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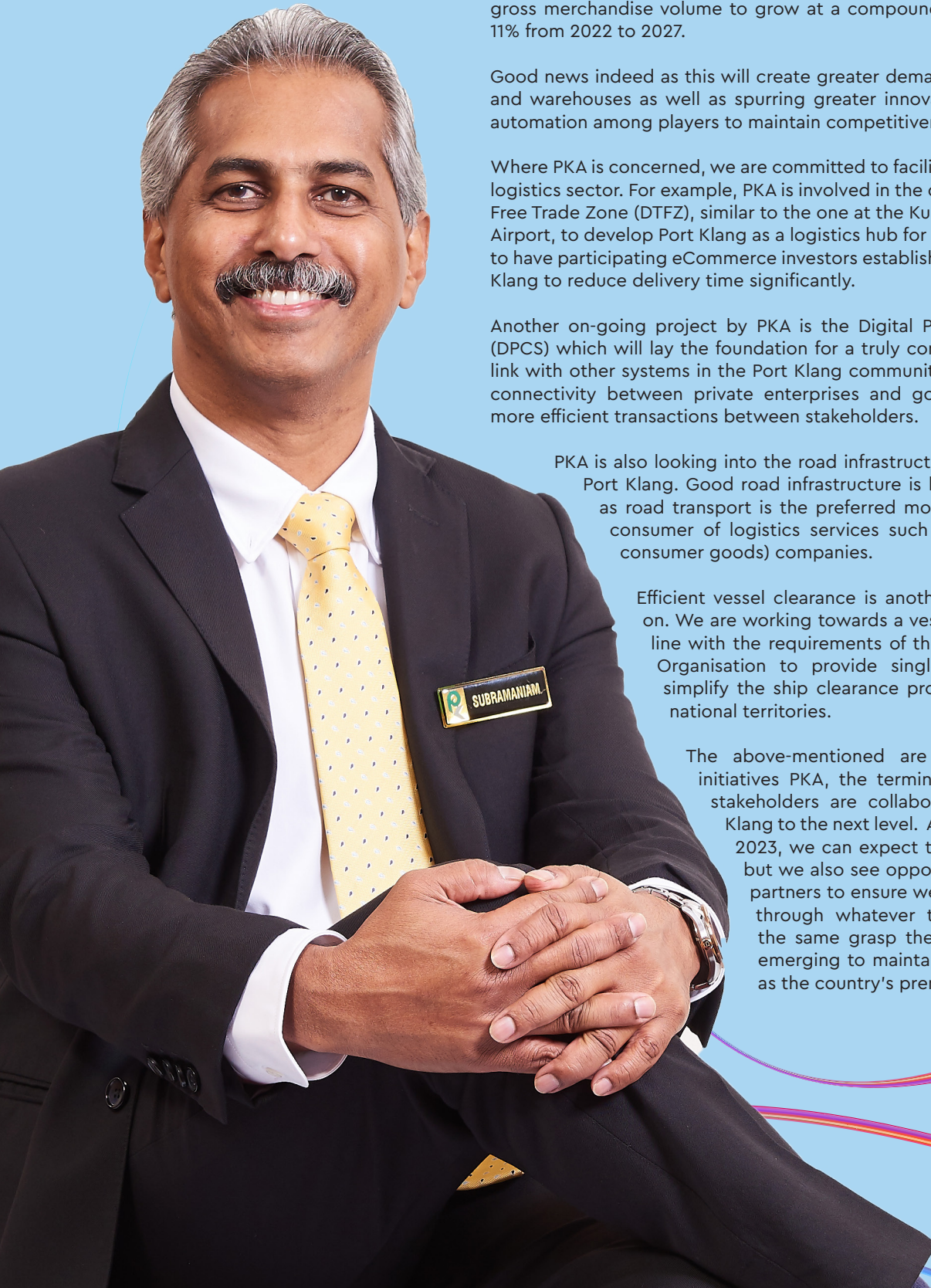
# GOOD PROSPECTS FOR MALAYSIA'S TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTOR



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# FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Port Klang's container throughput declined in 2022, with a drop of nearly 4% year-on-year to 13.2 million TEU. This was expected in view of the economic uncertainties and the softer global merchandise trade volumes. Port throughput globally is expected to remain at a low level in 2023. Thankfully, the impact on our ports has been relatively mild due to strong domestic demand.

