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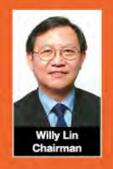
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Look on the bright side

s we embark into the second half of 2017 (and may I say how quickly it has come), I remain uncertain of Hong Kong's trading and shipping industry's prospects for the rest of the year.

In the first three months, China's exports grew 14.8% and Hong Kong grew 10.3% in value terms. Hong Kong Port's container throughput increased 12.6% and its air cargo throughput increased 11.4%. While we have to consider the Chinese New Year holiday's effect, which benefited the results in March in terms of growth rate, the increase figures are truly impressive.

Oddly, these good results are against a background of enhanced anti-globalisation movements and protectionism. While President Trump's trade policies, especially the Sino-American one, are complexed by his adoption of gambling theory and practices, as well as results of his domestics and foreign affairs policies, Hong Kong's trading does not seem to be moving in the direction as anticipated when Trump took the helm. The effects of Brexit as well as the elections in France, Germany and Italy add even more uncertainty to an already delicate situation.

While analysis has been focusing on Hong Kong trading with its traditional trading partners, India has sneakily become Hong Kong's number five export market. For several years already, Hong Kong's exports to the ASEAN countries have been growing far higher than both the United States and the European Union. It

may be premature to say that the "Belt and Road" or the Asia-Pacific Era has arrived, but it would be equally unwise to ignore the fast-changing industry landscape.

In Hong Kong, there are a lot of discussions about "Belt and Road", yet actions lag much behind. Setting up new Economic and Trade Office (ETO) in Jakarta is a correct move and should be followed by more ETOs in South Asia and the "Belt and Road" region; the private sector should act swiftly too.

I felt excited when Premier Li Keqiang declared in March this year that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Bay Area concept would be formally incorporated into policy level. Some may question its importance as regional co-operation of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau is not a novel or groundbreaking partnership. Mainland investments have long been Hong Kong's largest source of investment. So, what is special about this advocacy for the Bay Area development?

Ever since the publication of the Pearl River Delta Development Planning Framework in 2009, efforts have been made to better co-ordinate the planning and development in the region – in infrastructure development, land use planning, economic structure and activities, talent and knowledge development, research and development and so on.

Hong Kong and the Mainland have different political and legal systems, which

can and has lead to some difficulties. Mainland China is still a socialist state and practices continental laws, whilst Hong Kong is a capitalist playground and observes common law. Furthermore, its bay area is unlike ones in other major cities - New York Bay, San Francisco and Tokyo, which are all characterised by dominance of a single nucleus in the area, while Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Shenzhen are quite close in city and population size, as well as in economic mass. This three-nucleus feature is certainly unique for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Bay Areas. The question is: will this pose difficulties to realisation of the concept?

These concerns are all valid. In some ways, these differences have reduced economic efficiencies of the region. The area would have better air traffic management and flows should development and operations of the five international airports in the region was better planned and co-ordinated. Logistics distribution would be better if it covered wider geographical areas. The same could be applied to land use planning, other infrastructure developments, as well as social and economic activities. Hong Kong also wants more business opportunities on the Mainland than what the current CEPA offers.

It would be different if co-ordination were conducted on national policy level. The comparative advantages of each city will be carefully examined and reinforced. Although Hong Kong adopts a laissez faire system,

history tells us that planning for the future is important. When economies are relatively isolated, they could afford to look only at their own affairs, but this is not the case nowadays. We should opt for synergy and work towards a common goal.

To many people, the main worry of the Bay Area concept is whether it would reduce Hong Kong's autonomy and its unique advantages; there is also concern for over-planned developments. I believe there is no need for such worries.

The "One Country – Two Systems" policy has provided the most prominent cornerstone for Hong Kong. It guarantees that alignment of the Hong Kong system with many other economies of the world. In fact, Hong Kong has benefited and would continue to benefit from the current systems as the "Belt and Road" Initiatives and the "Going-out" strategy of China continue to develop.

Hong Kong has been performing the role of springboard for Chinese investments. There is also a realisation that better risk assessment and management, as well as project management for "Belt and Road" projects are absolutely needed, which again falls within the strength areas of the Hong Kong professional sector.

