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PKA TAKES THE LEAD IN
**ENSURING
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CONNECTIVITY**

PKA celebrated the 60th anniversary of its establishment in 2023 with a variety of programmes spread out through the year. The icing on the cake for our diamond jubilee year was the achievement of a new record in container throughput at 14.06 million TEU.

What makes it sweeter still is that the record-breaking throughput has pushed Port Klang two rungs higher, to eleventh, from its 2022 spot at thirteenth in the rankings of the world Top 20 container ports. Port Klang is now on the threshold of entering the ranks of the Top 10 container ports of the world. It was indeed a good conclusion to 2023.

And we are off to a good start too in 2024, with the port recording a 5.1% growth year-on-year in the first quarter, with a throughput of 3.46 million TEU. Though headwinds continue in the global economy, we hope to see improving prospects in the months ahead. (See elsewhere in this issue for details on the port's performance for 2023 and the first quarter).

Throughout 2023 and into 2024, PKA has been kept busy with our involvement in various government initiatives, including five major initiatives related to road infrastructure, the development of the Malaysian Maritime Single Window, green technology, digitalisation, and development of a third port in Port Klang.

Ensuring Efficient Connectivity and Accessibility

PKA heads the Port Klang Road Infrastructure Committee which has been tasked by the government to look into the maintenance of roads in Port Klang to ensure efficient connectivity and accessibility to and from the terminals. For this purpose, the government has allocated PKA a RM50 million matching grant, comprising RM25 million from the government and RM25 million from PKA.

PKA is collaborating with the Public Works Department to ensure that the port's road network system is well maintained for smooth movement of cargo to and from the terminals as well as to monitor issues of overloading to avoid damage to the roads.

Malaysia Maritime Single Window

PKA was appointed by the Ministry of Transport as the executing agency in the development of the Malaysia Maritime Single Window (MMSW) for all federal ports. The MMSW is a major transformational initiative to enhance the efficiency of ports through the integration of advanced technology and digitalisation in line with the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation's goals for safe, secure, sustainable and efficient shipping operations.

A GOOD ENDING, A GOOD START



Greening the Port

Efforts are continuing to escalate the use of alternative energy sources in port operations in line with the nation's move towards a green transport ecosystem as well as to fulfill international environmental requirements.

One of the greening projects that is on-going at Westports is the installation of solar panels on a warehouse owned by Syarikat Logistik Petikemas. The project is expected to be completed by September this year.

Meanwhile, the electrification of cargo-handling equipment, such as RTGs and forklifts, are also on-going at Westports and Northport while LED lighting will be installed in phases in the port areas. All these projects, which are being undertaken by the terminal operators, are scheduled for completion in December this year.

On the environmental front, PKA has launched its annual mangrove tree planting programme, this time centred at the Port Klang Mangrove Point Recreational Park. The park is one of the five catalyst projects under the development phase of the Selangor Maritime Gateway masterplan. Mangrove tree planting is part of PKA's carbon sequestration programme to ensure the sustainability of the mangrove ecosystem in Port Klang.

Towards a Digitalised Port

PKA continues to engage with transport operators in pushing for digitalisation in land transport activities. One of the projects we are involved in is the introduction of a standard operating procedure for pick-up and drop-off of empty containers at all on-dock depots in the port. We continue to monitor and to enhance the SOP.

The standardisation of the SOP for empty container operations through a single-system platform for booking and tracking of empty containers is designed to reduce hauliers' turnaround time at a depot so as to ensure a more sustainable and efficient container delivery system. The mandatory SOP will be fully implemented by June this year.

Meanwhile, the CargoMove Booking and Tracking System at off-dock depots is scheduled for full implementation by December.

Feasibility Study on Carey Island Port

The feasibility study on a third port in Carey Island was completed last year.

For this year, PKA together with the Ministry of Transport, will determine a timeline for the project as well as the development model. A steering committee will be set up to look into all issues related to the development while a consultant will also be appointed to prepare the Request for Proposal documents.

Last year and into the first quarter of this year, we were also actively engaged in port promotion, strengthening of ties with major ports and shipping lines as well as enhancing collaboration with local authorities in the development of Port Klang as a port city.

Port Promotion

PKA officials, either on their own or as part of government delegations, visited ports and maritime transport and logistics-related organisations in Europe, Japan and China to strengthen relationships as well as to promote Port Klang. We also participated in international missions organised by the Ministry of Transport (MoT) to promote Malaysia's maritime

transport and logistics industry. One of such missions we were involved in was as members of a MoT delegation to the Seatrade Cruise Global 2024 conference in Miami, USA, to promote Malaysia as a cruise destination. The government aims to develop the cruise industry in Malaysia in line with its tourism industry development programme. The Italian cruise line, Costa Cruises, had recently made Port Klang as the homeport for its vessel, the Costa Serena.

On the home front, we are engaging with the Royal Klang City Council to collaborate in developing areas in and around the port in line with Port Klang's status as the premier maritime gateway of the country.

