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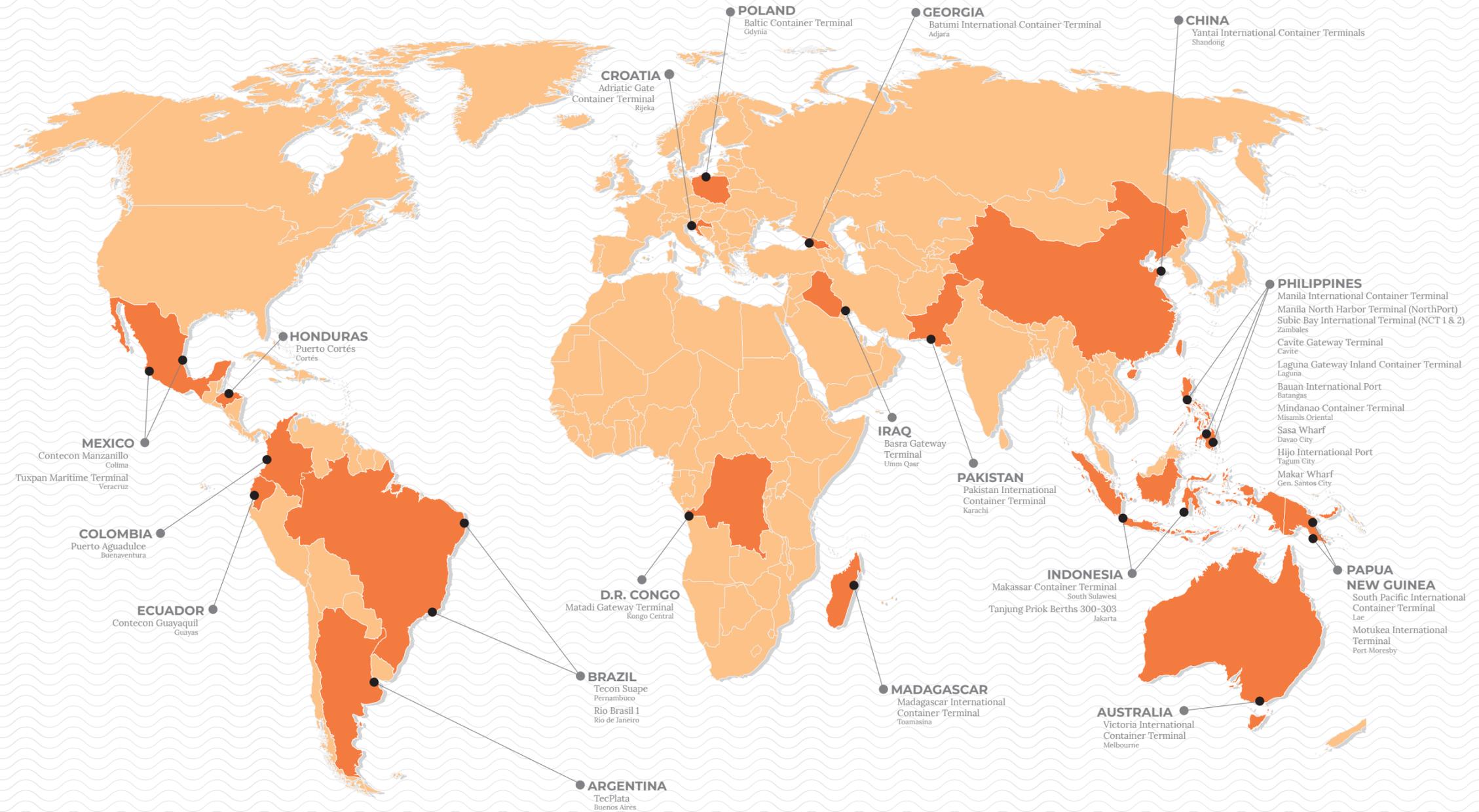
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BCT ended 2019 with its 500,000th-TEU milestone.



