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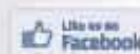
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# Editorial



*Have you ever asked yourself about how much efforts do you put in your work? If you have, then have you got courage to answer this question directly?*

*I will make it easy for you. In the beginning you should know that your work is, in fact, under your domain. It is only when conclude what you have been asked to do in a hasty manner, that you will collect unripe fruit which lacks the juice that makes it tender, a smell that makes it fragrant and a colour that makes it vivid. But if you have the initiative to carry out what you have been asked to do in the manner you like, then you are on the right path to collect ripe fruit with excellent taste, smell and colour.*

*This is the way that things are going in life; a good start that leads to growth and then go on to perfection. So the endeavour to seize opportunity before ripeness is a folly and thoughtless, while patience to carry out work correctly is right and responsible.*

*Editor*





# Higher Cargo Figures for Sharjah Ports 2013



Once again Sharjah ports registered important increases in performance and throughput during the last year and were higher than that of 2012. These figures unveiled positive growth in general and witnessed considerable improvements.



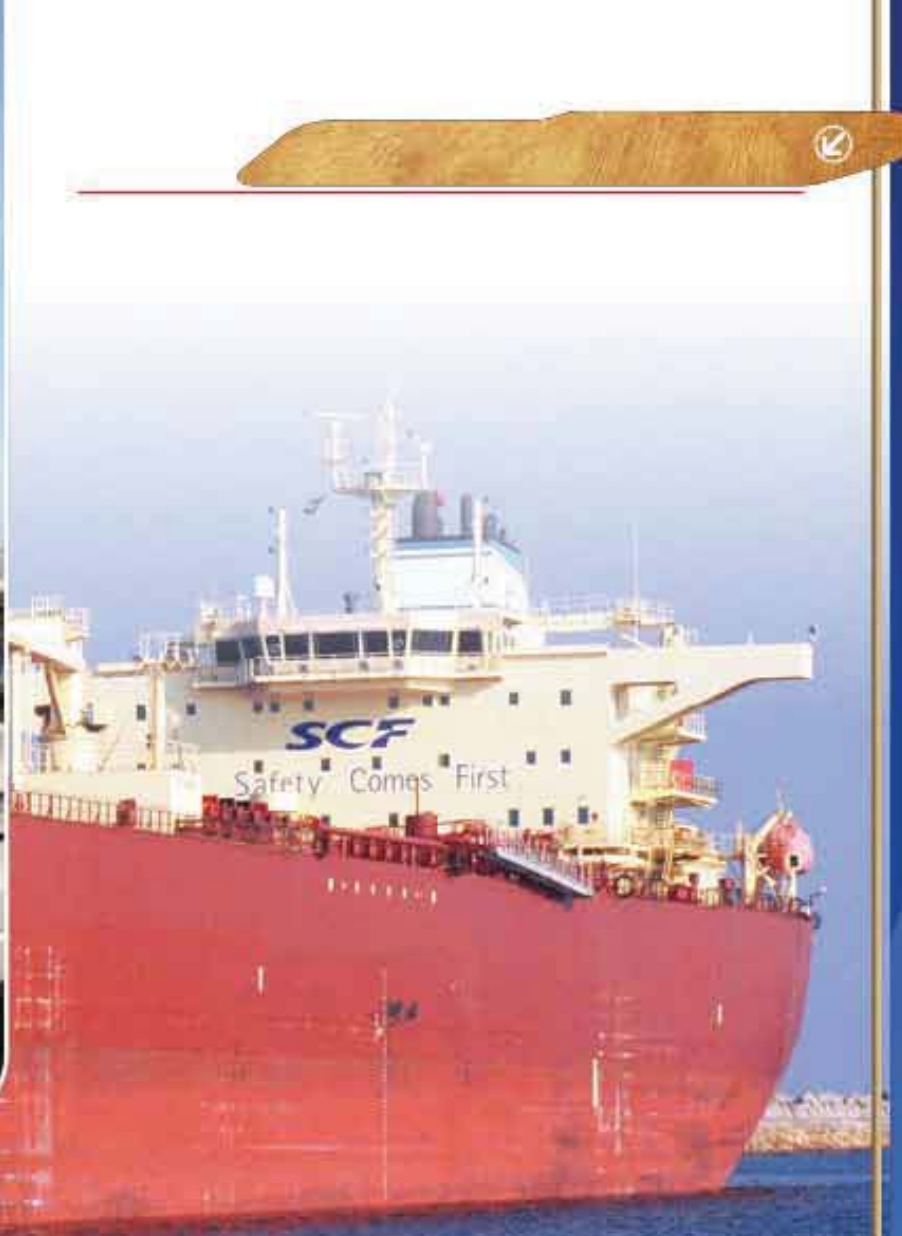
The new records are another attestation to the right and fruitful visions of the Government of Sharjah in expanding and developing the main seaports in the Emirate; Khalid, Hamriyah and Khorfakkan .

