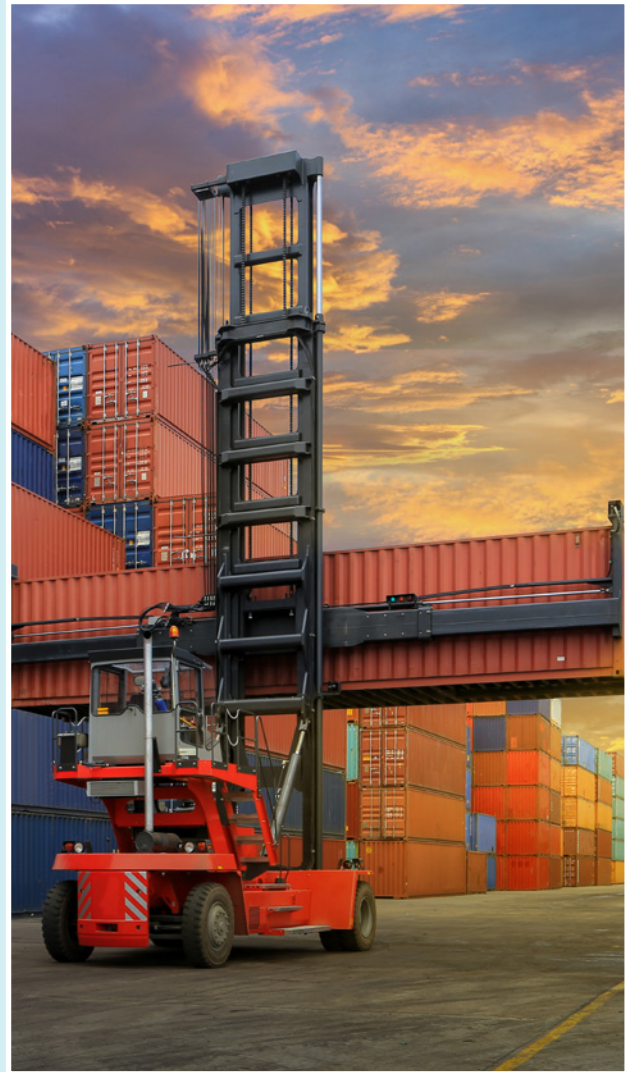
Northport has projected a throughput of about 3.2 million TEU for 2022. The terminal's dry bulk sector recorded an increase of nearly 7% in traffic to 2.8 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 2.6 million fwt). Its liquid bulk trade increased 6% to 2.6 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 2.4 million fwt); breakbulk by 6% to 2.5 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 2.4 million fwt); and ro-ro volume by 46% to 1.2 million fwt (Jan-Oct 2021: 645,094 fwt).

Cargo handled via private jetties increased 16% to 4 million fwt compared with 3.3 million fwt in January-October 2021.

INCREASE IN SHIP CALLS

Ship calls at Port Klang rose 7% in January – October 2022 to 10,624 (Jan-Oct 2021: 9,826), due largely to the introduction of several new container services as well as the resumption of cruise operations at the Port Klang Cruise Terminal from July this year.

Calls by containerships increased nearly 7% to 7,906 compared with 7,313 in January-October 2021 while calls by liquid bulk carriers increased 10% to 1,362. Dry bulkers recorded an increase of 34 calls while break bulk vessels calls increased by two. Other vessels, including cruise liners, made 92 calls compared with 62 in the corresponding period of 2021.



Container Throughput

	Jan – Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2022
Import	2,227,779	2,388,368
Export	2,230,692	2,332,174
Transshipment	7,127,250	6,341,627
Total	11,585,721	11,061,169

Conventional Cargo Throughput

	Jan – Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2022
Conventional	22,498,433	25,123,120
Containerised	176,120,052	164,086,468
Total	198,618,485	189,209,588

Ship Calls

	Jan – Oct 2021	Jan – Oct 2022
Conventional	2,451	2,626
Containerised	7,313	7,906
Others	62	92
Total	9,826	10,624

BIMP-EAGA 2022 EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

PKA, Westports and Northport jointly participated in the Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) 2022 Exhibition and Conference held on 2 - 4 August.

Port Klang was represented by PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam as one of speakers among 25 international business leaders involved in global transportation and logistics. He spoke on Cultivating Adaptability and Resilience in the Maritime Industry from Port Klang's perspective.

Capt. Subramaniam in his speech pointed four main features that had emerged from the ports and logistics scenario amid the pandemic, namely, a lack of coordination, digitalisation and networking as well deregulation issues and slow response to various issues posed by the crisis. He concluded

that ultimately, the future of ports and logistics players would be determined by their resilience to withstand disruptions through the use of technology and digitalisation of processes; and to move towards greater decarbonisation of activities.