Victoria International Container Terminal, ICTSI's subsidiary in Melbourne, Australia.

Cover Story

BCT reaches milestone 500,000th-TEU move

Baltic Container Terminal capped 2019 with a milestone after reaching its 500,000-TEU move last 21 December.

The milestone, which coincided with BCT's 40th anniversary, was marked by the loading of the milestone container to MSC Veronique.

"As a gateway terminal serving the Polish economy, we are extremely pleased with this achievement. Aside from hitting our targets, the new record highlights BCT's capability to

continuously outpace market growth, as well as our readiness to serve the vibrant Polish economy and the Eastern European markets," said Wojciech Szymulewicz, BCT Chief Executive Officer.

Strategically located within the Baltic-Adriatic corridor, BCT has a current annual capacity of up to one million TEUs complemented by the robust road and rail connectivity with Europe's hinterlands.

The Port of Gdynia Authority and the Center for European Union Transport Projects recently signed a contract for the reconstruction and electrification of the port's rail access as part of the continuing efforts to further improve the Port of Gdynia's operation at a cost of PLN70 million.

Mr. Szymulewicz adds: "We continue to work hand-in-hand with our customers to improve the efficiency of our operations and processes—and inevitably the customer experience."

Making the List

VICT cited for excellence in port management

Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) at the Port of Melbourne was cited by Lloyd's List for excellence in port management and infrastructure at the Asia Pacific Awards 2019.

VICT was cited for investing heavily in Australia's first fully automated container terminal and increasing its capacity by more than one million TEUs in a span of two years. The award also highlighted the Company's commitment to further improve the safety, consistency, predictability and efficiency of its operations.

"ICTSI has taken this project from vision, through development and

implementation, positioning VICT as one of the most advanced container terminals in the world. We are extremely pleased by this Lloyd's List award. Our efforts to deliver a product on the world stage that is truly sophisticated, and the best of its kind and this is being recognized," said Andrew Dawes, ICTSI Senior Vice President and Asia Pacific Regional Head.

VICT bested four other terminals in the regional tilt, considered as the Oscars of Asia's shipping industry.

Since the start of operations in 2017, VICT has been at the forefront of innovation and technology—being the

world's first fully automated container terminal—and positively impacting Melbourne's import and export markets. Unrestricted by the West Gate Bridge and the Swanson turning basin, VICT is the lone terminal in Melbourne that can accommodate the largest boxships.

As larger vessels cascade to Australia, VICT has welcomed new services like the AAXI/AU1/COBRA/SEA Southeast Asia Services operated by Hapag-Lloyd, ANL, Maersk, and ONE. These services utilize up to 9,500-TEU ships.

Making the List

PICT among Pakistan's top 25 PLCs

BY ARIF RAZA

Pakistan International Container Terminal Limited (PICT) has been named among the Top 25 publicly listed companies in Pakistan, a distinction it now holds for the fifth time.

The citation highlights PICT's sound corporate governance practices, which are key to the Company's continuous effort to further strengthen ties with its valued clientele.

Andrew Dawes, ICTSI Senior Vice President and Asia Pacific Head,

and PICT Chairman of the Board, said: "This award is recognition of our diligence and commitment to PICT's success, which contributes to our role in global trade and global competitiveness of our industry. Our strong partnership with our customers and stakeholders is one of the key elements that helped us earn this recognition."

He adds: "Earning this accolade for the fifth time gives us great pride and further motivates us to grow

responsibly with our stakeholders as our priority. As the country's gateway for international trade, we look to positively contribute to Pakistan's economy and set the industry standard for sustainability."

His Excellency, Prime Minister Imran Khan, graced the awarding ceremony at the Governor House in Karachi. He acknowledged the top companies for implementing industry best practices and making valuable contributions to sustainable economic growth.



One of Pakistan's top 25 publicly listed companies. Khurram Aziz Khan (right), with Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs, during the Pakistan Stocks Exchange Awarding Ceremony held last 27 December.