As Wang Zhen Min, Legal Affairs
Department of the Liaison Office of the
Central Government in the Hong Kong
SAR said during a One Country – Two
Systems Forum on April 30, 2017, the
Mainland government saw no benefit
for Hong Kong to become just another
Mainland Chinese city. The wisdom
behind will lay the direction for the
Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Bay Area
policy. What we need to do is to identify
the positive elements from such vision
and concentrate on achieving them.

In other words, we must progress by avoiding negativism and focus only on the bright side of things.





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Assignment vis-à vis cargo misdelivery

The Hong Kong High Court issued a Judgment on 22/8/2016 dealing with a case that a forwarder wanted to strike out a cargo misdelivery claim on the ground that the claim disclosed no reasonable cause of action. [HCCL 5/2015]

On 17/2/2016, the defendant ("the forwarder") applied by summons to strike out the claims made against it by the plaintiff ("Skechers"), on the ground that the Amended Statement of Claim dated 13/8/2015 ("Amended SOC") disclosed no reasonable cause of action, was embarrassing, scandalous and otherwise an abuse of the process of the court.

On 10/6/2016, Skechers filed its summons dated 12/5/2016 to further amend the Amended SOC, and to join 19 other parties as plaintiffs in the action. The application was opposed by the forwarder, on the basis that the amendments were not sufficiently formulated, that no explanation had been given by Skechers as to why it sought to depart from its originally pleaded and verified case, and that without the amendments, Skechers' claim was fatally flawed such that it should be struck out.

On the striking out application, the forwarder claimed that Skechers' claim was made under the bills of lading ("Bills") pleaded in the Amended SOC, but that it had no title to sue as it was not a party to the Bills. It was only in the Re-amended Statement of Claim which Skechers sought leave to be filled ("Re-amended SOC") that Skechers pleaded that the proposed 2nd to 20th plaintiffs were the parties to the Bills, and that it sought to rely on various assignments which purportedly took place between Skechers and the additional plaintiffs. Without the alleged assignments, the forwarder claimed that Skechers had no title to sue, that the Amended SOC disclosed no cause of action, and the amendments sought to be made in the Reamended SOC were for the purpose of saving the proceedings from being struck out.





The forwarder claimed that in these circumstances, the proper course was for the court to strike out the Amended SOC, but grant leave to Skechers to amend (if there was a properly formulated amended claim), with costs to the forwarder.

The pleaded causes of action

On a detailed review of the Amended SOC, the Judge accepted the submissions and explanations made on behalf of Skechers, that the cause of action relied upon and as pleaded in the Amended SOC was for the forwarder's misdelivery of goods under the Agreements pleaded in paragraph 4 (a) of the Amended SOC. As defined in paragraph 4 (a), the "Agreements" were the contracts for shipment of goods, which Agreements were made orally and were evidenced partly in writing and partly by conduct. The oral contract was Skechers' instructions to the forwarder for the goods to be shipped. The Agreements were evidenced in writing by the Bills, as pleaded in paragraph 4 (b) of the Amended SOC. The conduct relied upon as evidence of the Agreements was the previous course of dealings between Skechers and the forwarder as pleaded in paragraph 5 of the Amended SOC. This was the state of the pleadings as at the date of the Amended SOC.

As pleaded, therefore, the Amended SOC disclosed an arguable cause of action on the basis of the oral Agreements and the previous course of dealings allegedly between Skechers and the forwarder. The forwarder might claim that there were insufficient particulars of the oral agreements allegedly made, in which case it was open to the forwarder to seek further and better particulars. The Judge did not agree that the cause of action was unarguably bad, such

that it was plain and obvious that Skechers' claims should be struck out. Whether the Agreements existed and could be established was a matter of evidence and proof at trial, and not for striking out (Mak Yiu v Chinachem Realty Ltd HCA 10335/1998, 17/11/1999).

The proposed re-amendments

The defence raised, that Skechers was not a party to the Bills, prompted Skechers to apply to amend its pleading and to join the parties named in the Bills as the proposed 2nd to 20th plaintiffs. By the Re-amended SOC, Skechers sought to plead that the proposed 2nd to 20th plaintiffs were the shippers named in the Bills, but they had assigned to Skechers their rights under the Bills and the contracts of carriage evidenced by the Bills. The assignments were pleaded to be dated January, February and March 2015 ("Assignments"), before the date of the Writ.