Nonetheless, amid the challenges we have a bright spot in Malaysia's maritime transport and logistics sector which is going strong, driven largely by strong domestic demand and booming eCommerce. eCommerce is expected to grow significantly in 2023 and in the future, with industry experts projecting gross merchandise volume to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 11% from 2022 to 2027.

Good news indeed as this will create greater demand for distribution hubs and warehouses as well as spurring greater innovation, digitalisation and automation among players to maintain competitiveness.

Where PKA is concerned, we are committed to facilitating the growth of the logistics sector. For example, PKA is involved in the development of a Digital Free Trade Zone (DTFZ), similar to the one at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, to develop Port Klang as a logistics hub for eCommerce. The idea is to have participating eCommerce investors establish inventory bases at Port Klang to reduce delivery time significantly.

Another on-going project by PKA is the Digital Port Community System (DPCS) which will lay the foundation for a truly connected port. DPCS will link with other systems in the Port Klang community thus enabling greater connectivity between private enterprises and government agencies for more efficient transactions between stakeholders.

PKA is also looking into the road infrastructure leading to and from Port Klang. Good road infrastructure is key to efficient logistics as road transport is the preferred mode of transportation by consumer of logistics services such as FMCG (fast moving consumer goods) companies.

Efficient vessel clearance is another area PKA is working on. We are working towards a vessel clearance system in line with the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation to provide single window systems to simplify the ship clearance process for ships entering national territories.

The above-mentioned are just a few of other initiatives PKA, the terminal operators and other stakeholders are collaborating on to take Port Klang to the next level. As we move forward into 2023, we can expect to encounter turbulence but we also see opportunities. Let us work as partners to ensure we will navigate smoothly through whatever threats ahead while at the same grasp the opportunities that are emerging to maintain Port Klang's standing as the country's premier maritime hub.

# GOOD PROSPECTS FOR MALAYSIA'S TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SECTOR



**The World Trade Organisation in October 2022 forecast a 1% growth in global trade in 2023 amid low consumer confidence, elevated inflationary trends, rising interest rates and overall global economic instability. With the continuing Ukraine war and other headwinds such as geopolitical and trade tensions, the world is bracing for a recession.**

The maritime transport and logistics sector was one of the worst affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and a key factor for the disruptions experienced in global supply chains. Challenging times are expected for the sector, particularly for seaports in terms of growth trajectory in 2023 and into 2024.

This soft growth trend is already indicated in the nearly 4% year-on-year decline of Port Klang's container throughput in 2022. However, the impact on the performance of Malaysian ports is expected to be mitigated by China's re-opening in January 2023 as the latter is the country's largest trading partner and the world's largest exporter of goods, accounting for over 13% of total global exports in 2019.

China's re-opening and other positive developments in the domestic economy should soften downside risks, with Port Klang expected to record growth in throughput in 2023 albeit at just around 2%.

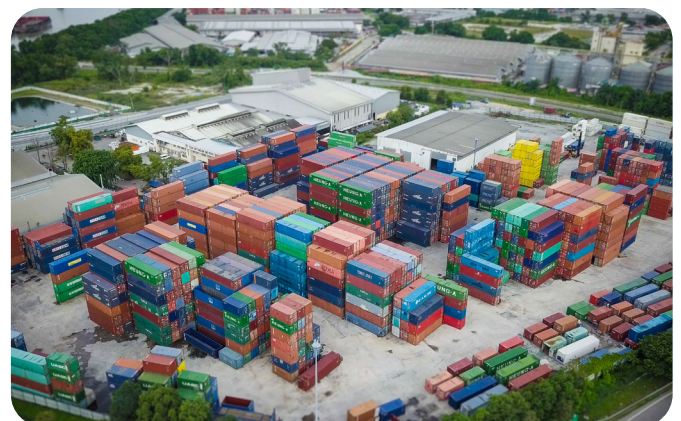
Amid these challenges, the prospects for the domestic transport and logistics sector are deemed good due to strong domestic demand and a booming eCommerce sector.