PKA together with Northport and Westports were among the 30 international and local companies that participated in the concurrent trade exhibition showcasing port- and transport-related products and services.

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd and Sabah Ports Authority played hosts for the event which was co-organised by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia and supported by the BIMP-EAGA Business Council.



ZIRCON INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Zircon Industry Association (ZIA) Annual Conference 2022 was held in Kuala Lumpur on 13 - 14 September. The event, which also marked the tenth anniversary of ZIA, was the largest annual gathering of the zircon industry and attended by 124 delegates representing 77 companies from 30 countries.

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, was one of the two key note speakers. He spoke on Post Pandemic Challenges to Maritime Logistics, with the focus on the difficulties that the shipping, port and logistics sectors had faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the prospects post-pandemic and highlighted the importance of zircon shippers moving to digitalised documentation for more efficient trade processes.

ZIA is the association of the world's primary zircon producers and consumers who together account for approximately 80% of worldwide annual production of zircon and zirconia. Zircon is a co-product from the mining and processing of ancient heavy mineral sand deposits.



APEC PORT SERVICES NETWORK FORUM 2022

The APEC Port Services Network (APSN) Forum 2022 with the theme *Safe and Inclusive Pandemic Recovery of APEC Port Industry* was held on 18 – 19 October in Manila, Philippines. The forum was co – hosted by APSN and Philippine Ports Authority.

About 450 participants, comprising industry leaders from ports and shipping lines, academicians and senior officials from international organisations, attended the event together with representatives from international organisations such as United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), APEC Seafarers Excellent Network (APEC SEN) and the World Bank Group.

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, in his capacity as president of the International Association of Ports and Harbours made his presentation virtually along with industry leaders from the Marine Department of Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Shandong Port, China.

Capt. Subramaniam said that disruption is becoming 'business as usual' and resilience management and business continuity planning are essential for critical infrastructures such as ports. An integrated approach to sustainability is emerging in the port sector but it is still far from standard practice

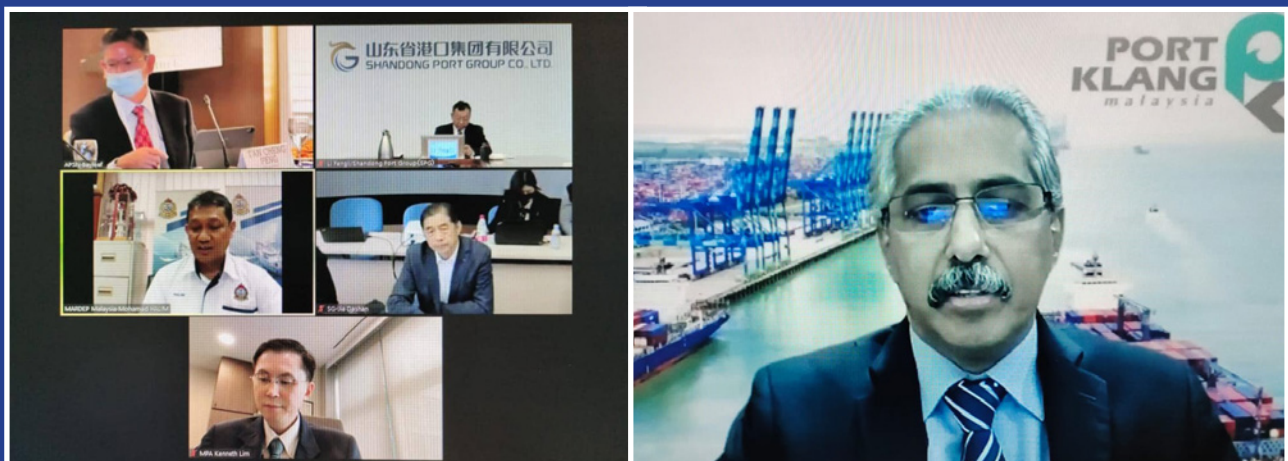
He also mentioned that digitalisation of the maritime sector is lagging behind due to a lack of trust between stakeholders in data sharing. On the other hand, while decarbonisation ambitions are increasing and energy transition offers multiple opportunities for ports, there are regional disparities amidst uncertainty about fuel choice and funding.

The speakers said that ensuring supply chain resilience in the industry has become the top priority and is the key to post-pandemic recovery of the APEC port industry. This would require accelerating the digitalisation of the industry as well as closer cooperation and collaboration among different stakeholders. The vulnerabilities of the supply chain during the pandemic called for new solutions, digital tools and better ecosystem of collaboration.