The forwarder claimed that as Skechers' pleaded case was that its right of suit was transferred to it by reason of the Assignments, the Amended SOC disclosed no viable title to sue without the Assignments.

In the absence of a plea of any notice of the Assignments having been served on the forwarder, it would appear on the face of the proposed Re-amended SOC that Skechers was an equitable assignee. The Judge accepted the submissions made on behalf of Skechers, that an equitable assignee might sue in its own name (Allson Classic Hotel (HK) Limited v Harvest Star International Limited [1996] 2 HKLR 330), and that the plea of an assignment did not introduce a new cause of action (Asia-Pac Infrastructure v Shearman



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& Sterling [2012] 3 HKLRD 321, Beijing Tong Gang v Allen & Overy [2015] 4 HKC 391). So long as the Assignments were in existence at the date of the Writ, they could be pleaded by way of amendment (Telecommunications & Technology v Outblaze Ltd HCA 2541/2009, 13/5/2011). The Judge also accepted that no question of contractual time bar applied to the facts of this case, where the goods in question were delivered without production of the original Bills (Cheong Yuk Fai v China International Freight Forwarders [2005] 4 HKLRD 544 at 556 and Starlight Exports v CTO HCCL 55/2004, 19/7/2006).

The forwarder's complaint was that the Assignments were not sufficiently pleaded. Whether they were valid under the relevant governing law, whether they were supported by valid consideration, whether they were absolute assignments, whether their terms had been sufficiently pleaded and were clearly agreed, and whether the Assignments in fact took place before the Writ was issued (as was alleged), could be pursued by requests for further and better particulars, and were to be tested and established at trial. On the whole, the Judge considered that the pleadings of the Assignments were adequately formulated. As Skechers emphasized, Skechers had a cause of action which was constituted at the time when the Writ was issued and the Amended SOC was filed, in reliance on the verbal Agreements evidenced by the course of dealings between Skechers and the forwarder. The assignors were joined as a matter of practice (Chitty on Contracts Vol 1 32nd Ed, para

19-039 to 19-040), particularly when there was a dispute as to the validity or effect of the assignments sought to be relied upon. In view of the arguments already raised by the forwarder, as to the consideration for the Assignments, their governing law, and whether the Assignments had actually been made, it could not be said that the joinder of the assignors as plaintiffs would not be necessary.

The Judge did not consider that the amendments proposed by the Re-amended SOC introduced allegations that were inconsistent with the verified claims originally made in the Amended SOC, on the basis of the Agreements being partly oral and partly evidenced in writing and by conduct. The forwarder's complaint, that Skechers had failed to give an explanation for its need to make the amendments, by reference to para 20/13/1 Hong Kong Civil Procedure, was not established.

Orders on striking out, amendment and dismissal applications

This was not a plain and obvious case that the Amended SOC should be struck out. Nor did the Judge consider that there were grounds to refuse leave to Skechers to re-amend the Amended SOC, in order to plead the Assignments and to join the 2nd to 20th plaintiffs. The forwarder's application to strike out the legal action was dismissed, and the Judge granted leave to Skechers on its application to join the 2nd to 20th plaintiffs and to re-amend the Amended SOC.

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Dry bulk shipping sails out of stormy waters

The general consensus by industry titans on dry bulk shipping is that the market has seen its bottom and the fundamentals show recovery is emerging, reports Ken Gangwani

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ry bulk shipping has been caught in a perfect storm for the past three years and the troubled waters got rougher in 2016, historically one of the worst years for the industry.

Going forward, 2017 will see another year of die-hard competition but the first signs of recovery are emerging. However, caution remains the watchword if the recovery is to be sustained.

Michael Birley, managing director of Langton Shipping Group, told the Marine Money conference in Hong Kong recently that overall, he was optimistic. *But we have seen the market go from very bad to less bad. It is not good as yet. The recovery is fragile," he warned.

"The Capesize sector has really taken off but I think that is because of short-covering as people were caught short as commodity prices, especially of iron ore and coal, moved up substantially from the first half of last year."

Lei Yang, head of China ocean transport at commodity trader Cargill, said the dry bulk market recovery was being led by China, the major importer of iron ore and coal.

Yang expressed surprise at the pace of recovery, something he put down to a substantial gap of China's leading indices, the producer price index (PPI) and the consumer price index (CPI). The PPI was at 7.8% and the CPI at 0.8% in February.