A foreign research house has valued the Malaysian transport and logistics sector at USD36 billion in 2020 and projected it to reach USD54 billion by 2028.

The *OECD Competition Assessment Reviews: Logistics Sector in Malaysia 2021* reported that the domestic transport and logistics sector accounted for 3.8% of GDP while gross value added (GVA) was estimated at RM57 billion. The GVA of the land transport and water transport sub-sectors was RM14.5 billion and RM6.7 billion respectively. In 2019, a total of over 667,000 people, or 4.4% of the total workforce were employed in the sector.

According to the *Global Competitiveness Report*, Malaysia scores well in terms of quality of infrastructure and compares very favourably within ASEAN. The World Bank's Logistics Performance Index shows that the country performs well on international shipments, has good liner-shipping connections with other countries and with two ports, Port Klang and Port of Tanjung Pelepas, ranked 12th and 18th respectively globally in terms of throughput.

Road transport is the most preferred mode of transportation and demand from the manufacturing sector, fast moving consumer goods companies and automotive players continue to rise. At the same time, port infrastructure and services are continually undergoing improvements along with inland transport infrastructure.





The government deems logistics as a priority industry and strongly supports the sector with initiatives such as the Logistics and Trade Facilitation Masterplan 2015–2020 and the National Transport Policy 2019–2030 which target to improve cross-border infrastructure, ease regulatory burdens and spur digitalisation and automation.

To ensure the development of a robust and sustainable road transportation and warehousing sector, improvements are being made, especially by major players, to the transport and warehousing infrastructure, through adoption of technology and tech-driven logistics.



## BOOMING ECOMMERCE AUGURS WELL FOR LOGISTICS

Growth in the Malaysian logistics sector is projected to be largely driven by strong domestic demand and a booming eCommerce sector.

Malaysia's eCommerce revenue, which grew by almost 22% year-on-year, passed the RM1 trillion mark for the first time in 2021. The Statistics Department reported that total revenue came to RM1.09 trillion compared with RM896.39 billion in 2020. Growth was primarily driven by the manufacturing and services sectors.

Industry experts have projected eCommerce gross merchandise volume to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 11% between 2022 to 2027 and its market size to reach RM1.65 trillion by 2025.

The domestic eCommerce market is estimated to have recorded a growth of nearly 20% in 2022 on the back of a rapidly growing shift from offline to online purchasing. The government is helping to accelerate the growth of eCommerce through various initiatives such as offering financial aid or subsidies to encourage SMEs to expand their market reach by going online.

The booming e-commerce will spur demand for e-fulfilment and distribution hubs and warehouses to enable just-in-time delivery, reshoring/nearshoring, efficient automation system including inter-connectivity with customers' systems and warehouse decentralisation to reduce transportation costs as well as de-risking the supply chain.

These developments are expected to not only spur greater growth momentum for logistics players but also encourage greater adoption of technology and innovation to maintain competitiveness.

**P**ort Klang's container throughput declined by nearly 4% in 2022, ending the year with a total of 13.22 million TEU compared with 13.72 million TEU in 2021.

The drop in box volume was most apparent in the first and second quarter of 2022 as throughput dropped by nearly 8% and 7% respectively year-on-year.

The lower handling of transshipment boxes, which declined by nearly 10% to 7.5 million TEU (2021: 8.4 million TEU) was due to lockdowns in China as well as supply chain disruptions and economic uncertainties. Weak demand in the US and Europe, elevated inflation and high freight costs were other contributory factors to the downturn in the transshipment segment.

Conversely, the handling of import boxes grew nearly 8%, from 2.7 million TEU in 2021 to 2.9 million TEU while export boxes increased almost 6%, from 2.6 million TEU in 2021 to 2.8 million TEU.

### WESTPORTS BOX VOLUME DOWN 3%

Westports' total box throughput declined 3% year-on-year to 10.05 million TEU in 2022. Transshipment volume dropped nearly 10% to 6.08 million TEU; import grew 8% to 1.95 million TEU; and export increased by 9% to 2.02 million TEU. Following the fall in freight rates, most shipping lines shifted their assets from the east and west routes to the Asian market and this had resulted in an increase of new services – with 21 in 2022 and a rise in the handling of Import boxes, albeit with a lower box volume per ship.