Berth shot at the Manila International Container Terminal, ICTSI's flagship operations.

Making the List

ICTSI bags top ASEAN logistics plum for 2nd consecutive year

For the second straight year, International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) was recognized for its outstanding performance and for promoting greater regional inclusivity within the ASEAN logistics sector.

The ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC), the lead private sector initiative towards economic inclusivity in the region, awarded ICTSI the coveted Priority Integration Sector Award for Logistics at the 2019 ASEAN Business Awards held in Thailand. ICTSI first won the award in 2018

when Singapore led the rotating chairmanship of the regional bloc.

Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI Global Corporate Head, welcomed the latest citation as an affirmation of the Company's efforts: "Beyond profitability, ICTSI recognizes the complex role ports play in the region's economic development and prosperity of the communities within which our ports operate. We are inspired by this sophomore win to empower more sectors and communities with high-performing ports that are supportive

of supply chain improvement and economic growth."

Similarly in 2014, ICTSI led Philippine companies in the ABA as the country's contender for Best in Corporate Excellence when the annual tilt was held in Naypyitaw, Myanmar.

The ASEAN Business Awards (ABA) recognizes outstanding businesses in the region that exhibit significant progress in establishing and reinforcing their positions in various sectors and have become partners and contributors to regional prosperity.



ICTSI Cares

ICTSI Foundation continues holiday gift-giving tradition

BY JOY LAPUZ

It has been a tradition for the ICTSI Foundation to hold special outreach activities during the holiday season. December is all about spreading holiday cheer across ICTSI's host communities, as well as institutions that care for children, indigents, and the elderly.

These were the beneficiaries of the Foundation's outreach mission for the 2019 holiday season:

- Manila: 870 children attending the day care centers across Parola
- Bauan, Batangas: 50 indigent senior citizens of Brgy San Andres I and 200 indigent senior citizens in Brgy. San Roque

- Olongapo City: 30 abandoned elderly and 8 adults under the care of the Missionaries of Charity
- Calamba City: 27 abandoned children under the care of Calamba Children Shelter of Hope
- Cagayan de Oro: 54 patients of Hope Foundation Inc.
- Davao City: 75 families from the Matigsalog Tribe in Pangyan
- General Santos City: 120 T'boli students at Pedro Cabaes Elementary School

In Manila, 490 children under the care of Silungan ng Pag-Asa, Bukas Palad Foundation of the Philippines, Inc.,

Kanlungan sa ER-MA Ministry, Inc., Missionaries of the Port – Manila, and Sigla Tala Children and Youth Center, received the gifts that they wanted for Christmas through the Christmas Wish Tree Program.

One of the Foundation's most anticipated activities, the Christmas Wish Tree Program lets children beneficiaries write their wishes on star-shaped paper, which are then hung to Christmas trees at the Manila International Container Terminal for employees to pick. Most of the employees meet their children beneficiaries to personally hand over their gifts. The Christmas Wish Tree Program is now on its fifth year.



Making the List

ICTSI legal team among PH's best

International Container Terminal Services, Inc.'s (ICTSI) Global Corporate Legal Affairs Department was recently named by the *Asian Legal Business (ALB)* magazine as one of the finalists for the Philippine In-House Team of the Year, Transportation and Logistics In-House Team of the Year, and Innovative In-House Team of the Year categories during the annual Philippine Law Awards.

Atty. Lirene Mora-Suarez, ICTSI Asia Pacific Regional Legal Manager (center), was named Woman Lawyer of the Year, and was among the top five finalists for Young Lawyer of the Year award.

Now on its fourth year, the ALB Annual Philippine Law Awards recognizes the outstanding achievements and performance of the country's

leading private law practitioners, law firms, and in-house legal teams that have significantly contributed to the evolving legal landscape. ALB, which is owned by Thomson Reuters, provides regular legal updates and ranking tables for firms and individual practitioners in Asia.