"The gap has widened to as much as seven percentage points, signalling that domestic commodities are in short supply. This could have caused the spike in rates as traders scrambled to restock," he said.

According to analysts, gains in the PPI were driven largely by mining and heavy industry, with a 36.1 per cent leap in mining, the biggest jump in that category since early 2010. Raw materials increased by 15.5 per cent, while oil refiners and chemical producers also saw solid increases.

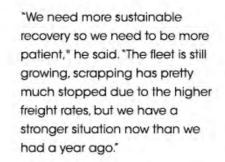
Mats Berglund, CEO of Pacific Basin Shipping, said demand was good and the carrier was positive, but he also warned shipowners to be cautious.











Berglund said the dry bulk shipping business had passed the worst, but rates remained at poor levels. "Rates have been at break-even levels recently but owners really need these rates to be sustained over the 25-year life of a ship to reasonably consider buying a new ship," he said.

"We have passed the worst but we came from such an incredibly

low level. It's time to let the market come to us this time," he added.

Pacific Basin earlier in April reported improved average time-charter equivalent (TCE) earnings in the first quarter as the Baltic Dry Index (BDI) reached a three-year high. The company generated average Handysize and Supramax daily TCE earnings of US\$7,460 and US\$8,030 per day net in the first quarter of 2017, representing a 26% and 38% year-on-year improvement and outperforming the Baltic indices by 18% and 3.5% respectively.

There was consensus among other panelists at the conference that the market hit the bottom last year and rates would not return to the poor levels of 2016.

Asia Maritime Pacific CEO Mark Young said it was "very unlikely" the BDI would hit the low of 290 points experienced last year. But he added that while the BDI may fall to around 650 points seen at the beginning of 2017 from the 1,200 points in April, it was unlikely to stay at that level for long.

The BDI, benchmark of the industry's performance, is a composite of the Baltic Capesize, Supramax, Panamax, and Handysize indices. It is useful in determining the cost to move materials by sea.



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Michael Jorgensen, head of Panamax Pacific, Klaveness Asia, agreed the market was on a recovery curve. He said China demand was important but carriers had to also look at other countries.

China's iron ore and steel prices have been rallying for a year, fuelled by a construction boom, though worries are growing over rapidly rising stockpiles at Chinese ports. The country's insatiable demand for resources has helped spur an inflationary pulse in commodities markets worldwide.

All market indicators seem to be doing better in 2017, though the economic environment still remains foggy mainly due to the uncertainty in the Chinese and Indian economies and the relevant economic policies of these two countries.

According to the latest projections of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World GDP is expected to grow by around 3.4% in 2017, the highest since 2014 when it hit the same rate. Both the advanced economies and the emerging markets are expected to experience a higher growth than in 2016.



India's growth is also expected to be higher than in 2016 but its economy has been affected by the demonetisation effect as a result of recent government policies. The long-term impact of this policy has not yet been evaluated and so the overall economic environment of India still remains cloudy.

On the other hand, a small slowdown is expected in China at a GDP of about 6.5%, down from the GDP of 6.7% that the country experienced in 2016. The Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO) called 2016 a "horrible year for the dry bulk shipping industry" and advised that "scrapping ships and no newbuildings is the fastest road to recovery for the dry bulk market."

BIMCO's latest analysis of the market found that the dry bulk shipping industry was on target to reach profitability by 2019, and even if there is a slight increase in supply side growth, it should be offset by stronger demand. Zero per cent fleet growth was the target for the oversupplied dry bulk market, and if that was

maintained through 2017, the Handymax segment may even turn around a year earlier, said BIMCO chief shipping analyst Peter Sand.

BIMCO said that the lift in freight rates is positive, but added that there is still work to be done on the supply side, coupled with a significant level of demolition activity.

*Freight rates will be slightly higher than originally projected for the coming years. Combining the relatively better freight market, with a 10-year-low OPEX level in 2016 - the dry bulk industry remains on the road to recovery," BIMCO stated.

Meanwhile, global shipping consultancy Drewry, singled out the dry bulk market as a good investment opportunity. It forecast earnings in the dry bulk market would improve from 2017 onwards, with demand projected to grow at a pace of 3% and supply by about 1%. As supply and demand becomes more balanced, charter rates are expected to improve gradually.

