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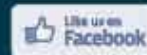
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Editorial

The Department of Seaports and Customs used to hold a wide range of training courses and workshops for its staff which became a daily practice through the year. This initiative is a reflection of the Department's dedication to furnish the customs and ports staff with certain skills assisting them in acquiring experiences.

The efforts exerted by the Department in this field have a great advantage on the socio-economic development and the process of providing of highly skilled and trained nationals within the adopted policy of sustainable development of the human resources in the Emirate of Sharjah.

The training courses which are conducted with the cooperation of specialized training centres, institutes and colleges including Sharjah Police Academy, are improving the efficiency of the inspectors and other employees in their various specializations including carrying out key customs and port functions.

These functions include protection of the community; customs control at sea , land and air terminals; increasing of revenues by collecting customs duties; combating illegal drug trafficking; consumer protection by combating faked and pirated cargo; facilitating passengers and cargo movement at customs terminals and seaports and application of the international standards and best practices.

It is a well planned step of the Department in involving all staff, especially the newly joined employees, in the training sessions to build up their capacities in facing the challenges ahead in an ever economically and commercially changing world -for training is the best teacher.





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Sultan Approves Cruise Ships Terminal Building at Khorfakkan

His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Member of the UAE Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah recently approved the project of Cruise Ships Station(Terminal Building) at Khorfakkan Port.

The new facility is mainly designed for receiving and providing services to cruisers tourists.

This was unveiled by Mohammed Ibrahim Al Raiesi, Spokesperson of the Department of Seaports and Customs through the "Direct Line" programme



of Radio Sharjah.

He explained that the facility will be an individual one for rendering multiple services to the cruise vessels tourist in one point, including, customs, immigration, police and other service offices. He emphasized that the new facility will further increase the importance of Khorfakkan City and accounted as another achievement for the Emirate of Sharjah.

Al Reiese said that the Port of Khorfakkan is one of the best ports in the world known for record numbers in the volume of container vessels accommodated. Besides, due to the advantages and the beauty of the city and the eastern region, Khorfakkan became a great tourism attraction and leading tourism companies had decided to run cruise voyages via the port.

Within the last seven months 22 cruisers called the port including 3 world cruise liners from Italy and Germany (with the probability to be increased to 5 lines) which brought 66,000 tourists from all around the world.

He also pointed out that Port Khalid is a multiple purpose port including a container terminal and accommodates voyages of one weekly-passenger-liner with 200-300 passengers. There is a passenger's hall which can handle 500 persons and which provides customs and passport services for them.

Al Raises said that with collaboration of the Department of Residence and Naturalization and upon follow up of Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of Department of Seaports and Customs, a multipurpose facility building will be constructed as we have already received the plan of the new facility which will be commenced shortly after approving the required financial assignment.

He also pointed out that according to the instructions of His Highness the Ruler of Sharjah and keen follow-up of the Chairman of the Department of Seaports and Customs with the Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq), two passenger halls will be erected soon at the ferry boat stations at Sharjah Creek and Abu Mosa Island to provide better services to passengers to the island.



Sharjah Ports Reports Q1

Sharjah Ports reported higher cargo figures in the first quarter of the year



Statistics of the Department of Seaports and Customs show subjective progress in various tracks of cargo shipments in the main three seaports of the Sharjah Emirate, namely Port Khalid, Hamriyah and Khorfakkan.

Dry cargo figure increased by 9.5% from 140,039 tons in the first quarter 2014 to 153,428 tons in 2015.

Imports through the ports of Sharjah increased by 15.86% from 1,293,054 in the first quarter of the year 2014 to 1,498,207 in Q1 2015.





Higher Cargo Figures



Another development

Another development in the figures was observed in general cargo which recorded a 15% increment from 216,691 tons in Q1 2014 to 249,227 tons in Q1 2015.



35 campaign ship in the first quarter of 2015



Campaign 33 vessels in the first quarter of 2014



The number of passengers and tourists who travelled through the terminals at ports of the Emirate increased by 35.23% from 6,079 in the first quarter of 2014 to 8,221 in Q1 2015. They were carried by 35 cruise ships and ferries recording a 6% increment of 33 for the same period of 2014.



