

### Transworld Group celebrates 40th Anniversary with Theme "New Horizons - Together @ 40"

Transworld Group, which was established in 1977 by Shri R. Sivaswamy, hosted a Trade Get-Together in Dubai on 23rd November, 2017 to mark the successful completion of 40 years of its operations. Mr. Ramesh S Ramakrishnan, Chairman of Transworld Group welcomed the distinguished guests and thanked them for their presence in celebrating the successful completion of 40 years of Transworld Group. The theme "New Horizons- Together @40" that demonstrates nostalgia as well as the spirits to scale new summits for the future. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude all its customers and associates for their support and goodwill, which enabled it to achieve 4 decades of growth, accomplishments and market Leadership. He mentioned this has been also possible because of the unstinted and dedicated efforts of all staff members. The year 2017 marks 40th anniversary of Transworld Group of Companies, which made a humble beginning as a Shipping agency house in Mumbai, and has now grown as a leading Logistics conglomerate with a global presence. He pointed that the Tagline, "We bring you the world" reflects its ability and service excellence capabilities, which is the corner-stone of Transworld Group heritage. The success lies in our commitment to customers. He further added that, 'One Transworld', symbolizes integrated product range, horizontal platform, unified commercial & operational approach, standardized work culture & ethos, and most importantly an analogous customer experience across Group companies and locations. Further, its rechristened Vision is to be the preferred business partner for global logistics solutions, committed to the highest standards of excellence. Distinguished dignitaries H.E Mr. Vipul, Consul General of India to Dubai and H.E Sultan Ahmad Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, DP World were the Guests of Honour and attended the function.

### UAE is first Arab country to win category B membership of IMO Council

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has now become the first Arab country to win Category B membership into the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council. The win was the triumphant result of an election that included nominees from 11 leading countries in the international marine trade sector such as Germany, Sweden, Netherlands, Brazil, Argentina, France and Australia. The declaration was made during the 30th General Assembly meeting, amid international praise for the UAE's competitive advantages that has enabled the country to play a pivotal role in promoting the international maritime system and driving the growth of international maritime trade. His Excellency (H.E.) Dr. Abdullah bin Mohammed Balheif Al Nuaimi, Minister of Infrastructure Development and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Authority (FTA) said that winning membership into the IMO 's Council is an addition to the UAE's record of cultural achievements and paves way for a new stage of global leadership by enhancing UAE's contribution to the development of international laws and regulations that will promote international trade, transport and international shipping.

### Dubai Customs wins innovation award at UAE ideas conference 2017

Dubai Customs won the Innovation Shield at the 6th UAE Ideas Conference & Award 2017 which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at Grand Hyat Hotel in Dubai under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al-Maktoum, President of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman of the Dubai Airports, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Emirates Airline & Group and the Honorary Patron of Dubai Quality Group. Dubai Customs received this accolade on its Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) program under category. The AEO program is a federal program that connects the UAE with the rest of the world in terms of trade and customs. It recognizes traders as trusted operators and rewards them with exclusive benefits. H.E. Engr. Sheikh Salem bin Sultan bin Saqr Al-Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Civil Aviation in RAK gave the shield to Eman Badr Al Suwaidi, Director of Customs Declaration Department in the presence of Fatma Al Muhairi, CEO of Dubai Quality Group and Hussain Al Fardan, Senior Manager of Dubai Customs' Innovation Centre, Chairman of Ideas Arabia and Ideas Emirates. The award was introduced in the year 2012 to encourage the extensive adoption of innovation.

### Super-large container ships to dock in Iran's Chabahar Port

Super-large container ships (between 100,000 DWT and 120,000 DWT) would be able to dock in Chabahar's Shahid Beheshti Port with the completion of Phase 1 of the development project of the southern Iranian port, located in Sistan-Baluchestan Province, comes on stream next week, an official in charge of the project, Amir Hossein Esmaeili, announced recently. "The current loading and unloading capacity of the port will increase from 2.5 million tons to 8.5 million tons upon the completion of Phase 1," he said. "A total of \$1 billion have been invested in the development and equipment of Phase 1. Shahid Beheshti Port will have four phases with the overall capacity of 77 million tons based on the long-term goal set for its development project." Esmaeili said more than 65% of progress in the development project of Chabahar Port pertain to the fiscal 2013-14 onward. "Chabahar's railroad development project has also made a 25% progress. Railroad transportation will account for about 20-30% of the cargo movement in Shahid Beheshti Port," Mana quoted him as saying.