ICTSI Cares

CMSA receives *The Generosity Flame*

BY MARTA MAGAÑA

Contecon Manzanillo (CMSA) takes pride in its efforts to help the community of Manzanillo. Last December, the Private Assistance Board of the State of Colima honored CMSA with the 2019 *Flame of Generosity (La Flama de la Generosidad)*—a state-level distinction given to individuals, institutions, and companies in recognition of their volunteer work and effort towards helping the most vulnerable sectors of society. Fortino Landeros (far right), CMSA Chief Executive Officer, personally received the award on behalf of the Company during the ceremony presided by His Excellency José Ignacio Peralta Sánchez, Colima Governor.



Level Up

CMSA upholds workplace safety, employee growth

BY MARTA MAGAÑA

As part of a global Company that upholds international standards on safety and workforce development, Contecon Manzanillo (CMSA) continuously improves its internal programs designed to provide employees with a work environment that's safe and conducive to professional growth.

CMSA's Emergency Brigade, which comprises employee volunteers from different departments, recently held a training on the proper handling of spillage of dangerous chemical

substances. The exercise empowered the brigade to properly respond to such incidents while fostering teamwork and division of activities—which are key to mounting the appropriate and immediate response.

With the recent arrival of five RTGs, the Operations, Human Management, and Security and Maintenance departments of CMSA held a meeting to discuss ways to further strengthen interdepartmental collaboration and maximize the new technologies that come with the new equipment.

During the meeting, department representatives exchanged ideas on how to develop the skills of CMSA's 23 RTG operators, improve equipment management, and maximize the efficiency and safety of their operation through practice.

CMSA always aims for the highest level of workplace safety and professional growth among its employees—all possible through teamwork, which strengthens everyone's abilities and learning.

Green Port

CGSA earns “Green Point” environmental certification

BY KATTY OSSA BIANCHI

For the third consecutive year, Contecon Guayaquil S.A. (CGSA) earned the “Green Point” Environmental Certification issued by the Ecuadorian Ministry of Environment.

The audit, conducted by Ceres Ecuador, confirmed and highlighted CGSA’s use of technology to implement processes that contribute

to more environmental-friendly port operations, namely: (1) the electrification of RTGs and use of fixed plugs to power reefer containers, resulting in reduced diesel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions; (2) switch to LED luminaires from sodium vapor bulbs, lowering the terminal’s electricity

consumption; and (3) reduction of special wastes generated by the retreading of disused tires.

These important actions also helped CGSA earn the ISO 14064 international certification for carbon neutrality in September 2019. CGSA is the first port in Ecuador and Latin America to achieve this certification.

Spotlight

BGT highlights Umm Qasr at IBBC Dubai confab

BY SHEEBA KHAN

Basra Gateway Terminal (BGT) took part in the Iraq British Business Council (IBBC) Autumn Conference held in Dubai on 8th December.

The IBBC Conference supports the development of Iraq’s economy by bringing business and government entities together, particularly key sectors like water, information technology, transport and logistics, energy and technology, and education.

Phillip Marsham, BGT Chief Executive Officer and one of the event’s key speakers, delivered a presentation about the transport and logistics sector in Iraq. He pointed out key opportunities available to importers and exporters for using Umm Qasr to move their trade, including the port’s accessibility to the largest boxships via BGT’s two newly built deep-water berths. Mr. Marsham also talked about the importance of building the



Phillip Marsham, BGT CEO, was among the key speakers at the 2019 IBBC Conference in Dubai.

necessary port capacity for the future, highlighting BGT’s improved service capability and increased productivity.