The general cargo figure was increased by 0.06%

from 1,291,203 tons in 2013 to 1,298,726 tons in 2012.

Vehicle figures (re-exported and imported) through the three ports of the Emirate recorded 77,846 in 2013 with a significant increase of 23.6% from 2012 (62,974 vehicles).





The most significant development in the figures was observed in oil products cargo which recorded a 23.47% increment from 4,351,346 tons in 2012 to 5,732,745 tons in 2013.



Another surge shows that the total number of vessels that called at Sharjah's Seaports increased by 09.97% from 7,313 vessel in 2012 to 8042 in 2013.

Exports enhanced its position and reached 1,920,923 tons, recording 36.11% more than that

of 2012 (1,418,598 tons). The new records reflect the sound growth of the local industrial sector in the country and the confidence of the traders and companies in the ports of Sharjah.

# Port Khalid Cleaning Campaign

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"The cleaning campaign which was carried out in cooperation with Beeah Company, is embodying the keenness of the Department of Seaports and Customs to sustain environment at port facilities and to promote friendly environment awareness of all personnel of the Port."

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# The Tanker

## “Good News” at Port Khalid



**T**he Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC), “Good News” has recently arrived port Khalid for maintenance.

Captain Melcy Lobo, Master of the vessel told “Al Mawanie” that “Good News” requires 4 Tugs for berthing when it is empty and 6 when fully loaded and it occupied 3 berth lengths at 8.3 metre draft.

M/S “Goodnews”, is with 333 metres length and 60 metre breadth and can carry of 340,025.8m<sup>3</sup> of Crude oil (2,138,701 Barrels). The VLCC draft is 21 metres when fully loaded.

All necessary precaution measures were taken in berthing operations which is one of the largest vessels that called this port. While

berthing/unberthing of the vessel in this port is a special operation, it requires special efforts and planning to keep the vessel safely moored at the wharf with so much windage area

Sharjah Ports are characterized with high capabilities, efficiencies and supplied with adequate and modern equipment that enable them to accommodate the largest vessel in the world.



# SPARK” Team Shines”

Sharjah Ports Authority Recreation Club – SPARC organized a Cricket tournament which saw the participation of 8 teams . The matches were organized in group



format with Four teams in each group playing in the League stage . The two top teams from each group entered the knock out stage of the tournament to play the semi finals.

The semi finals and the final matches of the tournament was played on 28th February , 2014 . The first semifinal was played between Zula Water Authority and Sharjah Ports Authority Recreation Club while the second semifinal was between Al Badr Cricket Team and Ahmed Ali Cricket Team.

The final was played among the winners of the semifinals between Sharjah Ports Authority Recreation Club and Ahmed Ali Cricket Team. The closely contested final was won by Ahmed Ali Cricket Team.

The organizing and co-ordination of the entire tournament was done by Mr. Abdul Shukoor Abdul Sattar and Anwar Pathan of sharjah ports Authority with the support of various other members

of Sharjah Ports Authority.