Despite the overcapacity in the dry bulk shipping industry opportunities remain for a shipowner to make a profit by buying a second-hand ship. Asked at the Hong Kong conference by moderator Tim Huxley, chairman of Mandarin Shipping, to weigh up buying a second-hand ship against a newbuilding with prices still hovering around the 2008 rate of US\$23-\$31 million, Berglund strongly advocated for the purchase of a second-hand ship.

He explained: "If you can buy a five-year-old Handysize vessel for US\$14-\$15 million and a newbuilding for US\$23 million, which is currently being offered by Japan, you will be in a good position.

"Historically that is a fantastic price for a five-year-old ship and there is still a lot of upside on second-hand value. You still cannot build ships at the US\$14-\$15 million levels. Of course, you have to get the timing right. But it is not bad to have a strategy to focus on the equation and not only on the asset value."

Jorgensen did not see eye-toeye with Berglund. He said: "It is all about the volatility. In general, I would recommend to make sure



you maintain your ships proper and I will say to anyone looking to buy a second-hand vessel you should do an inspection, and then a second inspection and again a third inspection, because you might not get what you think you are buying. We have seen several cases of owners buying secondhand vessels and spending a lot of money on maintenance and crew. I am sure the grain majors are sooner or later going to pay off for quality ships. So if we all maintain our ships properly we will see that business come back to us."

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Yang agreed with Jorgensen. "We do value the fact that the more qualified the ship the better. We are willing to pay a premium for such kind of ships. We have social responsibilities. We favour owners who can provide more qualified, more green and more safe ships."

Young said: "A small portion of our customers look to the quality of the ship, the reputation of the company, the credibility of their financial balance sheet. But in this market still the majority of the players are looking for the cheaper solution."

There are apparently two schools of thought on how to survive the dry bulk market. Some shipowners, particularly Europeans, have embarked on a series of acquisitions of second-hand tonnage and on the other side of the coin we have seen some Asian giants turning more conservative in asset markets and deferring newbuildings. The jury is still out on who has taken the right position. Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) - Hong Kong's largest cargo terminal operator - is totally dedicated to the well-being of its workers and underlined that commitment by holding a highly successful Safety Week.

Hactl's entire 2,500-strong workforce participated in the event at the end of September; it was designed to promote safer working practices and workplace behaviour. The event will now be held annually.

Safety Week built on the initial success of a one-day pilot event in 2013. This year, a team from the company's Quality and Safety Section supervised a full programme



of events, devised to take place within the work environment, in order not to disrupt Hactl's 24/7 highvolume handling business.

A countdown to Safety Week was displayed on a giant monitor in the state-of-the-art SuperTerminal 1 and details of the programme timetable were displayed throughout the week to maximise awareness.

The Safety Week programme incorporated different themes and topics for each day, including Good Housekeeping & FOD Prevention, Heat Stress Prevention and Tractor & Forklift Driving Safety, Accident Prevention, Pre-work Exercise, Manual Handling Safety, Behaviouralbased Safety Observation (BBSO) and "Pointing and Calling" Safety.

Highlights of the week included a Safety Slogan Competition with a top prize of HK\$800 in shopping vouchers, won by Jim Wai Yip of Operation Services. The week also

featured a Good Housekeeping Treasure Hunt, encouraging tidiness in the workplace by concealing 40 envelopes containing prizes or motivational messages in locations throughout the giant facility, where they would only be discovered by thorough tidying.

On the final day of Safety Week, staff received a talk on health, followed by a Green Lunch of healthy food. The Safety Cup and HK\$3,000 cash prize were won by Ground Services, while the Best Teamwork Award and a HK\$500 prize also went to Ground Services, in recognition of the meaningful slogan they produced and their inventive use of a guitar solo to support their entry!