Fishing-boats Committee holds a meeting

The Department of Seaports and Customs recently held a meeting of the fishing-boats berthing committee. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Jarsh Mohammed bin Jarsh, Director of Sharjah Creek Customs Center and was attended by representatives of Coast Guards,



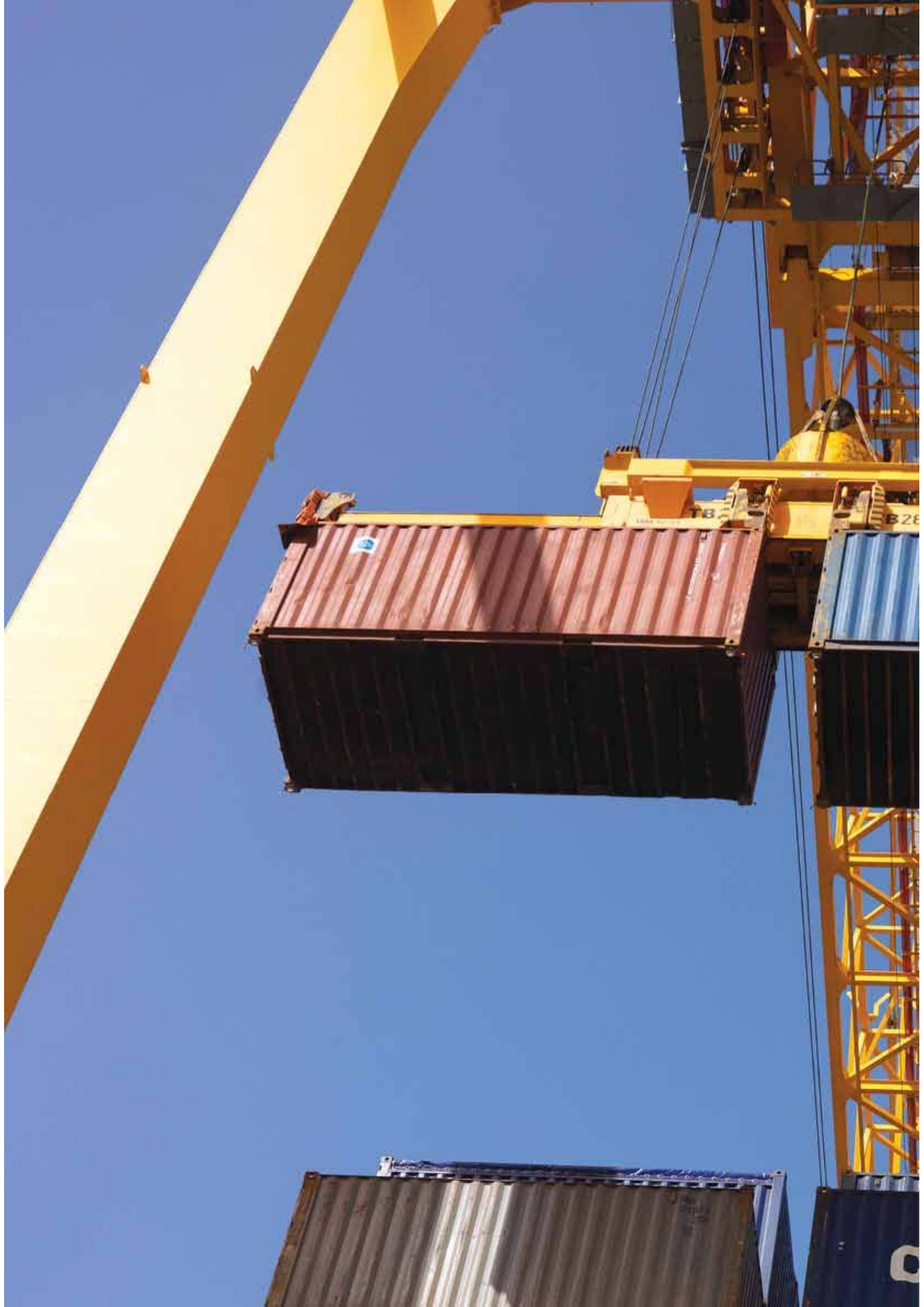
Municipality of Sharjah and Sharjah Fishing Society. Mr. Jarsh welcomed the attendees and thanked them for their continuous cooperation with the department of Seaports and Customs in facilitating navigation within the Creek of Sharjah and loading and discharging goods at the berths in the creek.

He said that the meeting was held according to the instructions of Sheikh Khaled bin Abdullah bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Chairman of the Department of Seaports and Customs to organize and facilitate navigation of the fishing boats at the creek. Also the committee discussed and introduced adequate suggestions to better organize the berths for fishing boats and to work on making these areas for exclusive use by them in order to provide a sound environment for the fishing community.

The committee has resolved a number of decisions in this respect.









