

China-Malaysia Port Alliance 2nd Quarter Report (Oct-Dec 2016)

The 2nd China-Malaysia Port Alliance (CMPA) Secretariat Meeting was held in Shanghai on December 7, 2016. Chen Yingming, Executive Vice President China Port Harbor Association (CPHA), Tan Sri Kong Cho Ha, Chairman Port Klang Authority Klang, Tan Pang Yoong, Port Authority Special Assistant to Chairman Port Klang Authority, Vijayaindaran, Senior Manager Planning and Development, Port Klang Authority, Koh Chian Cheat, Senior Officer (Corporate Communications), Ding Li, Deputy Secretary-General of CPHA and other representatives attended the meeting.

Based on the 1st China-Malaysia Port Alliance Meeting on the 13th July 2016 it is decided that the CMPA meetings will be held on an annual basis and for the Secretariat meeting to be held twice a year with the venues alternating between both countries.

According to the "Executive Summary" signed by both parties at the first meeting of CMPA, both parties agreed to further implement relevant action plans to strengthen the communication and cooperation between ports of China and Malaysia. In order to ensure that the objectives of the Alliance was realised both sides have agreed to cooperate in port research, staff training, information exchange and sharing, technical assistance and port promotion.

Few aspects/areas have been achieved after the hard works of both side secretariats. The meeting focused on the planning of next year and both secretariats have reached the following consensus:

1. To further strengthen the exchange/sharing of information.

- i. Both parties have reported the progress of information sharing through common website to ease the communication, collaboration and information sharing among all the members. Both secretariat will standardize the contents to be shared among all members by January 2017. Among the agreed contents to be shared are the background of every members, activities and statistics information.
- ii. All the information must be in bilingual and the statistics information must be updated monthly.
- iii. It was agreed also a monthly e-bulletin in bilingual to be published by the cooperation and discussion by both parties. This bulletin will be compiling all the statistics and activities information

2. Updating Responsibility

It was agreed that both secretariats will update each other periodically on the activities being carried out. Malaysian Secretariat has proposed a report on a quarterly basis to be submitted to the CMPA secretariat.

3. Trainings and Programmes

- i. Due to the long and tedious process as well as difficulties in obtaining visa for Chinese participants from China to travel to Malaysia, it is mutually agreed by both parties that it would be easier and convenient to get the training programmes to be conducted in China.
- ii. CPHA has spoken to the Maritime University of China on providing training courses to the Malaysia delegates as per Malaysia delegates' requirements. CPHA will convey the interested topics requested by Malaysia delegates to the University.
- iii. The meeting was being informed that, recently Guangzhou Port has rescheduled their training course which supposed to be held in December 2016 due to unforeseen circumstances.
- iv. It was decided beside from the formal training courses, technical discussion visit could be arranged from time to time where required. The topics may cover logistics, management, investment, safety, green port and smart port.
- v. CPHA informed that they will be organizing study visit to Malaysia for the entrepreneurs and shippers who are interested to visit Malaysian Ports.

4. New Port Alliance Member

It was agreed that Tianjin Port and Kemaman Port will officially become Port Alliance members after the 2nd CMPA annual meeting and they are allowed to join all the activities organized by CMPA prior to that.

As decided in the 1st China-Malaysia Port Alliance meeting, the CMPA meeting will be held on annual basis. It was proposed by Malaysia secretariat, the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the FIATA 2017 which is scheduled on the 4th - 8th October 2017, at Malaysia. A slot will be allocated for CMPA during FIATA 2017.

During that period, the members could visit each other to further explore cooperation opportunities. It was also proposed that the secretariat meeting could be held at the same time.

Malaysia secretariat will further discuss this matter with the FIATA 2017 organizer and both parties will further discuss on the suitable date so it would not clash with People Republic of China's National Day long holiday.

Malaysian Port Alliance Projects

1. Project 1: E-Port Community Exchange platform to share information database

This Project will be led by Port Kelang Authority (PKA). Its objective is to create a common platform that integrates and connect Malaysian Ports with China Ports as well as the logistic players from both countries creating an integrated and efficient network between all parties.

As to date, phase 2 of the Project has been running smoothly according to the timeline as to initiate and establish a dedicated website for China - Malaysia Port Alliance connecting 11 member ports from China and 6 member ports from Malaysia.

The objective of the this dedicated website is to link all member ports to share information on a periodic basis which include statistics, events, forums, exhibitions, news, latest developments, organization chart, articles and etc.

The website also shall provide a column for interactive dialog among member ports from both China and Malaysia. The administrator for the website will be Port Kelang Authority as Malaysian Secretariat and Ports and Harbour Association of China as China Secretariat.

2. Project 2: Human Resource Training and Development programs for Port Personnel

Malaysian Ports wishes to learn on how to enhance the supply of ancillary services to support Shipping line. i.e. bunkering, ship handling, ships spare, and fresh water. It is requested that China member ports to offer trainings and expertise to guide Malaysian ports. Official request on this will be sent to China ports Secretariat by January 2017.

3. Project 3: Best practices in ports and logistics industry

Malaysia Port Alliance secretariat will forward the 1st best practices on 'Container Deposit Collection' to China Secretariat for views and comments from China Member Ports by 31st December 2016.

Once the best practice is accepted, it will be endorsed in the CMPA Meeting in 2017.

4. Project 4: Mutual promotion efforts to support ports in both country

Malaysian Ports wishes that CMPA to participate actively in Port promotion activity in both countries. It has been identified that the below promotion event is of interest to Malaysian Ports:

- i. Intermodal Asia 2017 which is schedule to be held in Shanghai in March 2017.
- ii. Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) 2017 which is schedule to be held in March 2017.
- iii. The 13th China ASEAN Expo to be held in Naning in September 2017

Malaysia Port Alliance secretariat will forward the details of the proposed port promotion programme from Malaysia upon obtaining event information from MIDA, MITI and MATRADE by 31st December 2016.

5. Project 5: Port terminal investment, operations, and development

To initiate a joint study on green technology – 'A road map towards a sustainable green environment in ports'

This study is to ascertain the current status of Malaysian Ports as compared to China Ports as well as other international top Ports and to bridge the gap in adapting to green technology in ports.

The outcome of the study shall benefit both Malaysia and China ports and would enable respective ports to draw the road map towards full adaption of green technology.

Conclusion

Malaysian Secretariat will disseminate this Quarter Report and minutes of the meeting to all members of CMPA and also to the Ministry of Transport Malaysia. The secretariat will be in contact with all relevant parties at Malaysia side to ensure all initiative that has been agreed to be implemented and will work together to bring ports and logistics sector in both countries to greater heights.