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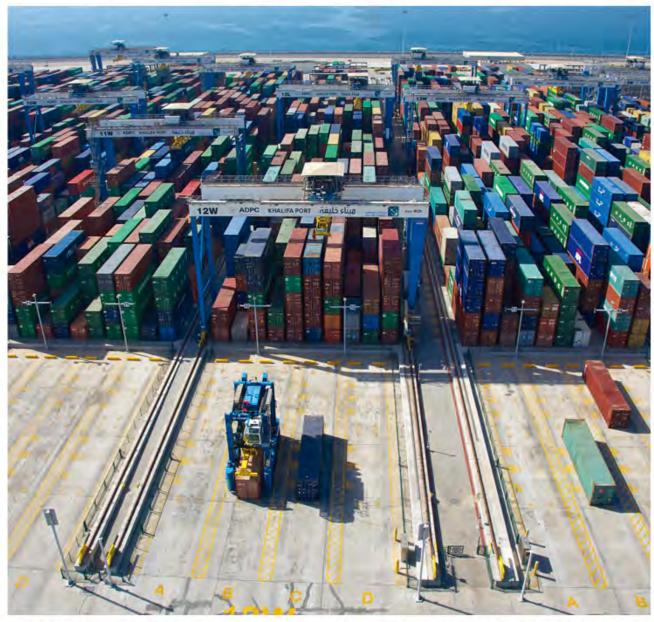
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the shipping industry.

But Tony Paldano, founder and CEO of Containerchain sums it up rather nicely to provide a uniquely different perspective to show how wonderful it is that innovation could breathe new life into the age-old processes of shipping logistics.

"Remember in the old days when we wanted to see a movie, we had to physically turn up to buy tickets and very often after the purchase we had so much time to kill that we were forced to hang around aimlessly. Now we just purchase online and our time can be better used for something else."



Paldano said the shipping processes are the same because without a seamless system to organise different parties involved, a lot of precious time would be wasted, hence efficiency goes down and costs go up. All these inefficiencies and cost increases eventually gets passed on to Shippers and Consignees.

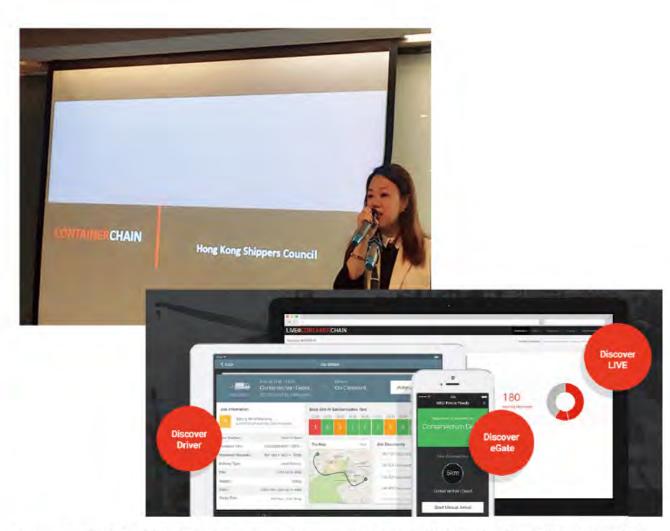
At Containerchain, nothing stands still, everything works well, and most importantly, they work effectively.

Containerchain believes in taking a proactive stance and persistent questioning of industry practices, which means they are always looking for new innovative ways to help the industry embrace contemporary technology and improve processes.

It all began in Melbourne 10 years ago when there was a need to solve a growing dysfunction in the Melbourne empty container industry. With the number of container depots declining due to low revenue, and container shipments steadily rising, it was clear something needed to be done to correct the imbalance.

In 2007, Paldano founded Containerchain in Australia and used his long-acquired expertise in creating software for Asian freight logistics to devise a solution for the empty container supply chain.

Then in 2010, Containerchain had its watershed moment as it unveiled its information sharing technology to a forum of logistics giants who had been searching for a much-needed means of a clear and accessible technology to allow clear and accessible information sharing between transport operators and empty depots.



Not only did Containerchain have the very technology they needed, but the solution to increase revenue and reduce operational costs for these struggling empty container depots and for container trucking companies.

Over the next two years, Containerchain began rolling out its revolutionary software into mass production which saw its technology being adopted by every single empty container depot and container trucking company in Australia and implementation in various depots in Singapore and Malaysia.

In 2013, the firm took a step further in its global expansion and merged with Paldano's Asia-based firm MAXimas, allowing Containerchain to further penetrate the Asia Pacific region.

A decade after its inception, Containerchain is the chief software supplier for container

logistics and freight scheduling in Australia for empty container supply chain . Its solution, however innovative, is simple and allows industry players to link up via a secure network, synchronise their operational processes to optimise their asset utilisation, from the instance they disembark from the ship to the final moment they return.