Indeed, we are keeping busy on many fronts but we see as an honour for PKA to have been entrusted with these many responsibilities in our mission to move Port Klang forward to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead. PKA is committed to engaging with all stakeholders in our mission to ensure that Port Klang continues to develop as a key maritime gateway not only for Malaysia but also for the region.

We will not cease in our mission to make Port Klang the preferred regional maritime hub in partnership with all stakeholders in the maritime transport and logistics industry.

PORT KLANG MOVES TWO RUNGS HIGHER TO 11TH IN WORLD'S RANKING OF TOP 15 CONTAINER PORTS

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Port Klang has moved up two spots from thirteenth to eleventh in the 2023 world's league of top container ports with its achievement of a new record throughput of 14.06 million TEU.

Rotterdam, Europe's largest seaport, previously ranked eleventh, is now at twelfth after recording a minor decline in its box throughput last year.

Chinese ports continued to dominate, with six in the Top 10. Shanghai is at number one, followed by Ningbo-Zhoushan (third), Shenzhen (fourth), Qingdao (fifth), Guangzhou (sixth) and Tianjin (seventh). Singapore is ranked second, Busan (eighth), Dubai (ninth) and Hong Kong (tenth).

TOP 15 WORLD'S CONTAINER PORTS 2023

2021	2022	2023	Port	2021 TEU (mil)	2022 TEU (mil)	2023 TEU (mil)	Growth in Container Throughput (%)
1	1	1	Shanghai	47.03	47.30	49.16	3.9
2	2	2	Singapore	37.47	37.29	39.01	4.6
3	3	3	Ningbo-Zhoushan	31.08	33.35	35.05	5.1
4	4	4	Shenzhen	28.77	30.04	28.97	4.4
6	5	5	Qingdao	23.71	25.67	28.59	8.3
5	6	6	Guangzhou	24.18	24.86	24.81	1.7
8	8	7	Tianjin	20.27	21.02	23.48	11.7
7	7	8	Busan	22.70	22.08	22.75	3.0
11	11	9	Dubai	13.74	13.97	14.47	3.6
9	9	10	Hong Kong	17.80	16.68	14.35	(13.9)
12	13	11	Port Klang	13.72	13.22	14.06	6.3
10	10	12	Rotterdam	15.30	14.45	13.45	(7.0)
14	12	13	Antwerp-Bruges	*12.02	13.50	12.51	(7.3)
13	14	14	Xiamen	12.05	12.43	12.40	(0.2)
15	15	15	Tanjung Pelepas	11.20	10.51	10.48	(0.3)

New Record in Container Throughput in 2023

Port Klang broke a new record in the handling of containers in 2023 with a 6.3% increase to 14.06 million TEU, compared with 13.2 million TEU in 2022.

Transshipment boxes accounted for 7.90 million TEU (2022: 7.54 million TEU) while gateway boxes, comprising import and export, totalled 6.16 million TEU (2022: 5.68 million TEU). Import boxes increased 7.6% to 3.10 million TEU while export boxes increased 9% to 3.05 million TEU.

Throughput for the conventional cargo segment declined marginally by 0.32% to 30.24 million fwt compared with 30.34 million fwt in 2022. The lower throughput was due to reduced handling of dry bulk and breakbulk cargo, the volume of which declined 0.26% and 0.32% respectively. Liquid bulk cargo throughput grew 1.20%.

Ship calls at the port increased 12.1% to 14,566, compared with 12,997 in 2022. The increase was primarily due to more calls by container ships (up 15.7% to 11,209) and cruise vessels (up 62.9% to 189). Calls by break bulk and dry bulk carriers increased 1.9% (1,703) and 1.5% (471) respectively while calls by liquid bulk carriers declined by 2.7% to 1,615.

5.1% Growth in Container Throughput in Q1 2024

Port Klang recorded a 5.1% growth in container throughput to 3.46 million TEU in the first quarter of 2024 (Q1 2023: 3.29 million TEU). The growth is primarily due to the 12.3% increase in the handling of gateway cargo, comprising of 792,984 TEU of exports, which grew 13.7%; and 790,456 TEU of imports, which grew 13.7%.

Transshipments, totalling 1.9 million TEU, declined by 0.4%.

The composition of total throughput comprised 54.2% transshipment, 22.9% exports and 22.9% imports.

Westports' Performance Q1 2024

Westports has a 77.3% (2.67 million TEU) share of the total throughput, an increase of 5% compared with 2.55 million TEU in 2023. Northport's share was 22.7% (784,076 TEU), an increase of 5.3% compared with 744,823 TEU in 2023. Import box volume grew 14.3% to 584,316 TEU; exports, by 17.8% to 612,516 TEU; while transshipments dipped 2.5% to 1.48 million TEU.

The growth in import boxes at the terminal was due to increased handling of paper-based products (including for recycling) and vehicles and glass products while an increase in the export of processed paper and electric and electronic products as well as primary food products contributed to the growth in export boxes.