The APSN was established on 5 November 2008 in response to the directives of the 14th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting held in 2006 to bring together port and port-related industries with senior representatives in APEC member economies.

Eighteen APEC member economies have joined the APSN as council members, including Malaysia, Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, the United States and Viet Nam.

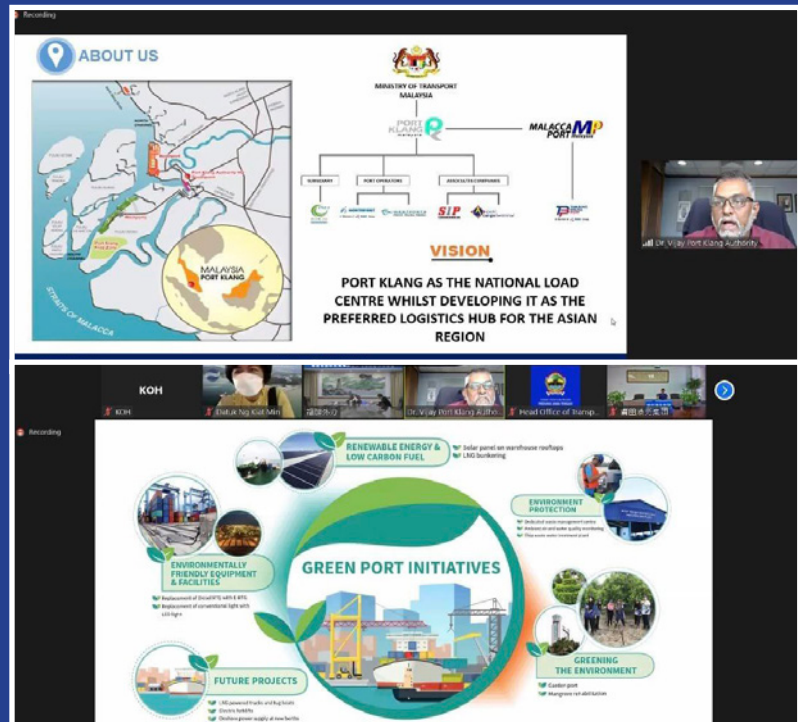
The APSN also has 16 Advisory Board Members and more than 100 corporate and associate members from ports, shipping, logistics, trade, finance and other related industries in the Asia-Pacific region. The current president and vice-presidents of the APSN Council are, respectively, from Malaysia, Singapore and Canada. The secretary-general is from China and its secretariat is headquartered in Beijing.



FUJIAN INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROVINCES/CITIES CONFERENCE ON MARINE ECONOMY COOPERATION

A virtual conference on marine cooperation between Fujian and its friendship cities was held on 10 August 2022. Participants at the conference comprised representatives of ports and companies from Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Spain, Germany, South Africa, Ghana and Brazil. PKA was represented by Assistant General Manager (Corporate and Development) Mr. Vijayaindaran R. Viswalingam.

The conference was organised by the Foreign Affairs Office of Fujian Provincial People's Government with the objective of improving relationships and expanding collaboration with international friendship provinces, cities and ports.



FIATA WORLD CONGRESS

The FIATA World Congress (FWC) 2022 was held in Busan, South Korea, on 11 - 16 September. The meeting was organised by the Korea International Freight Forwarders Association.

The FWC is an international event offering business, social and networking opportunities as well as interaction with governmental and non-governmental organisations.

PKA was represented at the event by Senior Administrative Officer (One Stop Centre) Mohd Azuan bin Mohamad Paudzi.



43RD MEETING OF ASEAN MARITIME TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

Viet Nam hosted and chaired the 43rd meeting of the ASEAN Transport Working Group (MTWG) on 20 -22 September in the city of Nha Trang.

The Malaysian delegation to the meeting was led by the Ministry of Transport's Deputy Secretary (Maritime Division) Norhasliza bt. Mat Salleh, PKA Senior Administrative Officer (Planning and Development) Zulaini b. Rohani and representatives from Johor Port Authority, Bintulu Port Authority and Penang Port Commission as well from Marine Department Malaysia, Maritime Institute of Malaysia and Malaysia Shipowners Association.

The MTWG is a platform at ASEAN level to discuss issues related to maritime transport, particularly ports, shipping, economic matters, security and regional cooperation.



SELANGOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SUMMIT 2022

PKA jointly with Westports, Northport and Port Klang Free Zone participated as an exhibitor in the Selangor International Business Summit (SIBS) 2022 which was held in Kuala Lumpur on 6 – 9 October. The port, which participated in the Selangor Industrial Park Expo, one of the six main events in the SIBS, showcased its facilities, expansion plans and investment opportunities.

