



Great Place To work - Transworld Group ranked 35th among the top 50 across the Middle East

Transworld Group has been ranked 35th among the Top 50 organisations across the Middle East. The certification and ranking has been given taking into account the workplace culture, the scores of "Trust index"- the direct survey from the staff, and the evaluation of our Policies and procedures. Ramesh S. Ramakrishnan, Chairman, Transworld Group congratulated the Transworld Family and mentioned that this prestigious certification is a testament and reflection of our values, positive workplace atmosphere & culture demonstrated by each and every Transworld-ite. It's our continuous endeavor to build an engaging workplace which inspires creativity, passion and propels successes. In these trying times, the credit goes to staff, who managed to build a trusted, happy and innovative workplace. Ibrahim Mougharbel, Managing Director, Great Place To Work® UAE said: "We are very proud to be launching for the first time in the region the top 50 Middle East Best Workplaces, and in line with our 2020 strategy of recognizing organizations across the region that sustain a high trust, high performing culture for employees; our objective remains to evolve the work culture in the Middle East countries and the GCC by offering insights to leaders in order to make data-driven people decisions."

Boosting Waterways: India Maritime Vision 2030 likely by October

The shipping ministry is likely to firm up its Maritime Vision for 2030 as it looks to boost waterways, give a fillip to the shipbuilding industry and encourage cruise tourism in the country. The document, which could be ready as early as October this year, is set to supersede the Sagarmala initiative. The aim of the exercise is to ultimately reduce the logistics cost in the country, a senior official told. "We have been working on this exercise... With 2020 getting over, we will have a new vision for the sector going forward," the official said, asking not to be identified. Among other areas being worked upon, the ministry wants to make port charges competitive, have a single tariff structure for all ports, and bring in the landlord model for all ports, which will see ports being operated by private players. The Major Ports Authority bill in this regard has been introduced in the Parliament. The ministry is also looking at utilization of port land for industrialisation with focus on 'Dedicated Cargo for Port, Investment and Employment'. A new township policy for ports will also be introduced.

Hamburg port to welcome world's largest containership HMM Hamburg

Another of HMM's series of 24,000 teu mega containership is set to call at Germany's HHLA Container Terminal Burchardkai in Hamburg port on 3 September. The HMM Hamburg, the so-called megamax-24 class, is one of HMM's 12 new giant boxships that are being delivered since April. "We are extremely pleased to be able to welcome the HMM Hamburg to our port for the first time. All members of the HMM branch in Hamburg, which has been in existence for almost 30 years, are particularly proud of this first call. This naming manifests the special relationship between South Korea and the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg," said James Kim, managing director of HMM (Germany). Port of Hamburg is connected to South Korea via eight liner services - three container services and five multi-purpose services. Last year, 255,000 teu were transported between the Hanseatic city and the South Korean ports of Busan and Masan. The HMM Hamburg is deployed on THE Alliance's FE-3 service between Asia and Europe and will be calling at Hamburg four times a year. The shipping alliance THE Alliance comprises shipping companies Hapag-Lloyd, Ocean Network Express (ONE), Yang Ming and HMM.

India to launch new cargo ferry service to Maldives in September

India will launch a new cargo ferry service to the Maldives, which will link Kochi and Tuticorin with Male, in the third week of September to further bolster bilateral trade relations. A vessel operated by the Shipping Corporation of India, capable of carrying 200 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) or containers and 3,000 tonnes of general cargo, will be used for the service, the Indian high commission in the Maldives said in a tweet. The turnaround time for the cargo ferry service will be 10 days, the high commission said. "Sea-connectivity for prosperity! A direct 'Cargo Ferry Service' connecting #Kochi/#Tuticorin with #Malé will be flagged off [from India] in the 3rd week of Sep," the mission tweeted, adding the service will fulfil a commitment made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to the Maldives in June 2019. "It is expected to revolutionise bilateral trade linkages & support development of the northern atolls with extension of the service to #Kulhudhuffushi in future," the mission said in another tweet. The launch of the ferry service was discussed during a virtual meeting between external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Maldives counterpart Abdulla Shahid in August.

HMM in Singapore JV container terminal with PSA

South Korea's HMM has become the sixth container line to enter into a joint venture terminal in Singapore with PSA. The new joint venture HMM - PSA Singapore Terminal will be 58% owned by the Singapore terminal operator with HMM having a 42% stake. It is due to start operations at the end of the year subject to regulatory approvals. HMM is taking delivery of a series of 24,000 teu newbuildings this year, the largest containerships currently operating globally and said the JV terminal would provide long term certainty for its hubbing operations in the region. PSA and HMM will also plan to collaborate on operational technology developments and innovations. Jae-hoon Bae, President & CEO of HMM, said: "We believe this joint venture terminal in Singapore plays a significant role as a springboard for both parties to move forward to a new phase. In addition, HMM looks forward to creating greater synergy for our 24,000 teu vessels by securing berth on arrival and providing more reliable services for our customers through the joint venture." Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia, PSA International, said, "We look forward to working alongside HMM to unlock the potential of our combined strengths and capabilities."

China to tighten safety management of dangerous cargo at ports

China's Ministry of Transport has issued a circular ordering the relevant authorities to enhance the safety management of port operations dealing with dangerous cargoes. The ministry said that the occurrence of major accidents must be prevented, particularly in light of the explosion at the port of Beirut in Lebanon earlier this month. The circular required that inspections of safety risks and the management of dangerous goods should be carried out strictly, practically and specifically. The regulation of the source of explosives must be tightened and safety conditions in workplaces that don't meet the necessary standards must be rectified, while operations, including loading and storage of the cargo, should proceed in accordance with the rules, it said.

Dutch Portbase connects with TradeLens blockchain platform

Port base, a subsidiary of the ports of Amsterdam and Rotterdam that manages digital port infrastructure and core processes in the ports, has completed the first phase of connecting with the TradeLens blockchain-based platform. As explained, the collaboration between Portbase and TradeLens creates a connection between the Dutch ports and a global ecosystem of carriers, ports and terminals and overseas inland providers. Its strong position in the Dutch ports allows Portbase to play an important role in bringing transparency to end-to-end supply chains by providing connected parties with a single point of contact in the Dutch ports. Through Portbase, government notifications and declarations are regulated, and Portbase's existing networks have good geographical coverage for fast and efficient transport to and from the hinterland. As a Port Community System, Portbase ties logistics chains through trust, connectivity and the availability of data. At all times the data is controlled and managed by the data owner while it remains easily accessible to authorized parties.