Transshipments at the terminal, however, declined, albeit marginally, by 2.5%, due to the stoppage of services by ZIM Integrated Shipping as instructed by the government. Handling of transshipment boxes was also disrupted due to the crisis at the Red Sea, resulting in ships to and from Europe having to take the longer route around the Cape of Good Hope. The disruption in scheduled services caused congestion at Westports, resulting in vessels being diverted to Northport.

Westports has a 78.8% share of the transshipment segment and 75.6% of the gateway cargo segment.

Northport's Performance

Northport's import container throughput grew 2.7% to 206,140 TEU; exports, by 1.7% to 180,468 TEU; and transshipments, by 8.4%, to 397,468 TEU.

The growth in import boxes at Northport was due to higher demand for raw materials for manufacturing, particularly commodities such as paper pulp and automotive component parts. The growth in export containers was driven by greater demand, particularly from Taiwan, China, Japan and South Korea, for paper and electrical and electronic products.

Transshipment container throughput at Northport increased 8.4% due to the growing demand from India and China as well as the diversion of ships from Westports.

Northport has a 21.2% and 24.4% share of the transshipment and gateway cargo segment, respectively.

Ship Calls

Ship calls in Q1 2024 declined 3.1% year-on-year to 3,470 (Q1 2023: 3,580) due to a drop in calls by container vessels which declined by 6.1% to 2,607.

Calls by conventional vessels all recorded increases, with calls by breakbulk carriers increasing up by 4.2% (272); liquid bulk carriers, by 5.3% (394); and dry bulk carriers, by 6.1% (121). Calls by cruise ships increased 28.6% to 72.



The road infrastructure in Port Klang has not been in the best of shape due to lack of proper maintenance. Maintenance is either not conducted regularly or promptly enough due to the budgetary constraints faced by the Public Works Department (JKR), the government agency responsible for the maintenance of federal roads.

With traffic flows to and from Port Klang increasing yearly, the Port Klang Authority (PKA) has, since 2018, been looking into the road and traffic conditions in several major federal roads linking the port. The following characteristics of these roads were observed:

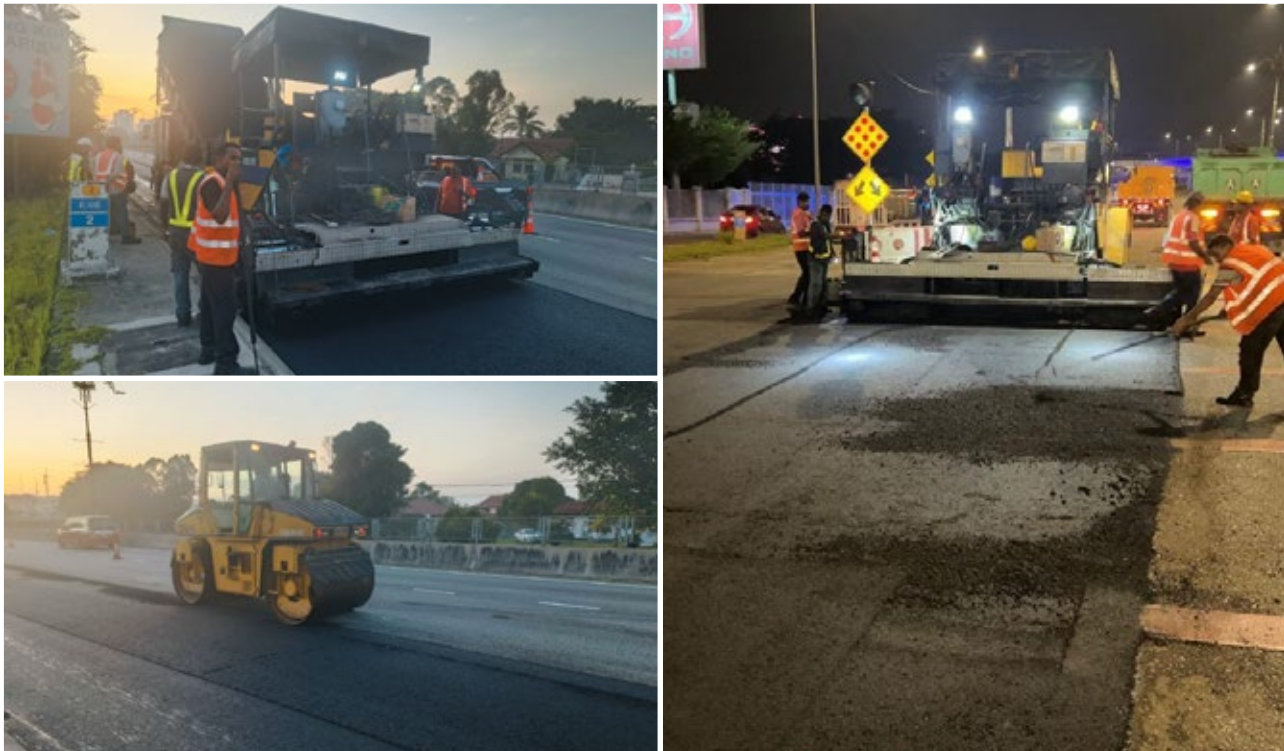
- Poor condition of existing roads with uneven or rough surfaces and potholes;
- Poor drainage, resulting in pooling of water after rainfall;
- Aging, and often non-functioning, traffic light systems at intersections;
- Non-functioning street lights; and
- Damaged or worn-out road fixtures such as guard rails and signage.