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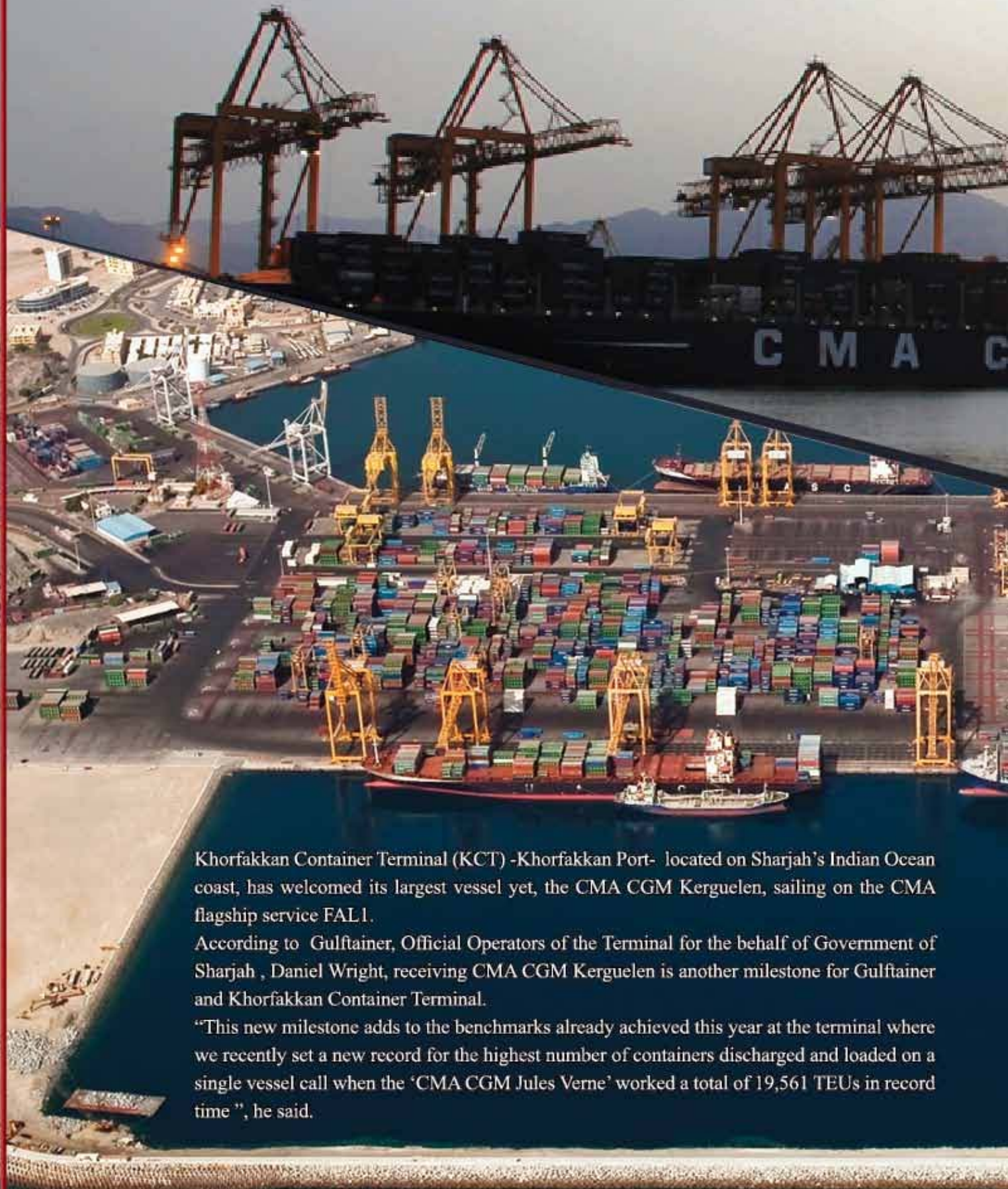
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Khorfakkan Port Receives



Khorfakkan Container Terminal (KCT) -Khorfakkan Port- located on Sharjah's Indian Ocean coast, has welcomed its largest vessel yet, the CMA CGM Kerguelen, sailing on the CMA flagship service FAL1.

According to Gulftainer, Official Operators of the Terminal for the behalf of Government of Sharjah , Daniel Wright, receiving CMA CGM Kerguelen is another milestone for Gulftainer and Khorfakkan Container Terminal.

"This new milestone adds to the benchmarks already achieved this year at the terminal where we recently set a new record for the highest number of containers discharged and loaded on a single vessel call when the 'CMA CGM Jules Verne' worked a total of 19,561 TEUs in record time ", he said.

Its Largest Vessel Yet



The CMA CGM Kerguelen, with a total capacity of 17,722 TEUs, was delivered to the French line in April. On her maiden call to KCT, the vessel discharged and loaded over 7,700 containers and departed the terminal ahead of schedule, Gulfainer said.

Gulfainer 's current portfolio covers UAE operations in Khorfakkan Port and Port Khalid in Sharjah as well as activities at Umm Qasr in Iraq, Recife in Brazil, Jeddah and Jubail in Saudi Arabia and Tripoli Port in Lebanon, which is set to begin operations in September 2015.

The company also expanded to the USA in 2014 by signing a long-term agreement to operate the container and multi-cargo terminal at Port Canaveral in Florida.