At the end of the finals there was a prize distribution ceremony awarding the winners , runners and the man of the finals . The winners trophy was presented to Ahmed Ali cricket Team by Mr. K.R.S .Nair and Mr. Mohammed Basheer, the runners up trophy was presented to Sharjah Ports Authority Recreation Club by Capt. Rajan and Eng ,Ahmed Bin Ahmed while the Man of the Match award was presented by Mr.Sunil Gangadharan.

Sharjah Ports Authority Cricket Team also participated in the 3rd Ali Bader Al Sayegh Dubai, taped ball cricket tournament. eight teams were involved in the race, the final was held on 11th April 2014 between Sharjah Ports Authority Cricket Team and Sergil Dubai and finally Sharjah Ports Authority Cricket Team emerging final victorious and left the final tournament cup.





## Minister of Environment and Water, Inaugurates the 8th Edition of Offshore Arabia Conference and Exhibition

H.E. Dr. Rashid Ahmad bin Fahad, Minister of Environment and Water recently inaugurated the eighth edition of the Offshore Arabia Conference and Exhibition which is held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.

The conference was held under the theme "Regional Oil Spill Prevention & Preparedness" at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Offshore Arabia Conference & Exhibition in its 8th edition was considered the largest oil spill management event in the region. For the past years, the event has succeeded in attracting the world's key experts in the Oil & Gas Industry to Dubai to share their experiences, voice their thoughts and contribute to the solutions that would have major input in ensuring sustainable energy and cleaner environment for our future generation.

Mr. Omar Al Wasem, the Chairman of Offshore Arabia 2014 Conference & Exhibition and the Chairman of Regional Clean Sea Organization (Recso) expressed his sincere appreciation for H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai for his continues support and patronage of Offshore Arabia 2014 conference and exhibition.

"The majority of the past incidents, both onshore and offshore, has been caused by human error and has resulted in devastating oil spill. No matter

how immediate the spill response, it is only a partial success in terms of minimizing environmental damage. We should all be aware that the prevention of oil spills is preferable to the cure. During the course of this three days conference, leading international experts will present their views on handling offshore and onshore oil production, safe tanker operation at sea and terminals, emerging response procedures, personnel safety & enforcement and new technologies." Mr. Omar Said during his key note speech

The conference included researches and lectures presented by environmental and Oil & Gas specialists. Topics discussed during the 3 days of the conference included: Oil Spill Prevention, Contingency Planning and Emergency Preparedness, Knowledge Sharing and Lessons Learned from Offshore/Onshore Case Histories & Recent Major Incidents, Innovations as Applied to Oil Spill Recovery & Response, Terminal & Tankers Measures to Prevent and Respond to Oil Spills, Oil Drilling and Producing Measures to Prevent and Respond to Oil Spills, Oil Spill Waste and Oily Discharge Management, Restoration and Rehabilitation Practices for the Affected Areas, Wildlife and Shorelines,

Offshore/Onshore Risk & Crisis Management.

For his side, Anas Al Madani, Vice-Chairman and CEO of INDEX Holding Said: "Offshore Arabia 2014 Conference & Exhibition witnesses great interest from various specialized companies and organizations from the energy and environment sector. This is due to the importance of the event that had become an ideal platform for companies to display their latest technology in the field of oil spill management and response in order to maintain the cleanliness of the sea and the environment."