Additionally, obstacles such as garbage are often strewn on the road shoulders, causing not only cleanliness but also safety issues and heightening the risk of accidents on these roads which carry very heavy traffic daily.

Good inland connectivity is critical not only in supporting port development but also for the logistics sector. Port Klang, as Malaysia's leading maritime gateway, directly and indirectly, is a key player in the country's economic development as it generates sizeable revenues and thousands of jobs. The current state of the roads in Port Klang is not conducive for the progress of the port or the development of a world-class Malaysian logistics sector in the global supply chain. Urgent attention was needed to improve the condition of the roads in the port.

To help overcome the budgetary constraints faced by JKR in road maintenance, PKA had previously requested for a special allocation from the government to enable PKA to assist the former in carrying out periodic maintenance. The allocation was to enable PKA to prioritise maintenance of heavily used roads in Port Klang, particularly to ensure smooth traffic flow of heavy vehicles to and from the terminals as well as the surrounding industrial areas for efficient last mile connectivity.

PKA TAKES THE LEAD IN ENSURING EFFICIENT INLAND CONNECTIVITY



In 2023, PKA was appointed by the Ministry of Transport (MoT) to chair the Port Klang Road Infrastructure Committee, with members comprising representatives from MoT, the Ministry of Works and JKR. The committee is tasked with identifying locations where maintenance works is required and to carry out such works promptly. The scope of work includes periodic pavement and non-pavement maintenance on federal roads as well as maintenance of bridges, lighting and traffic lights in Port Klang.

The committee is also tasked to look at enforcing tougher penalties on cargo vehicles that overload as these actions cause damage to the roads.

In the 2024 Budget, the Finance Ministry allocated a RM50 million matching grant to finance road maintenance works, of which RM25 million comes from the Ministry of Works and RM25 million from PKA.

Maintenance works on the road mentioned below commenced in April this year and is scheduled for completion by this October.

- Jalan Persiaran Raja Muda Musa
- Jalan Pandamaran/Batu Unjur
- North Klang Straits Bypass
- Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad
- Jalan Pelabuhan Klang Utara
- Jalan Pelabuhan Utara – Barat
- Pulau Indah Highway
- Pulau Indah Ring Road
- Parallel roads

General Manager Capt. Subramaniam explained PKA's involvement in road maintenance: "Though inland connectivity issues are not under the PKA's purview, it was felt that we needed to play a proactive role in tackling such issues as they affect the efficiency of the logistics sector. Logistics being a vital component of the port ecosystem, any inefficiency due to infrastructure challenges will ultimately have negative impact on the attractiveness of the port."

"Malaysia is ranked 26th in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) and the second-best performing country in ASEAN after Singapore. The LPI measures the ease of establishing reliable supply chain connections and quality of logistics services, trade and transport-related infrastructure and border controls. PKA's involvement in inland connectivity issues is thus aimed at ensuring that the port has an efficient and safe road infrastructure, hence helping to ensure that Malaysia's logistics position in the LPI is maintained and enhanced."

"Furthermore, by taking this initiative to resolve inland connectivity challenges, PKA is also contributing towards Port Klang's progress as a regional maritime transport and logistics hub as well as contributing to the greater development of the Port Klang economy."

PKA NEWS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS' FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO PKA

Three newly appointed Board members made their first official visit to the PKA headquarters on 23 January.

Datuk Haji Roslee bin Abd Hamid, Sangetha Jayakumar and Ismail @Saime bin Zakaria, were briefed on PKA and its functions and later taken on a tour of Northport where they were also briefed on the terminal's operations, latest developments and future plans.



PKA WINS 2023 LOW CARBON CITY AWARD

PKA received the Diamond Recognition Award (Partner Category) in the 2023 Low Carbon City Award from the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC).

The award was made in recognition of the projects PKA had participated in under the Low Carbon City Challenge Programme 2030 (LCC 2030 Challenge) by which greenhouse gas emission was reduced by 12.45% (equivalent to 72.83 tCO₂e). PKA has altogether received three Diamond Recognition Awards from the programme.



Assistant General Manager (Engineering) Shaiful Nazri Bin Shaari received the award on behalf of PKA from Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad at a ceremony on 7 February in Kuala Lumpur.

ROYAL KLANG CITY CARNIVAL 2024

PKA together with Northport, Westports and Port Klang Free Zone participated in the Royal Klang City Carnival which was held from 16 to 18 February at the Pandamaran Sports Complex, Port Klang. The combined Port Klang participation was in the form of an exhibition which showcased the history of the port.

