

Hutchison Ports Thailand volume rebounds by 10% in 2021

Bangkok, Thailand – 26 August 2021: Hutchison Ports Thailand (“HPT”), a leading port operator in Thailand, announces an increase of throughput volume during the first half of 2021 by 10% year-on-year. During this period, Thailand’s import increased by 26.2%, while exports saw an uplift of 15.5% by value as Thailand exports recovered from 2020 levels. Overall Thailand’s export value totalled USD 132.3 billion in the first six months of the year¹.

HPT’s throughput increase is, in part, a result of its ability to service Ultra Large Container Vessels (ULCV), including the MSC MINA with a total capacity of 23,656 TEU². These ULCVs constituted 12% of all vessels calls at HPT in the first half of 2021.

Thailand exports have increased in the first half of 2021, and this has helped HPT terminals record solid growth this year, driven by pent-up demand from customers in North America and Europe. Because of pandemic-related restrictions and “lock downs”, global consumers are spending their surplus income on physical goods rather than on services, such as holidays.

“As the leading port operator in Thailand, it is our responsibility to ensure the safety of people working in our terminals by implementing COVID-19 protective measure while facilitating the growing trade activities in the country. This underlines our commitment on environmental, people and business development to grow our business sustainably, which is demonstrated by the expansion of the new Terminal D at Laem Chabang Port which will support a range of industries and prepare Thailand for the full-scale return of business.” said Stephen Ashworth, Managing Director of Thailand and South East Asia, Hutchison Ports.

In 2020, HPT handled over 3 million TEU, a 30% market share in Thailand. The company employs over 1,300 people, using 23 ship-to-shore cranes at its terminals across Laem Chabang Port. HPT is the largest port operator at Laem Chabang Port, and plans to expand capacity at the port to approximately 6.75 million TEU in the next few years.

Laem Chabang, Thailand’s principal port and the gateway for the nation’s imports and exports, is the 20th largest port in the world, and the 4th largest in Southeast Asia, with a total of 7.6 million TEU handled in 2020. Thailand handled a total of 10.5 million TEU during 2020.

Over 500 vessels have used HPT’s terminal facilities in the first half of 2021, including Ultra Large Container Vessels with a capacity of over 12,500 TEUs. In 2021 HPT handled the discharge of MRT Blue Line trains and autonomous trains for the BTS Gold Line project, as well as assisting the loading of an offshore oil processing platform.

Hutchison Ports Thailand’s Terminal D is currently operating with the largest ship-to-shore crane in Thailand. HPT is working to become one of the first container terminals in the world

¹ Source: Trade Policy and Strategy Office

² Twenty-foot equivalent units of containers

operated entirely by remote control ship-to-shore cranes and remote control rubber tyred yard cranes with automated technology. By 2022, another four ship-to-shore cranes will be delivered to Terminal D to ensure that HPT can continue to safely handle even more ULCV vessels.

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Note to the Editor:

The top 4 container ports in Southeast Asia are:

1. Singapore
2. Port Klang, Malaysia
3. Tanjung Pelepas, Malaysia
4. Laem Chabang, Thailand

About Hutchison Ports Thailand (HPT)

Hutchison Ports Thailand (HPT) is specially designed to facilitate Thailand's growing container traffic. It is situated in Laem Chabang Port, the largest port in Thailand, just 130 kilometres to the Southeast of Bangkok in the coastal province of Chonburi. The port provides a full range of auxiliary services, including a container freight station, a double track railway and improved highway connections with Thailand's hinterland. HPT currently operates Terminals A2, A3, C1, C2, D1 and is now developing for operation the remaining phases of Terminals D.

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