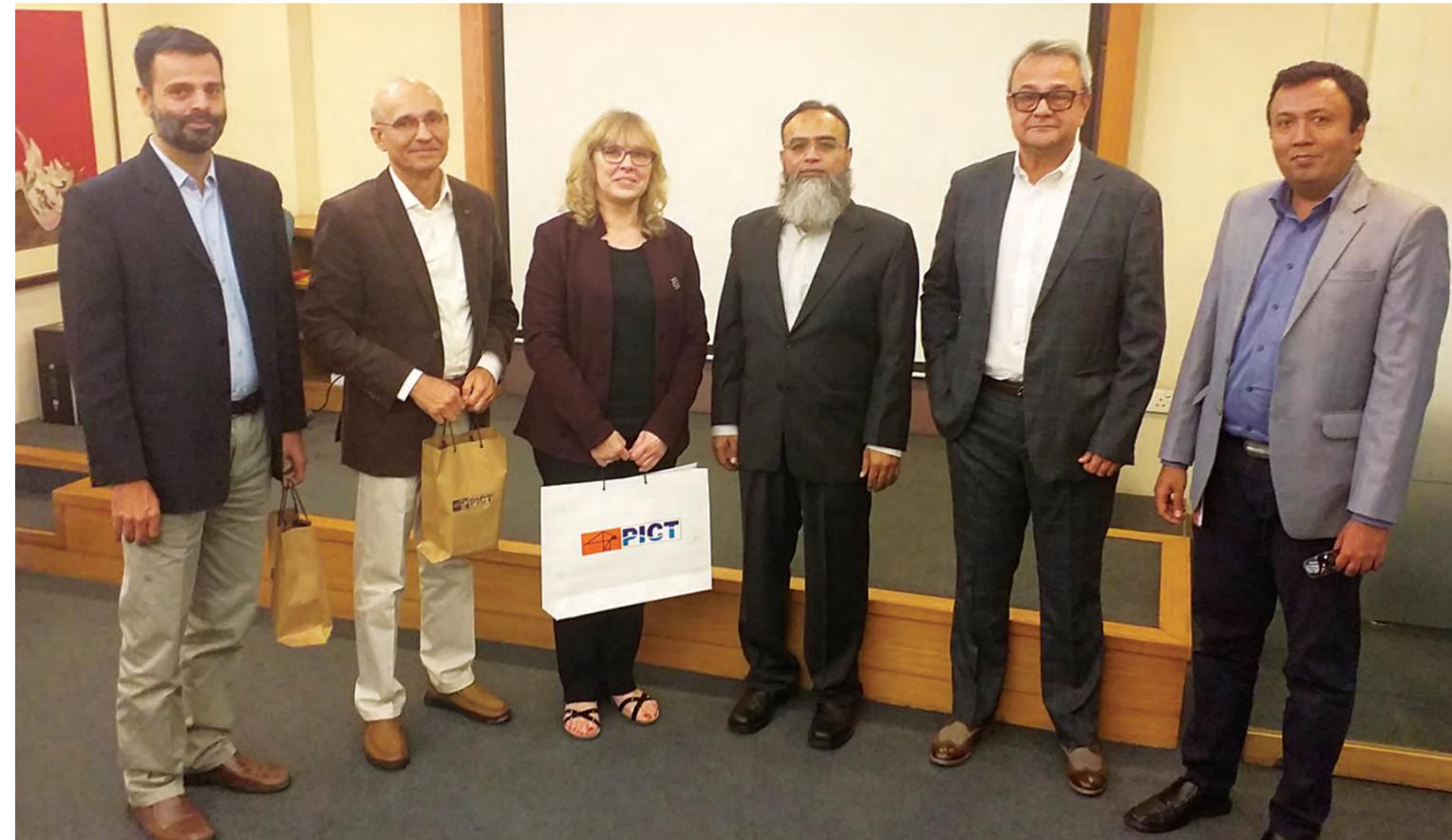
The IBBC is a powerful network of some of the most important global

corporations as well as key Iraqi and British companies and trade chambers. It enjoys the highest level of support from governments and the European Union.

Port Safety

European HSE expert shares transport safety insights with PICT

BY ARIF RAZA



Sabine Schultes (third from left), CEFIC Logistics & Transport Risk Management Group Chairperson, with members of PICT’s core team

Pakistan International Container Terminal (PICT) recently hosted Sabine Schultes, European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) Logistics & Transport Risk Management Group Chairperson, who delivered an interactive talk about transportation safety.