The carnival was part of the celebrations to commemorate the proclamation of Klang as a city, the fourth in Selangor, as well as the first local authority in Malaysia to use the Royal City Council title.

The carnival was officiated by State Executive Councillor of Local Government and Tourism Dato' Ng Suee Lim.



SURVEILLANCE AUDIT FOR ISO CERTIFICATION

PKA underwent a surveillance audit for the Integrated Management System (SPB) ISO9001:2015 and ISO/IEC27001:2022 from 21-22 February 2024. The audit was conducted by auditors from SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.

PKA passed the audit and maintained its certification for ISO9001:2015 as well as obtaining a new certification for ISO/IEC27001:2022.



SELECTION TRIALS FOR APA SPORTS MEET TABLE TENNIS TEAM

PKA, Northport and Westports co-hosted the ASEAN Ports Authorities (APA) Malaysia Table Tennis Tournament 2024 at the PKA Sports Club from 23 to 25 February.

The tournament, in which 13 teams from all Malaysian ports participated, served as a selection trial to choose players for a Malaysian table tennis team to compete at the 14th APA Sports Meet to be held from 19 to 24 August 2024 in Shah Alam. The sports meet will be hosted by PKA.



MANGROVE PLANTING PROGRAMME 2024

PKA has organised a mangrove tree planting programme for 2024 centred at the Mangrove Point Recreation Park in Port Klang in collaboration with Selangor Maritime Gateway and Selangor State Forestry Department.

The programme was launched on 24 February by PKA chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah and General Manager Capt. K. Subramaniam together with Westports CEO Eddie Lee Mun Tat and Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) CEO Fazilah Surkisah.

The launching ceremony kicked off with a clean-up at the mangrove swamp area, followed by the planting of 100 mangrove saplings.

The programme, one of PKA's corporate social responsibility initiatives, is a key component of its greening programmes which aims at boosting environmental sustainability and conservation efforts. Northport, Westports and PKFZ are also involved in the programme.



PKA GM NAMED PAUL HARRIS FELLOW BY PORT KLANG ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Port Klang (RCPK) has named PKA General Manager as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his contribution to the Malaysian maritime industry and his commitment towards humanitarian services. The title is the highest form of recognition a Rotary Club can bestow on a Rotarian or a member of the community who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

Capt. Subramaniam has spearheaded numerous projects to expand Port Klang's capacity

and to boost efficiency as well as enhancing its competitiveness on the global stage to develop the port into a vital hub for trade and commerce.

The RCPK delegation, led by its District Governor Teo Kwan See, visited PKA on 5 March to confer the award on Capt. Subramaniam.



DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PACKS TO TRUCK DRIVERS IN THE PORT

As part of its CSR programme, PKA together with Northport, Westports and PKFZ, distributed food packs to truck drivers who were delivering or picking up cargo at the terminals during the month of Ramadan. The programme was a gesture of appreciation for the truck drivers' contribution towards smooth operations at the terminals.



FIRST PHASE OF MALAYSIA MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW GOES LIVE

The Malaysia Maritime Single Window Release 1 (MMSW R1), which went live at Port Klang from 19 March 2024 on a parallel run with the existing PKNet System and Port System, was fully implemented from 1 April.

The first phase of the MMSW development comprises Release 1 and Release 2. MMSW R1 covers the modules for ship and agent registration and Ship Call Number (SCN) while MMSW R2 involves the pre-arrival notification (ePAN) and the Ship Clearance System (SCS).

A pre-lab and lab session were held to prepare the MMSW R2 system requirement specifications from 6 to 8 and 19 to 20 February, respectively, with stakeholders, comprising the Ministry of Transport, port authorities, Malaysia Maritime Department, Royal Customs Department, Immigration Department, Chemistry Department, Health

Department, port operators and shipping agents. MMSW R2 went live on a parallel run from 21 April.

PKA together with Dagang Net Technologies Sdn Bhd are providing training to ship agents and government agencies on the procedures in making declarations and approvals via the MMSW system.

Starting from 10 June 2024, all users at Port Klang are required to use the Malaysia Maritime Single Window (MMSW) comprehensively. All transactions must be conducted through this system without any manual handling. The main purpose of this move is to enhance operational efficiency and ensure that all data is managed digitally and in a more organized manner.



The Malaysia Maritime Single Window

The Malaysia Maritime Single Window (MMSW) is part of a major transformational initiative by Ministry of Transport Malaysia to bring technology and tools to integrate and bring together customer friendly the user experience, increase efficiency of the ports while fulfilling the obligation to International Maritime Organisation (IMO) 5 points objectives. At the same time, having a single common platform with international standard business processes will reduce cargo release time, cost and ease of doing business and increase competitiveness globally.

PKA MISSION TO JAPAN

Chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah led a PKA delegation on a mission to Japan from 25 to 29 March. The delegation included General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, Board member Sangetha Jayakumar and Internal Auditor Noor Akmal bin Kamarudin.

