

Trade Meet at Bangalore



Important Shipping news

Mother vessels call at Cochin Port

San Clemente of OOCL arrived at IGT on August 19, 2006 (09:15 hrs) as part of GIS service which serves Singapore and Port Klang directly from Cochin.

The total moves in the said vessel were 512. The vessel was completed within 16 hrs and sailed from IGT on 20 August 2006.

Vessel - Ville De Mars visited us on September 15, 2006.



Biggest containership being built

South Korea's Hanjin Shipping has placed an order for five 10,000 TEU containerships with ship builders Samsung Heavy Industries. The five vessels, each measuring 349 m in length, 45.6 m in width and weighing 117,000 dead weight tons, are scheduled for successive deployment from February 2010 onwards on Hanjin's transpacific trades.

The biggest containerships yet – eight 11,400 TEU vessels – have been ordered by French Carrier CMA CGM and are scheduled to be delivered between mid- 2009 and mid - 2010. The ship builder said each ship would be equipped with the world's largest 98,000bhp marine engines and could sail at 24.7 knots. The ships will be 363 m long, 45.6 wide and 29.7 m in depth.

To discuss and address various issues and concerns of its users, India Gateway Terminal and Cochin Port Trust jointly held an interactive session in Bangalore on the 7 July 2006. The participants included exporters, importers, Container Corporation of India, clearing agents, steamer agents, freight forwarders etc. The session focused on the significant changes that have taken place in the terminal operations and work practices over the past year at the Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal.

Mr N. Ramachandran, chairman, Cochin Port Trust, addressed the gathering and highlighted the significant development on the anvil at the Cochin Port. The International Container Transshipment Terminal, LNG Terminal, ship repair facility, bunkering terminal and the international cruise terminal were some of the topics that he spoke about. The chairman also gave an overview of the existing facilities at the port. Traffic dealt with and the efforts taken by the Cochin Port Trust to reduce transaction cost to its customers by increasing efficiency and reducing hidden costs.

In his address Mr Suresh Joseph, General Manager, India Gateway Terminal talked about the qualitative changes that have been brought about the man-machine-method equation at the terminal to benefit the trade

and shipping fraternity. He also highlighted the introduction of the fixed day train service between ICD Bangalore and Cochin Port. With the cooperation of the trade and CONCOR, this connectivity can be increased to a bi-weekly service immediately.

Emphasizing the importance of the growing EXIM business in Bangalore, Mr Elvis D'cruz Commercial Manager, India Gateway Terminal, also talked about the need for agencies like shipping line, freight forwarders, clearing agents including India Gateway Terminal to work in tandem for efficient cost effective solution for the customer to choose Cochin as their preferred Gateway.



India Gateway Terminal is leaving no stone unturned in its efforts—the Green Channel facility at the Walayar Check Post, Traffic Management at the terminal and the one window export documentation center at Willingdon Island have resulted in faster clearance of

export containers through Cochin Port. These have been widely appreciated by the trade.

Thanking the trade for participating in the meet Mr Frank Carter, Terminal Manager, India Gateway Terminal, assured them all efforts will be taken to eliminate bottlenecks in the system and work towards making the Rajiv Gandhi Container terminal in Cochin the most customer friendly.

Sparkling Milestones

DP World continues its excellent Vessel Operation performance in Cochin. Here are the facts and figures of 3rd quarter of 2006. These are world class performances, by any standards...

Maximum moves in a day	- 1173 (September 18)
Maximum import in a month	- 12052 TEUs (August)
Maximum export in a month	- 10414 TEUs (August)
Maximum throughput in a month	- 22488 TEUs (August)
Maximum throughput of Trucks of RGCT in a day	- 1595 on August 25
Maximum throughput of Trucks of RGCT in a month	- 29270 (August)
Maximum throughput of Trucks at pre-stage in a month	- 5787 in August
Maximum productivity of MHC in a shift	- 148 on September 18
Maximum TEUs in a vessel	- 1550 - OEL Express on Aug. 21
Largest vessel of RGCT	- Ville De Mars/CMA CGM/243 mtrs.

(Data upto 22-9-2006)