Paldano's brainchild allows logistics operations to run smoothly and efficiently, thanks to Containerchain's real-time solutions, which deliver "digitalisation" combined with process re-engineering to innovate the empty container supply chain to bring real efficiencies and cost benefits to all stakeholders.

"Now you got the picture," he said.



Transport inefficiencies that start at the terminal gate have a flow-on effect right across the logistics supply chain, creating depressed profitability for each industry participant.

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Organi integrates with INTTRA to automate ocean shipping

NTTRA, the world's ocean shipping electronic marketplace, and Organi, a logistics software provider, will form an alliance to increase efficiency across the board.

The alliance will allow Organi to integrate INTTRA's Container Booking and Shipping Instructions products into OLS and OLS Customs, Organi Logistics System, Organi's all-in-one solutions for the operational and financial management of freight forwarders, storage operators (for third parties), container logistics, customs offices and industrial companies with logistical processes.

As a result, Organi's customers will have seamless access to INTTRA's network to make bookings, submit shipping instructions and track shipments anywhere in the world.

By integrating with INTTRA, the largest multi-carrier network, Organi customers will have access to more than 50 of the world's leading ocean carriers via a single connection. This provides a more efficient way to process ocean freight transactions, avoiding double input and related mistakes as well as saving time and money and hence improving productivity.

"Through this alliance, we look forward to providing customers with better control and greater visibility into their supply chains, further standardising ocean shipping processes in order to increase efficiencies across the industry and allowing them to proactively focus on increasing customer service levels", states Kristof Poulain, Business Unit Manager at Organi.

"Organi's core focus on the automation of business processes makes them a natural partner for INTTRA", says Sherrie Orzechowski, Vice President, Business Development, Alliances. "We are pleased that our product will enable Organi to provide an even more efficient solution to its customers and those that they serve."







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CMA CGM launches new mobile app for customers

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MA CGM Group, a leading worldwide shipping group, has launched a new version of its mobile app that allows customers to track shipments, provide access to all line schedules and company news.

The new app is also available on tablets operating on Android and IOs systems. It is available in 5 languages - English, French, Chinese, Spanish and Portuguese.

With the new version of the CMA CGM application, customers are now able to:

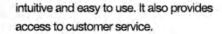
· Follow their shipments from the port of loading to the port of unloading

 Access schedules of specific ships or trips in order to plan shipments

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· Follow CMA CGM Group's corporate news including new services and rate information

The new app presents a redesigned and ergonomic interface that makes all features



To watch the video detailing the CMA CGM app, go to: https://youtu.be/S4e4ULuNyaA



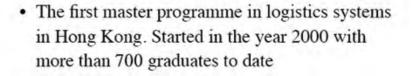


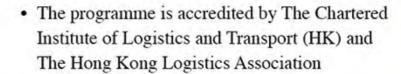
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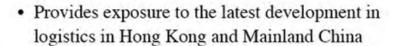


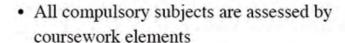
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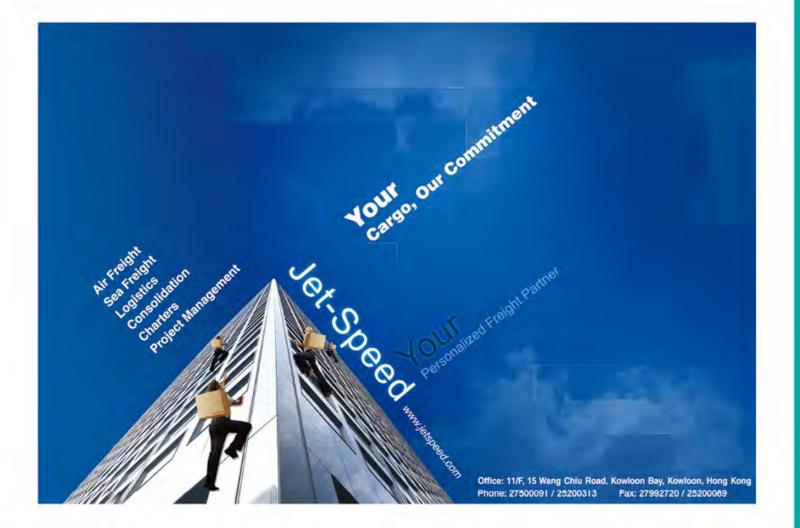








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FedEx Express to launch Liege-Memphis flight

edEx Express has begun operating a new flight linking TNT's European air hub in Liège, Belgium to the FedEx World Hub in Memphis, US, in early April 2017.