On 25 March, the delegation was in Osaka to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a sister-port partnership with the Osaka Ports and Harbours Bureau (OPHB). PKA chairman Ean Yong and OPHB Director General Maruyama Junya were the signatories of the MoU. The MoU aims at enhancing cooperation between the two ports in port studies, training and apprenticeship, exchange of information, technical assistance and traffic development as well as the promotion of services between both ports.

At the signing ceremony, PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam briefed his Osaka counterparts on latest developments in Port Klang and exchanged views on the green initiatives of both ports.



The PKA delegation later toured Osaka Port and the on-going development projects for the Osaka Expo 2025 as well as the port's cruise ship terminal.

On 26 March, the delegation was in Kobe Port, a sister port of Port Klang. The purpose of the visit was to reactivate the sister port relationship which was established in November 2018, the activities of which had been suspended since 2020 due to the Covid-19 outbreak. The delegation was received by Ryuichi Matsuki, Deputy Director General (Technology) of the Kobe Port and Harbour Bureau.

Discussions were centred on the transshipment hub for automotives and green port initiatives as well as on the officer training programme which had been implemented previously. The

visitors were later taken on a boat tour around Kobe's Port Island to have a look at the facilities the port, including the hydrogen storage test facility.

The next stop for the delegation was Tokyo on 28 March to visit Yusen Logistics Co. where they were received by the company's president Alex Hiroyuki Okamoto, Chief Financial Officer Masahiro Sugioka, and Andy Lee Wan Kai, Chief Executive Officer of Tasco Berhad, a subsidiary of Yusen Logistics.

Mr. Okamoto thanked the Malaysian Government and PKA for the assistance and support rendered to Tasco Berhad in developing its business in Malaysia. He said that Yusen Logistics and Tasco Berhad recognised the importance of the Malaysian market and has



increased their investments by using the latest technologies in expanding their facilities.

Both parties also agreed to look into the training of personnel from both organisations through mutual programmes.

On March 29, the delegation was in Yokohama to visit the International Association of Ports and Harbours (IAPH) office as well as the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and the Port of Yokohama.

At the IAPH office, the delegation was received by its Secretary General Masahiko Furuichi. Discussions were held on issues such as the shortage of skilled drivers and environmental concerns, particularly the Environmental Ship Index (ESI).



The ESI measures the environmental impact of merchant vessels so as to enable ports to incentivise vessels that demonstrate clear improvements in emission performance. IAPH plans to hold a workshop in Malaysia in November this year to address these issues.

Following the IAPH visit, the PKA delegation met with the officials of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to express their gratitude for the training programmes conducted previously as well as for the shipping network services. The delegation later toured the Port of Yokohama, including the Yokohama Port Museum.

AUSTRALIA-SOUTHEAST ASIA BUSINESS EXCHANGE ROUND TABLE

PKA participated in the Australia-Southeast Asia Business Exchange Roundtable on 18 April in Kuala Lumpur.

The programme aims at increasing two-way trade between Australia and Southeast Asia through targeted business missions to Southeast Asia in priority sectors, raise awareness of opportunities between Australia and Southeast Asia as well as to set out a practical pathway to increase Australia’s two-way trade and investment with Southeast Asia. The roundtable focused on establishing partnership with offtake partners, investors and Malaysian agencies, particularly in relation to emerging maritime fuels, decarbonisation and maritime connectivity, fostering closer bilateral ties in maritime supply chains as well as identifying potential commercial partnerships between Australia and Malaysia shipping to support economic integration.

PKA was represented by Senior Manager (Planning and Development) Shanti T. Gunaratnam. Representatives from Westports and Northport

also attended the roundtable which was officiated by Acting General Manager (Corporate and Development) Sri Muhunan.



NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

STRENGTHENING PORT KLANG-NINGBO PORT TIES

PKA chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah was a member of a Selangor trade mission to Ningbo, China, from 20 to 21 February. During the visit, the chairman signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) on behalf of Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) with the Zhenhai District, Ningbo, China, to promote bilateral ties between the two parties.

The LOI aims to foster closer ties, including trade, cultural exchange and collaboration in various fields such as technological innovation, industrial cooperation, port collaboration and free trade zone linkage.

The mission was led by Selangor State Executive Councillor for Investment, Trade, and Public Transport Ng Sze Han. Others in the delegation included the mayor of Klang YBhg. Datin Paduka TPr. Noraini Roslan, CEO of Invest Selangor Dato' Hassan Azhari Hj Idris, General Manager of Selangor State Development Corporation LAr. Hyril Azim bin Baharudin and representatives from the Selangor State Economic Planning Unit and the private sector.



The delegation, who were received by Ningbo mayor Tang Feifan, visited Ningbo Zhoushan Port, the second-largest port in the world in terms of container and cargo throughput and a prominent port city on China's eastern coast. Port Klang has had a sister port relationship with Ningbo Port since 2004.

They also met with several prominent local entrepreneurs to gain insight from their experiences and to encourage

them to consider investing in Malaysia, particularly in the state of Selangor.