### Launch of new shipping line likely to rebalance Tunisia's foreign trade: official

The launch of a new shipping line between Tunisia and China will help Tunisia recover its regional positioning and enhance China's presence in African continent, Tunisian authorities and locally-based foreign investors said. The Spanish company Transglory has just inaugurated a new maritime trade line linking Tunisian Rades port and Chinese Qingdao port in the northern suburbs of the capital Tunis. "Importing and exporting to and from this Chinese destination are consolidating similar services from other leading ports," Louis Florensa, chief of Transglory Development Department told Xinhua during an interview. "Our main challenge, now fulfilled, is to be the preferential partner of Tunisian importers, with four weekly services from Hong Kong, Ningbo and two others in Shanghai," said the chief. He insisted that Chinese market is being traced, saying "this is the moment to prove that we are able to meet its demands even better than ever before and that's why we are launching this new direct grouping service." Khaled Ben Abdallah, the director of foreign trade department at Tunisian Ministry of Industry and Trade, believes the launch of this new line could generate a triangular trade platform linking China, East Africa and Tunisia. He said this line should converge all kinds of services, including health, tourism, equipment and information and communication technologies.

### DP World Mundra introduces global standards of automation at terminal

The DP World-operated Mundra International Container Terminal (MICT), in its constant endeavour to transform Gujarat's maritime and logistics industry, has introduced global standards of automation at the terminal. MICT has added a new quay crane and the country's first remotely operated rail-mounted gantry crane (RMGC) to its existing infrastructure. With these additions, MICT aims to enhance terminal productivity and augment automation at the port. Both the quay crane and the RMGC are designed for remote control operation, which enhances operational efficiencies, thus improving productivity and ensuring higher safety standards simultaneously. The new quay crane (Super Post Panamax with an outreach of 60 metres/twin lift) is equipped with the latest technology, and is capable of handling next-generation large-size vessels. It comes with a Remote Crane Management System (RCMS) which aids the superior planning of maintenance and increases the availability of the equipment. The terminal has also electrified its existing rubber-tyred gantry cranes (RTGs) in line with DP World's commitment to protect the environment and build a sustainable future.

### DP World strengthens Mundra as market tightens

DP World Subcontinent is investing heavily in its Mundra terminal to remain competitive as large-scale capacity building and other consolidation efforts by rivals on India's west coast add to increased pressure from prolonged weaker economic conditions. The company has upgraded its Mundra International Container Terminal (MICT) with new automated handling equipment, including a super post-Panamax quay crane and a rail-mounted gantry crane, to speed cargo flows and push productivity. The quay crane has twin-lift capability and an outreach of 63 meters (206.7 feet), allowing the terminal to handle the latest generation of container ships, company officials told JOC.com. Those new units bring the number of quay cranes to seven and RTGs to 18 at MICT. "At DP World, we strive to build a model for future port developments in India in terms of safety, operational efficiency and care for the environment." DP World Subcontinent Senior Vice President & Managing Director Anil Singh told. Officials said the new remote-controlled cranes would facilitate better planning of quayside operations and higher berth output for vessel operators trying to maximize efficiency amid falling freight rates.

### JNPT to double capacity of cargo terminals to 10 mn in next 5 years

The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, India's premier container port, will double its capacity to handle traffic of 10 million TEUs by 2022 and rank among the top 10 ports in the world, a senior official said. JNPT Chairman-in-Charge Neeraj Bansal said that in the last financial year, the port handled a recorded traffic of 4.50 million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit, or cargo carrying capacity of ships/terminals). "JNPT is collaborating with Port of Singapore Authority to create another world-class container terminal. The first phase of the proposed container development is in full swing and would be operation in January next, adding another 2.40 million TEUs capacity," he said. With another 2.40 million capacity to be ready by 2022, JNPT's capacity would double to 10 million TEUs, Bansal said. Armed with excellent cooperation among all stakeholders and the upcoming facilities, he said JNPT would aim to be counted among the top 10 ports globally. The JNPT has initiated and implemented many measures to promote Ease of Doing Business, and paperless transactions and Director Port Delivery percentage has improved by over 30 percent.

### Mumbai enroute towards becoming hub for luxury cruise tourism

Cruise tourism has garnered a steady popularity all over the globe with more and more people showing a bent towards luxury tourism. Like any other country, India too has a large number of travellers who would choose to spend time at sea and explore popular destinations at the same time. An increase in income leading to subsequent growth in purchasing power for India's middle class has fuelled a rising demand for luxury travel. The administration also seems to be taking note of these developments as it has been working towards making options like cruise tourism more accessible and affordable for Indians. A cruise liner belonging to a top company like Costa setting sail from Mumbai is just what was needed for developing the city as a home port. The presence of Maharashtra's Minister of Tourism Jayakumar Rawal along with the chairman of the Mumbai Port Trust Sanjay Bhatia at the launch shows that the administration is keen on working towards boosting tourism in Mumbai. Bhatia stated Mumbai's port currently has the capacity to host 80 ships, but a report suggests it has the potential to host 700 ships and 32 lakh passengers once developed adequately.