Gulftainer records 8% volume growth

Gulftainer, a privately owned and an independent terminal operating on behalf of the Department of Seaport and Customs, recorded an impressive eight per cent growth in container volume in 2014, achieving a total of 6.4 million twenty-foot-equivalent units (TEUs) across its global portfolio.



In a year defined by international expansion and investments in new infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency, Gulftainer recorded robust growth across its entire terminal portfolio.

Iain Rawlinson, Group Commercial Director of Gulftainer said: "The positive growth recorded by Gulftainer across its terminals globally underlines the confidence of our partners in our ability to meet their requirements efficiently. Our extensive network and technological expertise are the strengths that have enabled us to expand our footprint to new locations." "We continuously invest in enhancing our infrastructure, thus boosting reliability, operational

efficiency and productivity," Iain Rawlinson added.

He also said: "The growth in volume achieved throughout our terminals is strong testament to the expertise and dedication of our employees and the strong productivity levels we are able to achieve on a consistent basis."

"In the dynamic global trade routes linking Asia and Europe, our terminals today play an increasingly significant role. Even as we expand and grow our business, we also remain committed to the communities we serve by creating new jobs and supporting the domestic economy."

Our Ports



In global markets, Gultainer's Saudi terminals recorded impressive growth with Northern Container Terminal accounting for 1.9 million TEUs, sustaining previous-year trends, while Jubail Container Terminal (JCT) noted a growth of 22 per cent to over 396,000 TEUs. The total volume at the Saudi terminals was over 2.29 million TEUs.

Gultainer's Umm Qasr terminal also accomplished a significant growth of 46 per cent in 2014, while the Recife terminal in Brazil marked a growth in volume of 7 per cent.

Gultainer's UAE terminals recorded a total volume of 3.8 million TEUs in line with the all-round growth in business. The company marked another significant milestone, with the Sharjah Container Terminal (SCT) surpassing 400,000 TEUs in annual throughput for the very first time.

Operations at SCT were energised by the positive growth in global trade and the arrival of new services, such as UASC's Gulf India Service (GIS1), which now connects Sharjah with Sohar in Oman, Mundra in India and Karachi in Pakistan. The addition of this service represented a significant development for Sharjah and boosted the national carrier's volumes through SCT last year.

The only fully fledged operational container terminal in the UAE located outside the Strait of Hormuz, Khorfakkan Container Terminal (KCT) has today emerged as one of the most important transshipment hubs for the Arabian Gulf, the Indian Sub-continent, the Gulf of Oman and the East African markets. Gultainer has set an ambitious target to triple the volume over the next decade through organic growth across existing businesses, exploring green field opportunities and potential M&A activities.





Gas and low-flashpoint fuels code adopted by IMO

The new mandatory code for ships fuelled by gases or other low-flashpoint fuels was adopted by IMO's Maritime Safety Committee (MSC), when it met at the Organization's London headquarters for its 95th session from 3 to 12 June 2015. The Committee also placed unsafe mixed migration by sea on its agenda and considered cyber security matters and passenger ship safety. It adopted new ships' routing measures and approved a number of circulars arising from items put forward by the sub-committees.

IGF Code adopted

The MSC adopted the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gases or other Low-flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code), along with amendments to make the Code mandatory under the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS).

The use of gas as fuel, particularly liquefied natural gas (LNG), has increased in recent years due to lower sulphur and particulate emissions than fuel oil or marine diesel oil. But gas and other low-flashpoint fuels pose their own set of safety challenges, which need to be properly managed. The IGF Code aims to minimize the risk to the ship, its crew and the environment, having regard to the nature of the fuels involved.

The amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 (Construction – Structure, subdivision and stability, machinery and electrical installations), include amendments to Part F Alternative design and arrangements, to provide a methodology for alternative design and arrangements for machinery, electrical installations and low-flashpoint fuel storage and distribution systems; and a new Part G Ships using low-flashpoint fuels, to add new regulations to require ships constructed after the expected date of entry into force of 1 January 2017 to comply with the requirements of the IGF Code, together with related amendments to chapter II-2 and Appendix (Certificates).

The IGF Code contains mandatory provisions for the arrangement, installation, control and monitoring of machinery, equipment and systems using low-flashpoint fuels, focusing initially on LNG.

The Code addresses all areas that need special consideration for the usage of low-flashpoint fuels,





taking a goal-based approach, with goals and functional requirements specified for each section forming the basis for the design, construction and operation of ships using this type of fuel.

The MSC also adopted related amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for

Seafarers (STCW), and STCW Code, to include new mandatory minimum requirements for the training and qualifications of masters, officers, ratings and other personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code. The amendments also have an entry into force date of 1 January 2017, in line with the SOLAS amendments related to the IGF Code.



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