Ms. Schultes shared the latest trends in transportation safety and port operations, including a brief discussion on the handling of

hazardous materials. The event was attended by PICT’s core team.

“Our initiative to invite a European-certified safety and risk assessment expert is part of the Company’s continuing effort to upskill our core team and raise the bar on workplace safety through the adoption of the latest industry standards and best practices,” said Khurram Aziz Khan, PICT Chief Executive Officer.

“Workplace safety will always be a top priority in our Organization, especially while handling dangerous goods and hazardous cargo. We have set up the necessary mechanisms that will help us achieve our 2020 goal of zero Lost Time Injury (LTI) and further improve the sustainability of our operations,” he adds.



Spotlight

OPC heads symposium on modernization, opportunities for El Salvador

BY EVELYN LEIVA

Last November, Operadora Portuaria Centroamericana (OPC), with the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of El Salvador, held the symposium titled “Puerto Cortés Six Years after the Concession: Opportunities for El Salvador as a

Product of the Modernization of the Port Infrastructure,” to identify the points of convergence between the logistics needs of the production sectors and the competitive opportunities offered by OPC for cargo movement within the CA-4.

The event was attended by Honduran and El Salvadorian authorities, importers, exporters, and other stakeholders of both countries’ supply chain.

ICTSI Cares

MICT Engineering holds fundraiser for children with microcephaly

BY SPARKLE VALDEZ

The Engineering Department of the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) organized a fundraiser last December for the benefit of children suffering from microcephaly, a congenital disorder wherein a baby’s head is smaller than normal. The raffle-for-a-cause, held during the department’s Christmas party last December, sold 2,105 tickets and raised a total of PhP45,580. Photo shows Thomas Goodwin (center), MICT Director of Engineering, handing the proceeds of the fundraiser to Filipina Laurena, ICTSI Foundation Deputy Executive Officer, last 3 January.



ICTSI Cares

BGT launches scholarship program

BY SHEEBA KHAN

Basra Gateway Terminal (BGT) recently launched an academic scholarship program that aims to help the next generation get access to quality education.

A part of the Company’s corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the program grants deserving students the opportunity to pursue their educational goals and develop skills that are beneficial to society. All applicants are evaluated based on their academic record, in conjunction with the standards set by the Umm Qasr School City Council.

“Our CSR efforts are designed for members of the community where our business is located. This program in particular allows us to provide promising individuals with the necessary assistance and opportunity for them to hone their talents and serve society,” explained Phillip Marsham, BGT Chief Executive Officer.



This year’s successful applicant (right) is pursuing her master’s degree at the University of Basra

Ship Ahoy

Puerto Aguadulce starts 2020 with its largest vessel call



The APL *Esplanade* in Puerto Aguadulce

Puerto Aguadulce started the year on a high note by servicing the 13,892-TEU APL *Esplanade*—currently the largest boxship to call a Colombian port. The operational milestone cements the status of Buenaventura as a strategic port city for Colombia and its foreign trade.

The call, which links Asia and Latin America, highlights the importance, capacity, and competitiveness of the Port of Buenaventura, located strategically close to Colombia's major urban areas like Bogotá, Medellín, and Cali.

“The shipping companies continue to build larger and larger capacity vessels. For Puerto Aguadulce, receiving this type of vessel is an honor and a great responsibility. We work continuously under our vision of being a strategic ally of the Colombian economy,” said Miguel Abisambra, Puerto Aguadulce General Manager.



Miguel Abisambra (fifth from left), leads the plaque presentation ceremony together with the APL *Esplanade* vessel master and shipping line officials.

“At the end of last year, we received the second largest capacity container vessel to dock in the country. These calls confirm that Puerto Aguadulce is a terminal with global service standards, technology, infrastructure, and security,” he adds.

APL *Esplanade* sails under the CMA CGM group's Asia Central South America (ACSA1) service, which links East Asia with Central and South America. CMA CGM operates more than 200 sea routes between 400 ports in 150 countries.