A total of 846 exhibitors from 24 countries participated in the event. Local participants included exhibitors from Negri Sembilan, Perak, Kedah, Perlis, Penang, Melaka, Sabah, Sarawak and Johor. The event targeted to connect businesses, manufacturers, traders, importers, investors and other stakeholders in a single event to introduce Selangor as the gateway to ASEAN.



GREENPORT CONGRESS AND CRUISE

The 17th edition of GreenPort Congress and Cruise was held in Bruges, Belgium, on 18 - 20 October. The event was hosted by Port of Anwerp-Bruges. PKA was represented at the meeting by Board member Datuk Ng Chok Sin and Senior Manager (Free Zone) Ahmad Rizal bin Mohd Yusop.

The 2022 meeting was attended by over 180 representatives from port authorities, terminal operators, shipping lines and logistics operators from all over the world. The programme for the meeting covered themes related to the latest in sustainable development and environmental practices to reduce carbon footprint, including fuel and energy for shipping and port operations and sustainable cruise projects.





NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

Three hundred PKA personnel spent their public holiday at the PKA head office to celebrate National Day on 31 August 2022 with chairman Datuk Chong Sin Woon, General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam and Board member Dato' Loo Kooi Thiam.

The theme of the celebration was Keluarga Malaysia Teguh Bersama in line with the Prime Minister's aspiration for the country.



BEAUTIFYING PORT KLANG WITH MURALS

As one of the National Day Celebration programmes, Datuk Chong Sin Woon, Chairman of Port Klang Authority (PKA) launched the Murals at the beam Pole facing PKA headquarters along with Capt. K. Subramaniam, General Manager and Board Members of PKA.

When the Jalan Pelabuhan Utara bridge was first opened 2017, the underpass area was soon turned into a rubbish dumping ground by irresponsible people while the pillars were plastered with illegal advertising stickers and graffiti.

As part of its CSR programme, PKA decided to beautify the section of the underpass in front of PKA head office and turned the vacant land into a parking area. Fencing was also put up around 12 pillars and decorative plants planted within the enclosed area.

In 2022, PKA took the project further by engaging a local artist to paint murals on the pillars. The murals, depicting wildlife – dolphin, dugong, turtle, tiger, tapir, crab, kingfisher and stork – as well as port activities were completed this year.

The mural themed flora, fauna and port is expected to bring new life and attractions in the Port Klang area.



HINO MOTORS OPENS 3S CENTRE IN PULAU INDAH

Hino Motors Sales (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd has opened a sales, service and spare parts (3S) centre in Pulau Indah through its authorised dealer Truck Solutions Sdn Bhd.

The centre, which has 15 service bays, provides maintenance and repair services, arrangements for PUSPAKOM inspections, on-site inspection and 24-hour towing services. Amenities at the centre include a waiting lounge for customers, complimentary wi-fi and free flow of light refreshments.

PKA Assistant General Manager (Administration and Finance) Azura Muhamad officiated at the opening ceremony of the centre.



PORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



A meeting of the Port Consultative Committee (PCC) was held on 20 October 2022.

The PCC is a forum for PKA to engage with stakeholders on matters related to the port, such as tariff revision, port development plans and other issues related to the maritime transport and logistics industry. The PPC membership comprises industry representatives appointed by the Minister of Transport. PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam briefed the meeting on various developments in the port during the year, including the various initiatives taken to enhance efficiency in port and logistics operations.

He informed the meeting that the implementation of the CargoMove Single Platform – Booking/Tracking system has been completed at Westports, Northport and on-dock depots while that at off-dock depots is on-going. He also informed on the implementation of the standard operating procedure (SOP) for the detention, inspection and release of containers effective from 1 May 2022.

As for the on-going pilot run of the new SOP for pick-up and drop-off of containers, Capt. Subramaniam said that, from feedback obtained from the Association of Malaysian Hauliers, the new SOP has reduced the turnaround time at on-dock and off-dock depots by more than

45 minutes. The pilot run of the SOP, which was initiated by PKA in collaboration with stakeholders, started in January this year. It will come into force upon endorsement by the National Logistics Taskforce.

On the auction of abandoned and undeclared goods, PKA has revised downwards the time frame for disposal of these goods from four to three months as provided for under Regulation 34 of the Free Zones Regulation 1991. Effective 1 April 2022, the disposal of such goods by PKA is conducted via its public auction portal.

PKA has also introduced a new online payment gateway BayarNow which provide facilities for port users to generate invoices and make payments via FPX, credit card and debit card.