The increase in import boxes was primarily from CKD vehicle parts and paper products. Export boxes comprised largely of products such as solar panels and cooking oil.

### NORTHPORT BOX VOLUME DOWN BY NEARLY 5%

Container throughput at Northport dipped by almost 5% to 3.2 million TEU (2021: 3.3 million TEU).

Import boxes at Northport was higher by 6% due to the increase of imports from China and Thailand through the arrival of new services – six in 2022 – from these countries. Conversely, the handling of export boxes was lower by 3% due to reduced exports of manufactured goods.



**PORT KLANG'S CONTAINER TRAFFIC  
DOWN NEARLY 4%  
IN 2022**

## CONVENTIONAL CARGO UP 13%

Port Klang handled 30.3 million fwt of conventional cargo in 2022, an increase of 13% compared with 26.8 million fwt in 2021.

Dry bulk throughput increased nearly 9% to 10.7 million fwt; liquid bulk by almost 2% to 9.5 million fwt; and break bulk by 28% to 10.2 million fwt.

Of the total throughput, Westports and Northport accounted for 48% and 37% respectively while private jetties handled 15%.

Conventional cargo throughput at Westports grew 11% to 14.7 million fwt (2021: 13.2 million fwt), due to an increase in the handling of flour, project cargoes for the Pulau Indah power plant, ro-ro cargo, rubber, diesel, gasoline and liquified petroleum gas.

Northport's conventional cargo throughput increased 15% to 11.1 million fwt (2021: 9.7 million fwt). The growth was due to increased handling of biomass cargo exports; imports of steel products; and ro-ro cargo.

Throughput at private jetties rose nearly 18% to 4.5 million fwt (2021: 3.8 million fwt).

## SHIP CALLS

Ship calls at the port increased nearly 11%, from 11,717 in 2021 to 12,997 in 2022.

Calls by containerships increased 11% to 9,691 due to the introduction of new services while calls by break bulk vessels was up nearly 2% to 1,053. Calls by liquid bulk carriers increased 11% to 1,659 and calls by dry bulkers were higher by nearly 11% to 464.

Calls by cruise ships, which had resumed calling at the port from July 2022, totalled 116, an increase of 81% year-on-year. Resort World Cruises is making three calls weekly while Royal Caribbean Cruises is making weekly calls. Other cruise lines are expected to start calling at the port this year.



## FORECAST FOR 2023

PKA is making a conservative forecast of an overall increase of just over 2% in container throughput to 13.5 million TEU for Port Klang in 2023.

Westports is projected to achieve growth of nearly 2% to 10.2 million TEU while Northport's throughput is expected to grow 4% for a total of 3.3 million TEU.

### Forecast 2023

Terminal	2023 (TEU's)	Growth 2023/2022
Northport	3.3 juta	4.0%
Westports	10.2 juta	1.5%
Port Klang	13.5 juta	2.1%

### Container Throughput

Terminal	Total TEU's		Growth %
	2021	2022	
Westports	10,400,096	10,052,004	-3.3
Northport	3,324,364	3,171,924	-4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,724,460</b>	<b>13,223,928</b>	<b>-3.6</b>

### Conventional Throughput

Terminal	Conventional (FWT)		Growth %
	Jan - Dis 2021	Jan - Dis 2022	
Westports	13,249,196	14,703,443	11.0
Northport	9,661,283	11,115,670	15.1
Jeti (P)	3,843,502	4,523,104	17.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,753,981</b>	<b>30,342,217</b>	<b>13.4</b>

### Ship Calls

No.	Ships	2021	2022	Growth %
1.	Container	8704	9,691	11.3
2.	Break Bulk	1034	1,053	1.8
3.	Liquid Bulk	1489	1,659	11.4
4.	Dry Bulk	419	464	10.7
5.	Cruise	64	116	81.3
6.	Others	7	14	100
<b>Total Ships</b>		<b>11717</b>	<b>12,997</b>	<b>10.9</b>



The 13<sup>th</sup> Cargo, Transportation and Logistics - Break Bulk, Heavylift and Project Forwarding (CTL-BHP) 2023 Exhibition and Conference was held in Mumbai, India, from February 8 – 9.

