

Kuantan Port expansion is a vital part of ECRL 'land bridge', says Dr Wee



KUANTAN: The expansion of the Kuantan Port in Gebeng here is vital as it will form part of the upcoming East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) "land bridge", says Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong.

He said Kuantan was a very important city in the east coast with many business and industrial activities located here.

"Once the ECRL is completed, it will form a land bridge connecting Port Klang to Kuantan Port.

"As Kuantan faces the South China Sea, this is very important if we want to shorten the travel time to Korea, Japan and China. There will be no need to go through the Straits of Malacca and around the peninsula," Dr Wee said after his visit to Kuantan Port on Sunday (Jan 16).

He said cargo handling at the port had shown encouraging growth before the pandemic although it dropped by 16.2% with 22.9 million tonnes handled last year.

"This is compared to 2020 which had 27.3 million tonnes in cargo handled. But when we look at the growth in 2019, it showed an increase of 4.5%.