Capt. Subramaniam informed the PCC that any party intending to carry out commercial activity within port premises is required to apply for a permit from PKA, the

free zone authority. Approval for permits to operate in the free zone is for two years. Effective from 15 December 2021, applications can be made online via the eAktiviti Zone Bebas portal.

Effective 1 April 2022, the Attorney General's Chamber has also granted PKA the power to compound penalties for parties whose activities have been deemed to be non-compliant with the Port Authorities Act 1963 and LPK By-Laws 1965.

Capt. Subramaniam also informed the meeting that PKA will be proposing a review of port dues as well as the depot gate charge.

To ensure that good accessibility to the terminals is maintained, PKA had proposed to the Ministry of Transport to set up a Port Klang Road Infrastructure Committee to monitor the condition of roads, identify maintenance requirements and prepare budget estimates to assist government agencies such as the Public Works Department in planning upgrading works as well as providing for new infrastructure.

The proposal has since been approved and the committee, chaired by the PKA general manager, will be set up soon. Membership of the committee will comprise representatives from various ministries and government agencies as well as trade associations.



VISIT BY MITI OFFICIALS

A delegation of senior Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) officials visited PKA on 7 July 2022 to familiarise themselves on port operations and current developments in Port Klang including Customs clearance processes, functions of the free zone and industries in Port Klang. The delegation was led Datuk Hanafi Sakri, Senior Director of Industrial Development.

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, together with representatives from Westports, Northport and Port Klang free Zone were on hand to welcome the visitors who were also taken on a tour of the various facilities in the port.



VISIT BY CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL RECOVERY COUNCIL

A National Recovery Council delegation led by its chairman Tan Sri Dato' Sri Hj Muhyiddin Bin Hj Mohd. Yassin, made a working visit to Westports on 15 July 2022. The delegation was welcomed by Dato Henry Sum Agong, Deputy Minister of Transport, PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam and Westports CEO Eddie Lee.



VISIT BY MALAYSIA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

A delegation from the Malaysia International Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MICCI) made a courtesy call on PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam on 19 August 2022. The MICC delegation was led by Sangar Kandasamy, co-chairman of the Joint Action Security Council (JASCO), a sub-committee under MICCI which looks into issues pertaining to security and crime.



SABAH MINISTER VISITS PORT KLANG

Sabah's Deputy Minister III/Minister of Industrial Development Datuk Dr. Joachim Gunsalam visited Port Klang on 9 August 2022. The visitors included senior officials from the Sabah Ministry of Industrial Development, including its Permanent Secretary Thomas Logijin and officials from the public and private sector.

The objective of the visit was to learn about the free trade zone concept and current developments in Port Klang. The visitors also toured Westports and Port Klang Free Trade Zone.



WESTPORTS' REMOTE PHYSICAL-CHECK SYSTEM WINS TECHNOLOGY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Westports' Remote Physical-Check System (RPS) has won the terminal the Infrastructure Technology - Cargo Handling award at the Malaysia Technology Excellence Awards 2022.

The Singapore Business Review, which hosted the programme, described the award as a recognition of 'exceptional companies who are riding the disruption wave and are leading the technological revolution and digital journeys of their respective industries to boost Malaysia's fast-growing economy'.

The RPS allows the verification process to be performed via video analytic cameras installed on quay cranes. Previously, physical checks on containers were by performed by stowage clerks. The 24/7 video streaming also facilitates weather and pollution-proof verification processes.

Westports said the RPS, which took over two years to develop internally, is the world's first implementation of a physical-check system on a wireless network and infrastructure. It was implemented in full in 2020.

The RPS has not only improved work safety and allowed for remote work at the terminal but also has reduced turnaround by one-third to 30 seconds and with better accuracy. The number of employees for checking has been reduced from the previous three to one.

The RPS not only resulted in greater efficiency at the workplace and eco-friendly, it also brought about a remote workstation and enabling of 24/7 operations in line safety and health protocols.



MANGROVE PLANTING PROGRAMME

Staff from Westports and PKA were involved in a mangrove planting exercise at Sg. Chandong, Pulau Indah, on 24 September.

The Mangrove Planting Programme, which is part of Westports' CSR programme, is intended to protect the marine environment in Port Klang. The programme, which targets to plant 550 mangrove saplings in 2022, is being undertaken with the guidance of an NGO, Persatuan Pendidikan dan Kebajikan Jaringan Nelayan Pantai Malaysia (JARING).

Mangrove trees act as a natural buffer against waves, winds and currents to help in mitigating erosion of coastal areas as well as protecting aquatic life ecosystems.

Westports has planted 9,238 mangrove trees so far at Sungai Chandong.