CTL-BHP 2023, which was organised by publishing house EXIM India, is the country's premier event for the container transport logistics and breakbulk, heavy lift and project forwarding industry.

PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam who is also International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) president delivered a keynote address on behalf of the organisation. In his address on *Global Overview on Ports*, Capt. Subramaniam spoke on the need for ports to invest in business continuity policies and digitalisation to ensure survival when disruptions occur as during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Capt. Subramaniam together with IAPH managing director Dr. Patrick also met the chairman of the Mumbai Port Authority cum chairman of the Indian Ports Associations as well as the chairman of Jawaharlal Port Authority. They also met with representatives of ports participating at the event as part of a wider regional initiative to engage with the Indian sub-continent.

IAPH received into membership the New Mangalore Port Authority together with six new associate members from India last year.

# CTL-BHP 2023 EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE



# IMO SYMPOSIUM ON MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW 2024



The International Maritime Organization (IMO), Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) and IAPH organised a hybrid IMO Symposium on *Maritime Single Window 2024 - Window of Opportunity for Shipping and Ports* on January 18 - 19 with support of the International Port Community System Association (IPCSA).

The meeting was officiated by IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim together with IAPH president Capt. K. Subramaniam and BIMCO's president designate Nikolaus Schues.

The symposium brought together experts from governments, ports, shipping and standards organisations to discuss key challenges and opportunities for accelerating digitalisation, including identifying practical solutions and promoting the sharing of expertise among Member States and industries concerning the adoption of the Maritime Single Window (MSW).

IMO's Facilitation Committee has adopted amendments to the Facilitation (FAL) Convention which will make the single window for data exchange mandatory in ports around the world, marking a significant step in the acceleration of digitalisation in shipping. The MSW system, which will come into force on 1 January 2024, will enhance communications between and shore, improve port call efficiencies and ultimately reducing emissions.

The amendments updated the provisions of the FAL Convention on mandatory electronic data exchange in ports for ship clearance. The amendments to the annex of the convention make it mandatory for public authorities to establish, maintain and use single window systems for the electronic exchange of information required on arrival, stay and departure of ships in ports. Public authorities are also required to combine or coordinate the electronic transmission of the data to ensure that information is submitted or provided only once and reused to the maximum extent possible.

Other amendments adopted included new and amended Recommended Practices to prevent corruption and illicit activities in the maritime sector; requiring contracting governments and their relevant public contracting authorities to allow ships and ports to remain fully operational during a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) so as to maintain complete functionality of global supply chains to the greatest extent possible; and that public authorities designate port workers and ship crews as key workers (or equivalent), regardless of their nationality or the flag of their ship, when in their territory.

# UNCTAD'S TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING

The Trade and Development Commission held its thirteenth session in Geneva, Switzerland, on 21 – 25 November 2022.

The meeting discussed the main requirements and features of a global energy transition and the ways in which developing countries can shape the transition so as to maximise their development gains.

PKA General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam in his capacity as IAPH president was invited to present his thoughts on the importance of ports for trade and how ports need to respond to changes in the geography of trade, including trends in logistics, nearshoring and potentially shorter supply chains.

The Trade and Development Commission is under the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) which deals with trade, investment, and development issues. UNCTAD's goals are to maximise the trade, investment and development opportunities of developing countries and assist them in their efforts to integrate into the global economy on an equitable basis.



## COURTESY CALL BY CAPT. SUBRAMANIAM ON MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY

Capt. K. Subramaniam also visited the Geneva headquarters of Mediterranean Shipping Company.

He updated Alessandro Petochi, Director of Port Operations and other senior executives of MSC on Port Klang's expansion and digitalisation plans, safety of navigation and security of ships, berth productivity and other concerns raised by the company. MSC also agreed to explore the possibility of its cruise ships call at Malaysian ports.