The trade mission is part of continuing efforts to deepen cooperation between Port Klang and Ningbo Zhoushan Port as well as to commemorate China-Malaysia Friendship Year as part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Malaysia and China.



PHILIPPINES PORTS AND LOGISTICS EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

PKA, jointly with Northport, Westports and Port Klang Free Zone, represented Port Klang at the Philippines Ports and Logistics Exhibition and Conference 2024 from 19 to 21 March in Manila.

The biennial event, the biggest in the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines – East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).

The two-day conference, which featured 35 speakers from around the world, focused on collaborative cost reduction, digitalisation and reduction of carbon footprint in the end-

to-end supply chain. The 350 participants comprised senior government officials, industry principals, decision-makers, academics, various stakeholders and service providers.

The concurrent exhibition showcased 50 international shipping lines, logistics companies and ports.

The Philippines Undersecretary of the Department of Transportation Elmer Francisco Sarmiento officiated at the opening of the event.



APEC VIRTUAL THEMATIC SESSION OF MARITIME EXPERTS GROUP

The APEC Virtual Thematic Session of the Maritime Experts Group (MEG), with the theme *From Ship to Shore: A Voyage into Sustainable Waters with Emerging Technologies and Progressive Policies*, was held on 4 April 2024. The session was attended by delegates from APEC economies and invited speakers.

The MEG chair Capt. Mohd Halim bin Ahmed officiated at the VTS, the objective of which was to initiate and steer conversations towards significant trends and opportunities as well as essential

policy frameworks with the goal of catalysing transformation in the APEC region.

PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam made a presentation on the Malaysia Maritime Single Window.

APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to facilitate economic cooperation and trade among its member economies, including those from countries bordering the Pacific Ocean. APEC's primary goal is to promote sustainable economic growth and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.



PROMOTING MALAYSIA AS A CRUISE DESTINATION

A Malaysian delegation headed by the Minister of Transport Loke Siew Fook was in the United States from 8 to 11 April to participate in the Seatrade Cruise Global 2024 conference and exhibition in Miami, Florida.

Other members of the delegation included the ministry's secretary general Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan and other senior officials, representatives from PKA, Port Klang Cruise Terminal, Penang Port Commission, Penang Port Sdn Bhd and NV Terminals.

The Malaysia pavilion at the Miami Beach Convention Centre showcased the country's cruise terminals, tourist attractions and destinations.

Seatrade Cruise Global is touted as the world's largest cruise event and the premier annual gathering for the global cruise industry. With over 13,000 attendees, including representatives from more than 700 exhibiting companies, from 113 countries as well as over 300 international journalists, the event served as a platform to explore the latest trends in the industry as well as for networking with industry influencers and high-level cruise executives.

The Minister represented Malaysia as a panellist in a session on *Bridging the North and South East Asia*, which discussed the immense potential of Asia as the next frontier of cruising along with the development of cruise facilities, and the commitment of the government to address challenges. The session served to showcase Malaysia's potential as a homeport.



On the sidelines of the conference, the delegation met with Shri T.K. Ramachandran, secretary of India's Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, and the chairman of Mumbai Port and Cochin Port, to discuss bilateral cooperation between ports of both countries, particularly in developing cruise services.

They also met senior executives of Royal Caribbean International Cruise Line, Norwegian Cruise Lines, MSC Cruises and Virgin Voyages, to promote Malaysia as a potential home and destination port. A meeting was also held with the president and CEO of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) which represents the cruise industry globally in working on issues related to safety, sustainability and regulatory matters. The discussions centred on emission controls, availability

of green fuels and onshore power supply.

A visit was also made to Cavotec, an engineering group which develops and manufactures innovative automation and electrification technologies for the global port and maritime sector as well as to view the infrastructure for onshore power systems at the Miami cruise terminal where ships connect to shore power to reduce emissions while in port. Penang and Port Klang are currently carrying out feasibility studies to undertake the installation of an onshore power supply system.

The Minister also registered Malaysia's interest to host the 2026 Seatrade Cruise Asia conference and exhibition in 2026 to promote and showcase Malaysia's potential as a homeport and preferred destination.



OFFICIAL VISITS

COLLABORATING WITH KLANG MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IN DEVELOPMENT OF PORT KLANG

PKA chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah and General Manager Capt. Subramaniam visited the Klang Municipal Council (MPK) on 12 January 2024 to hold discussions with MPK president YBhg. Datin Paduka TPr. Noraini Binti Roslan on various issues related to development in and around Port Klang.



PKA aims to collaborate with MPK in creating a vibrant port city as befitting Port Klang's position as the thirteenth busiest port in the world.

ENHANCING TRADE FACILITATION AND SUPPLY CHAIN CONNECTIVITY

A delegation from the Asia-Pacific Model E-Port Network (APMEN) Operational Centre visited PKA on 16 January. The visitors were led by the APMEN Deputy General Manager Weiqun Yao.

APMEN, an APEC initiative since 2014, promotes trade facilitation and supply chain connectivity through E-Port in the APEC region, particularly in collaboration and information-sharing among member ports to enhance port efficiency, safety and sustainability.

