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### Singapore Port Authority to focus on digitalization

Over the next three years, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) will focus on digitalisation to help companies innovate and improve productivity. The Singapore Maritime Institute (SMI) will also present the Singapore Maritime R&D Roadmap 2030 to optimise R&D efforts and resources for greater value co-creation within the maritime industry. These were announced by Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Health, at the 4th Singapore Maritime Technology Conference (SMTC) last week, informed a release.

Ms Quah Ley Hoon, Chief Executive of MPA, said, "Innovation and digitalisation are key areas for Maritime Singapore to sharpen our competitive edge. We recognise that some companies need help to kick-start their digitalisation journey. With this in mind, we have formed the Circle of Digital InnOvators (CDO) network to champion the adoption of technology and innovation. We will also roll out the Sea Transport Industry Digital Plan to help SMEs in their digitalisation journey. We hope that through such efforts, we can bring the maritime sector to a new level."

### APM Terminals launches Gothenburg Gateway

APM Terminals Gothenburg launched The Gothenburg Gateway last week. This will ensure that a container placed on a freight train anywhere in Sweden is loaded onto a large ocean-going vessel within 48 hours, and will shave up at least a week off the transit time to Shanghai.

APM Terminals Gothenburg's goal is for all parts of the country to have the same fast access to the world market. The Gothenburg Gateway, a new concept in Swedish logistics, combines:

- \* Fast, efficient freight trains from all over Sweden to Gothenburg
- \* An efficient container port that loads between trains and ships
- \* More ocean-going vessels calling Gothenburg.

APM Terminals has worked hard to increase efficiency and digitisation to enable faster handling of goods. "Via The Gothenburg Gateway it should take a maximum of 24 hours to reach Gothenburg by freight train, and a maximum of 48 hours in total to place a container on an ocean-going vessel,"

## Port of Le Havre posts good financial results for 2018

The Supervisory Board of the Port of Le Havre (part of HAROPA), which met recently, has welcomed the good financial results for 2018, which it said demonstrates a significant improvement in the port's situation and the restoration of its internal financing capacity. The balance sheet allows the port to carry out its ambitious investment programme agreed in 2018 and to consolidate its development as part of an integrated complex all along the Seine corridor, emphasised a release.

"As Chair of the Supervisory Board, I am pleased with the results achieved both in terms of traffic and financial matters; I should like to congratulate and thank all the teams for the work done, especially Hervé Martel and Baptiste Maurand. The good figures mean we can "make it", that is to say, continue the operations undertaken in recent years and initiate new ones. Our port is in good health today and ready to meet the challenges to ensure our development,

## Chinese govt to cap coal imports in 2019 to help domestic producers

In a bid to safeguard the interests of domestic producers, the Chinese government plans to cap coal imports this year at 281.23 million tonnes, equal to the 2018 quantity, including for thermal coal, coking coal and anthracite, according to multiple reports.

It may be recalled that the shipments from top supplier Australia had already slowed sharply because of lengthy checks at Customs. In fact, China barely allowed any coal imports in December last year, delaying Customs clearances in an effort to meet a 2018 import quota restricting shipments to 2017 levels.

Rising domestic coal prices have pressured profit margins at Chinese coal-fired utilities, industry executives said at the Coaltrans conference in Shanghai last week,

## Four leading companies officially establish Digital Container Shipping Association

After gaining regulatory approval from the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) last month, four container shipping companies—**MSC, A.P. Moller-Maersk, Hapag-Lloyd and Ocean Network Express (ONE)**—officially established the Digital Container Shipping Association (DCSA) on April 10, 2019 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The aim is to create common information technology standards to make the industry more efficient for both customers and shipping lines.

The plan to create a neutral, non-profit association for ocean carriers was first announced in November 2018. The association, focusing on driving standardisation, digitalisation and interoperability in container shipping, is now starting operations with a leadership team made up of senior industry figures, including Mr Thomas Bagge from A.P. Moller-Maersk who has been appointed CEO and Statutory Director of the DCSA

"For the first time in twenty years, the container shipping industry has come together with a common goal to move the industry into the digital era. With the regulatory approval in place, we look forward for the association to take up work and to begin to collaborate with multiple stakeholders from the entire value chain," says Mr André Simha, Chief Information Officer of Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of DCSA.

# Humor