MSC is the world's largest shipping line operating nearly 600 container and cruise ships and with a service network covering 500 ports globally.



# COURTESY CALL ON VICE PRESIDENT OF PROPELLER CLUB

While in Geneva, Capt. Subramaniam paid a courtesy call on the vice president of the Propeller Club Mr. Peter Vyvyan Robinson on November 22.

At a networking dinner attended by 390 members of the club, Capt. Subramaniam made a short presentation on the activities organised by IAPH and initiatives taken to assist ports in increasing efficiency and sustainability in their daily operations.

The Propeller Club, which was founded in New York in 1927, has more than 15,000 active members spread across more than a hundred ports around the world. The club was established to promote merchant navies and related fields of the maritime industry such as logistics, shipbuilding, ports, agents, shipowners, charterers, traders and the financial market players that support the industry.



# 46TH ASEAN PORT ASSOCIATION MEETING

The 46th ASEAN Ports Association (APA) Meeting was held on 13 – 14 December 2022 in Kuching, Sarawak. Bintulu Port Authority hosted the meeting which was attended by its nine country members comprising Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Brunei, Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, Myanmar and Cambodia.

The 19-member Malaysian delegation was led by PKA's Assistant General Manager (Administration and Finance) Azura Binti Muhamad.

Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport Datuk Isham bin Ishak officiated at the opening session while the meeting session was chaired by APA Chairman Phanin Hei from Cambodia.

The two-day meeting discussed upcoming APA events such as meetings, sports meets, seminars and port development projects as well as finalisation of the APA Strategic Programme to create an integrated regional port network for sustainable development of member countries as well as the presentations of country papers from member countries.



# FIRST MEETING OF PORT KLANG ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

**T**he Port Klang Road Infrastructure Committee held its first meeting on 2 February.

The Ministry of Transport has given the mandate to PKA to head the committee, with PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam as chairman

The committee, which was set up on the recommendation of the Port Consultative Committee, is tasked to monitor the condition and maintenance needs of roads and bridges in and around Port Klang. The committee will also propose special allocations as and when needed for road and bridge maintenance to the Ministry of Transport.

The committee has seventeen members, comprising representatives from the Ministry of Transport, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Ministry of Works, Economic Planning Unit, Public Works Department, Road Transport Department, Land Public Transport Agency, Klang Municipal Council, Kuala Langkat Municipal Council, Northport, Westports, Port Klang Free Zone and Hauliers Association of Malaysia.





## OFFICIAL OPENING OF INFINITY LOGISTICS' FREIGHT VILLAGE

Infinity Logistics and Transport, a leading logistics player in Port Klang, officially opened its Freight Village 5 (FV5) in Westports on 1 February, with Transport Minister Anthony Loke officiating at the opening ceremony.

The guests included luminaries of the maritime transport industry, including PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, Westports Group Managing Director Ruben Emir Gnanalingam and OOCL Regional Managing Director, ASEAN Group, Richard Hew.

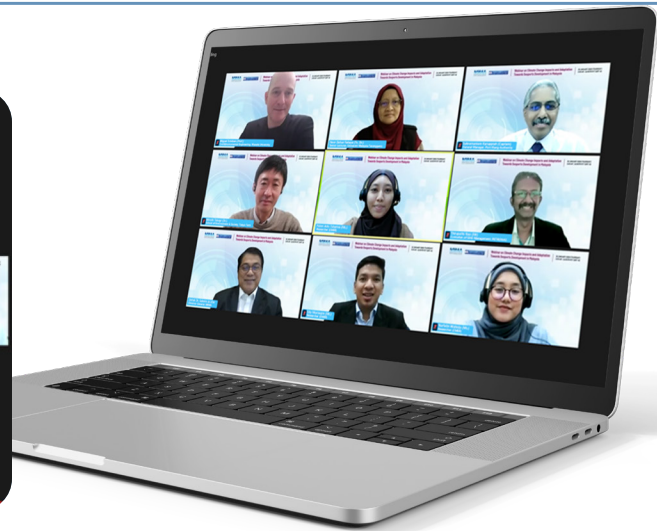
FV5, which has more than 250,000 sq. feet of warehousing space, offers facilities for various logistics activities including storage, packing/unpacking, value adding and distribution.