The objective of the visit was to get an overview of Port Klang's facilities, operations and also to exchange views on trade facilitation practices, especially on digitalised supply chains and

cross-border cooperation on data-sharing.

Acting Assistant General Manager (Corporate & Development) R. Sri Muhunan led the discussions with the visitors.



VISIT BY INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE STUDENTS

Students from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) visited PKA on 17 January.

The visitors, led by Prof. Jayantha Kumar Seal, was in Port Klang to have a look at operations in the port, including future port development. They were taken on a tour of Westports and Port Klang Free Zone.



BOUSTEAD PETROLEUM MARKETING CEO VISITS

Boustead Petroleum Marketing CEO Ir. Azizul Azily Ahmad made a courtesy call on PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam on 23 January.

Boustead Petroleum Marketing, the fourth largest petroleum company in Malaysia, is one of the major tenants in Port Klang. Also present at the visit were the company's General Manager (Operations & HSSE) Muhammad Zubir Hamzah and Senior Executive (Government & Public Affairs) Nawal Zamrose.



VISIT BY TURKISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

The vice president Savas Yanik of Havelsen, a leading Turkish telecommunications company visited PKA on 29 February where he held discussions with PKA General Manager Capt. Subramaniam.

Havelsen is a supplier of sophisticated software-based solutions and products for armed forces and the public and private sector, including the development, operation and maintenance of advanced systems such as the Vessel Traffic Management System.

Also present at the meeting were Havelsen's country manager in Malaysia Orhan Argun and PKA Assistant General Manager (Operations & Regulatory) Capt. Kamal Ariffin Idris.



NORTHPORT SETS NEW BREAK BULK CARGO HANDLING RECORD

Northport set a new break bulk cargo handling record from a single vessel with the discharging of 48,853 freight weight tonnes (fwt) of steel cargo from the MV Jin Chao from 10 – 13 March 2024. This surpassed the previous record of 47,246 fwt handled from MV Wu Yi Hai in May 2022.

The cargo, which comprised hot rolled coils, wire rods and project cargo equipment, was discharged over eight working shifts at Wharf 15.

In 2023, Northport achieved a record high 11.4 million fwt of conventional cargo which surpassed the previous record of 11.11 million fwt in 2022. In October last year, Northport also recorded the highest ever monthly conventional throughput of 1.12 million fwt, surpassing the previous record of 1.08 million fwt in May 2022.

In the first two months of 2024, the terminal handled 1.88 million fwt of conventional cargo, a growth of 9.7% year-on-year. Several key cargo segments contributed to the increased throughput, including chemical products, maize, iron and steel products and the roll-on roll-off segment.

Of these segments, iron and steel products stood out with a double-digit growth of 36%, with the surge in throughput attributed to the availability of cheaper iron and steel products from China.



Costa Cruises, along with cruise operator Hwajing Travel & Tours has established its first international cruise homeport at Port Klang with the *Costa Serena*.

The 114,000 grt Italian-flagged ship has 1,500 cabins with capacity for up to 3,780 passengers. It entered service in 2007. Costa Cruises, which was established 75 years ago, made its foray into the Asian market over 15 years ago.

Costa Cruises' Director of Region and Growth Markets Francesco Raffa said, "By homeporting *Costa Serena* at Port Klang, we aim at not only redefining luxury cruising in Malaysia but also to act as a catalyst for sustainable economic growth. As the inaugural international cruise homeport, this will have a spill-over effect, invigorating Malaysia's economy and unlocking opportunities across various sectors.

"This collaboration promises a positive and promising trajectory for Malaysia's cruise industry, reflecting a shift towards

culturally sensitive and friendly travel experiences. The strategic choice of Port Klang as homeport for *Costa Serena* underscores Malaysia's emergence as a maritime hub, poised to cater to a diverse international clientele."

Transport Minister Loke Siew Fook attended the inauguration of the *Costa Serena*'s homeporting at Port Klang on 19 January at the Port Klang Cruise Terminal (PKCT). Also in attendance were PKA chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah and General Manager Capt. Subramaniam, Deputy Chairman of Tourism Malaysia Dato' Yeoh Soon Hin, Chairman of Port Klang Cruise Terminal Dato' Azman Shah bin Mohd Yusof, Managing Director of Hwajing Travel & Tours Kenny Cheong, Regional Director and Growth Markets of Costa Cruises Francesco Raffa and Costa

Serena's Capt. Giambattista Mancini.

The minister said that Costa Cruises' recognition of Malaysia as a potential market coupled with Hwajing's expertise in Southeast Asian cruise tourism would enable the two parties to tap into the country's halal market as this would make it easier for Muslim travellers to take cruise holidays without worries as they would have options for halal restaurants onboard.

He added that Port Klang's becoming an international cruise homeport would also create opportunities for collaborative ventures with other regional ports, thus laying the foundation for a network of intersecting cruise itineraries."



COSTA SERENA HOMEPORTING AT PORT KLANG