"We are expecting 4,000 visitors and participants to visit the Offshore Arabia Conference and Exhibition this year. Offshore Arabia 2014 hosts more than 100 companies from 23 countries, and with 20% growth in exhibition size compared to the previous edition. Moreover, Drydocks World is our largest national participant at the exhibition, and the biggest international participant is from Aramco, Qatar Petroleum, KOC, BAPCO, KJO, Chevron KSA, OMAN PDO and the Norwegian Pavilion." Continued Al Madani Mr. Omar Al Wasem added: "Offshore Arabia 2014 will provide a unique opportunity for peer-to-peer exchange, networking and bringing almost



all Gulf petroleum companies together in one venue. I believe that we are all committed to protect the environment and prevent accidents through excellent operational practices. Each member company shares the responsibility of ensuring a long-term commitment to the "Clean Gulf" concept. RECSO recognizes this pledge and coordinates efforts towards meeting this challenge."

"This year we engaged non-profitable co-op associations and voluntary organizations like Dubai Fishermen Co-Op. Association and also students from universities on RECSO activities to send a strong message to our local communities that we, as oil companies, do care and are working with you to protect marine environment."

Continued Mr. Omar

Offshore Arabia 2014 is organised by INDEX Conferences and Exhibitions Organisation Est. - member of INDEX Holding and in cooperation with the Regional Clean Sea Organization RECSO and its members; Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco), Kuwait Oil Company (KSC), Kuwait Gulf Oil Company (KOC), The Bahrain Petroleum Company B.S.C (BAPCO), Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), Qatar Petroleum (QP), Saudi Arabian Chevron (SAC), Maersk Oil

Qatar AS (MOQ), Al Khafji Joint Operations (KGOC / AGOC), and its associate members.

Offshore Arabia Conference & Exhibition took place from the 3rd to 5th of March 2014 at the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre. Offshore Arabia is a biennial event dedicated to the oil and marine industry in the Middle East. Now in the 8th year, Offshore Arabia exhibition occupies a key position in the Middle East and provides a platform for suppliers and manufacturers in this sector. The Conference promotes discussion in order to come out with the best practices through constructive interaction between experts from the Industry. The event is organized by INDEX Conferences & Exhibitions part of INDEX Holding.

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# IMO Secretary-General launches 2014 World Maritime Day theme: “IMO conventions: effective implementation”

IMO Secretary-General Koji Sekimizu has launched this year's World Maritime Day theme, “IMO conventions: effective implementation”, expressing the hope that the year would see genuine progress towards effective and global implementation of all IMO conventions.

Speaking at a reception to mark the launch of the theme, at the end of the first day of the first session of the Sub-Committee on Ship Design and Construction (SDC), Mr. Sekimizu said the theme provided an opportunity to shine a spotlight on those IMO treaty instruments which have not yet entered into force, as well as wider and more effective implementation of measures already agreed or in place.

“The adoption of an IMO convention cannot be the end of a process. A conference is held, the text agreed, there are handshakes all round. But it's not the end of the process. It should be just the end of the beginning. Because an IMO convention is only worthwhile and meaningful if it is effectively and universally implemented,” Mr. Sekimizu said.

Treaties still to enter into force include the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004; the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009; the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007; the 2010 Protocol to the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea (HNS); and the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the Provisions of the







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1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels.

"The sooner these conventions enter into force, the sooner the benefits would be received by



us and the international community. During the course of this year, under the banner of the World Maritime Day theme, we will do all we can to encourage the ratification and implementation of all these instruments," Mr. Sekimizu said.

"As well as conventions yet to enter into force, the wider and more complete implementation of measures already in place will also be a major element of this year's theme. Energy efficiency measures for ships, the availability of fuel oil to meet increasingly stringent sulphur content requirements, and the verification of goal-based ship construction standards are all important activities for which we wish to make significant progress in the Organization's work this year and will all contribute towards wider and more effective

implementation of measures already agreed or in place," Mr. Sekimizu said.

Mr. Sekimizu noted that implementation of IMO measures was, ultimately, the responsibility of the Member States and the industry, while the forthcoming mandatory audit scheme for Member States would be an important tool for assessing Member States' performance in meeting their obligations and responsibilities as flag, port and coastal States under the relevant IMO treaties. The Organization and the Secretariat also had a role to play, specifically through IMO's extensive technical cooperation programme.