Group Managing Director of Infinity Group of Companies Dato' Seri Chan Kong Yew said that the company has a strong presence in South-East Asia and business coverage of over fifteen countries.

He said, "Our five main services are flexitank solutions and related services, integrated freight forwarding services, land transportation services, logistics centre and related services and fourth-party logistics services."

The company is reputedly ranked top fifth player in the flexitank solution and related services market in the world in terms of flex tanks produced. It is also the largest Landbridge services provider between Malaysia and Thailand, fourth largest player as a NVOCC in Port Klang and one of the largest 20-foot-high cube container operators in South-East Asia.





## MIMA WEBINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ON PORTS

The Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA), held a webinar on *Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Towards Seaports Developments in Malaysia* on 19 January. The webinar was supported by the Embassy of Japan in Malaysia.

The webinar aims to determine the impact of climate change at seaports and how the Free and Open Indo - Pacific (FOIP) strategy supports the region in terms of identifying climate change adaptation methods suitable for seaports development through knowledge dissemination, dialogues and information sharing.

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam was one of the speakers at the webinar

Saito University College and the Prime School of Integrated Logistics has launched a logistics programme to draw youngsters and school leavers in Klang to take up studies in logistics. The college is also offering scholarships for qualified candidates.

The integrated logistics programme includes air and sea freight forwarding, warehousing, customs brokerage, project logistics and supply chain management, e-business, container haulage and transportation.

Students will have opportunity to work on real processes and systems and master actual challenges of global logistics, study overseas with Saito's international partners and acquire professional certifications from the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and other internationally recognised logistics organisations.

## SAITO UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LAUNCHES LOGISTICS PROGRAMME FOR KLANG STUDENTS



# PORT KLANG COMMUNITY SENDS AID TO TURKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS

**P**KA, Northport and Infinity Logistics and Transport joined hands to set up the Port Klang Shipping and Logistics Community Humanitarian Aid fund for earthquake victims in Turkiye and Syria.

A total of RM510,000 was donated by 47 companies from the Port Klang community.

Minister of Transport Loke Siew Fook officiated at the handing over of the donation to president of the Malaysian Relief Agency Dr. Mohd Daud Sulaiman on 23 February.

The occasion was witnessed by the Turkiye ambassador to Malaysia Emir Salim Yüksel, PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, Northport CEO Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof and Managing Director of Infinity Logistics and Transport Dato' Seri Chan Kong Yew.



# PANTAI LESTARI PROGRAMME

**T**he Klang Municipal Council held its Program Pantai Lestari (Sustainable Beach Programme) at Tanjung Harapan on 27 November 2022.

About 300 people from PKA, Northport, government agencies, private companies, NGOs and other stakeholders participated in the event.

The activities included a clean-up of the beach front, aerobics session, exhibition and sales of products, colouring competition for children, recycling and entertainment by buskers.

The aim of the programme is to create greater awareness of cleanliness and environmental protection and recycling as well as fostering relations among stakeholders.



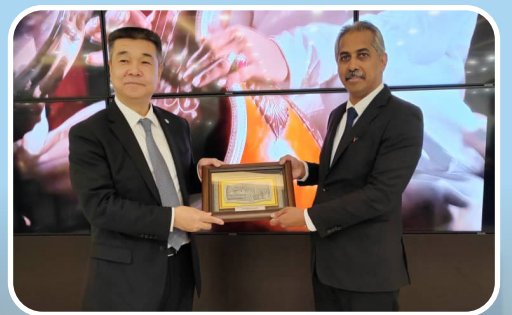
# SHANDONG PORT GROUP EXPLORE COLLABORATION AND INVESTMENT WITH PORT KLANG

A delegation from the Shandong Port Group visited Port Klang on 14 February. The group owns and operates the ports of Qingdao, Yantai, Rizhao and several ports in the Bohai Sea in northern China.

The delegation, led by chairman of the Shandong Port Group Huo Gaoyan, was in Port Klang to exchange knowledge, experience and explore potential for collaboration and opportunities for investment and growth in the port industry.

