

## Closing Remarks by Secretariat China

### At the 2nd China Malaysia Port Alliance Annual Meeting

Dear Secretary-General Datuk Tan Sri Saripuddin, Chairman Tan Sri Datuk Kong Cho Ha, Deputy Director Liu Peng, guests, and ladies and gentlemen:

Good morning!

The 2nd China Malaysia Port Alliance Annual Meeting has completed the scheduled agenda and is coming to an end. Here, on behalf of the China Port Association, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations on the successful conclusion of this meeting and express my heartfelt thanks for the positive achievements as a result of the mutual cooperation of both parties of the China-Malaysia Port Alliance.

At this meeting, with "port interconnection to increase cooperation" as the theme, Mr. Liow Tiong Lai, the Minister of the Malaysian Ministry of Transport delivered the opening speech; Mr. Liu Peng, the Deputy Director of the Water Transport Bureau of the Ministry of Transport of China, and Mr. Datuk Tan Sri Saripuddin, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia delivered warm speeches respectively. The representatives of both parties made keynote speeches, and warm exchanges with all participating delegates. We have had more extensive discussions on the importance of strengthening the cooperation and development of port cooperation between the two countries and how to work together to improve the plans of the China-Malaysia Port Alliance. At this meeting, we have also absorbed new members- the China's Tianjin Port Group Co., Ltd., Malaysia's 's Kemaman Port Authority, Sabah Port Authority, and Kuching Port Authority. Our Alliance team members are growing steadily.

At the meeting, the representatives of both parties of the China-Malaysia Port Alliance have signed the "Minutes of the 2nd China Malaysia Port Alliance Annual Meeting ", and have defined important matters agreed at the meeting and laid a good foundation for subsequent orderly conduct of the alliance work.

Currently, the strategic position of the port and the port's important role in the country's economic development have become increasingly prominent. The ports of both countries are facing common development opportunities and challenges, port interconnection, increasing cooperation, and working hand in hand to create a new prospect in the development of China and Malaysia ports, will always be the themes of our cooperation and development. We sincerely hope that both parties will make great efforts to jointly implement the important achievements of this meeting:

Firstly, both parties are to strengthen cooperation, carry out special research and exchange for issues of common concern, and to run the annual meetings of the China-Malaysia Port Alliance successfully. Secondly, we should further strengthen port interconnection, promote complementary advantages of shipping enterprises and joint venture bilateral cooperation, open routes between the ports of both countries to ensure effective and smooth bilateral maritime trade, and to promote mutual investment in the construction and operation of port operations, enhancing bilateral sea interconnection capacity in order to further promote cooperation projects such as the "two double-park ", etc. Thirdly, through various forms, we want to establish a more comprehensive information exchange and sharing mechanism, to ensure effective information exchange, to compile the quarterly publication on "China-Malaysia Port Alliance Information Exchange", to jointly run the China-Malaysia Port Alliance website (<https://cmpa.asia/>), and to explore the establishment of the port logistics information service network. Fourthly, we should collaborate to deal with the development of new opportunities and challenges in port shipping, and actively carry out such work as the training of personnel, technical exchanges, etc.

We firmly believe that when both China and Malaysia ports work together, we will create a better future for the development of China and Malaysia ports, and we will become a model for friendly cooperation between ports in the construction of "the Belt and Road."

Lastly, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Klang Port Authority for the large amount of work done at this meeting. We welcome delegates to meet again in China next year!

Thank you!