The delegation, who were hosted by PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam and Westports' CEO Eddie Lee, was briefed on latest developments and operations in Port Klang and the the Port Klang Free Zone.

The visitors also paid a courtesy call on Minister of Transport Anthony Loke. Discussions included collaboration between Malaysian ports and the Shandong Port Group in trade promotion, shipping services and port data exchange as well as sharing expertise on green port technology, port automation and renewable energy. They also expressed interest in exploring business opportunities in logistics and port operations.



## DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY VISITS PORT KLANG

Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Liew Chin Tong and MITI officials made a working visit to Port Klang on 16 January.

The objective of the visit was to obtain the latest information on developments in Port Klang. The visitors visited Northport, Westports and the IKEA distribution centre in Pulau Indah.



## MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND COST OF LIVING OFFICIALS VISIT WESTPORTS

Secretary General of the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry Datuk Azman bin Mohd Yusof visited Westports on 16 December 2022. He was accompanied by the ministry's Selangor director Mohd Zuhairi bin Mat Radey and Suzaila Shaharudin, Senior Principal Assistant Secretary, Maritime Division, Ministry of Transport and other officers from the two ministries.

The visit was to acquire a better understanding of conventional cargo handling operations in Westports, especially in the handling of commodities related to food supply.



## VISIT BY MOT OFFICIALS

Officers from the Logistics Section under the Strategic Planning and International Division of the Ministry of Transport, made a working visit to Port Klang on 17 November 2022

The group was led by Dr. Siva Sangar, Deputy Under Secretary III (Logistics).

The purpose of the working visit was to gain more knowledge on the operations and latest developments in Port Klang.



## NORTHPORT SETS NEW CONVENTIONAL CARGO RECORD

Northport achieved a new record in the handling of conventional cargo when the terminal surpassed the 10 million fwt in cargo throughput on 13 December 2022. This is the highest volume of conventional cargo handled in a single year since the formation of Northport and through the merger of Klang Container Terminal and Klang Port Management in 2000.

The new record was achieved with the discharging of steel coils from the MV Great Agility at Wharf 21.

The record-breaking achievement was attributed to the significant growth of the ro-ro segment and the continued growth of biomass logistics at Southpoint. At the end of November 2022, ro-ro traffic, spurred by the government's sales tax exemption on vehicles, grew a robust 76% year-on-year. The handling of biomass cargo at Southpoint also recorded double-digit growth of 61% year-on-year.



## NORTHPORT RECEIVES FIRST BATCH OF NEW RTGS

Northport received the first batch of nine new rubber-tired gantry cranes (RTGs) on 8 February. This is the first batch of a total of 23 diesel-powered RTGs ordered by the terminal as part of its programme to enhance its cargo-handling capacity.

Northport CEO Dato' Azman Shah said that the new equipment is part of the terminal's reconfiguration plan that involves the conversion and development of new container yards and acquisition of new port equipment to improve handling capacity.

In line with its green port initiative, Northport has also ordered eleven electrified RTGs or eRTGs to expand its eco-friendly cargo-handling equipment fleet. The eRTGs, which will be fully delivered by December 2023, will be deployed at the new container yard designated as J Block. Northport was the first port in Malaysia ever to use eRTGs back in 2013.



# THREE NOSH AWARDS FOR NORTHPORT

Northport has won three National Occupational Safety and Health Awards 2020/2021 from the National Council of Occupational Safety and Health.

Northport won in the CEO of the Year (Private Sector), Business Services and Mentor-Mentee (Mentor) categories.



# WESTPORTS LAUNCHES REMOTE REEFER MONITORING SYSTEM

Westports took another step forward in its digitalisation journey with the official launching of its remote Reefer Monitoring System (RMS) on 14 February.

The RMS enables a non-stop, round-the-clock remote management of reefers with real-time visibility, accuracy and alerts from reefers

related to temperature changes, monitoring and well-controlled operating conditions such as humidity and CO2 levels. The system aims to enhance Westports' operational efficiency, cargo integrity and occupational safety through the provision of innovative solutions for clients and to capture the potential business opportunities related to the cold chain logistics market.