From Memphis the aircraft will continue on a round-the-world flight to Shanghai via Seattle and Anchorage, US before returning to Liège.

This is a significant step in connecting the FedEx Express and TNT worldwide networks, which will give TNT customers around the globe direct access to the robust portfolio of FedEx services in the US and Canada.

"This new flight by FedEx Express is



a tangible example of the customer benefits that the acquisition of TNT will bring," said David Cunningham, President and CEO of FedEx Express. "By combining our strengths, particularly the FedEx Express air network and TNT's strong European road capabilities and Liège hub, we will connect even more people and possibilities." FedEx Express will use Boeing 777

Freighters offering 116 tons of capacity for the Liège-Memphis service. Once in Memphis, the TNT volumes will be injected into the FedEx network for delivery across the US and Canada.

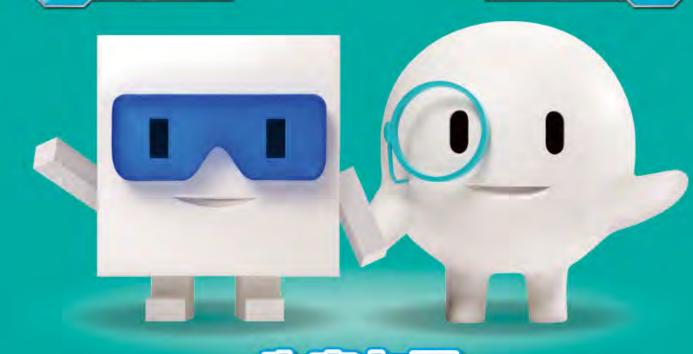
With this new flight, TNT customers shipping to North America will benefit from broader service coverage, faster transit times and higher weight capabilities.

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府行為對物流行業發展很是重要,這裏只要有方向,感覺也就不一樣,因為政府看的也比市場遠。但很多落地事,政府未能先接觸或執行,或要一些先行先試,或取一些意見諮詢,協會就可接上來,看看大家意見,按部就班,試試反應。而在執行中也存在不同業務圈子,這點多是老友記拍檔。這些拍擋在市場上或而硬體很多,或而關係很好,或而網絡很潤,也就構成不同的聯盟。為這些未來政府行為,協會決策做些業務上的推動及放風,令市場上早作準備,也好做配合,那就更容易政通人和,事事順利,聯系平台也就出現。今天隨著互聯網的使用增加,以網上訊息去滲透,去交流也就愈來愈多。平常一幫朋友,組織些不同人際平臺,打打麻將;唱唱歌;食個晚飯聚下;交流一下貨源或一起跑些計劃,這就起了很多大小市場平臺。過去互聯網平臺還未興起,而Facebook;Linkedin;WeChat;Yahoo在物流界大家都不太運用,那就以人際平臺作交流,在日常興趣聚會中,就多多分享政府;協會及市場的各方訊息,好作配合互聯網去做訊息分享。用互聯網去分享訊息,成本會更低,也更快,而其中的混雜雖然也會濫,但整體滲透率的。效益明顯而易見,所以使用平臺及認識平臺也成為我們香港物流同業的未來重要工具,也就多用多鑑定。

香港政府在處理香港的物流業的未來,重心應由重變輕,碼頭,公路,火車至到內河船今天都受壓力。進出貨基本不用到香港這裡來轉口,香港今天既不近生產,又不近消費群,要貨主在這裏停多一站,今天香港看不到這強項。物流業能滿足這香港7百萬人的剛需求,也就OK,那重投資就變得模糊。今天前海來了,珠海橫琴來了,上海及11個自貿區也來了,連大灣區概念也來了,物流重投資在香港就更難成事了。今天只剩三跑!! 就看大家可否保得著個空港了!!

香港協會大人們過去都是重資產人話事,又船;又飛機;又倉,搵多個IT人都無,不要說到平臺、互聯網這些人材了,所以日常活動也就以排碳;泊車;報關等自律行為的討論為主導,或而減減稅,政府就來做個優惠,那邊廂在政治架構有要求時,協會也就一呼百應。今天香港物流形勢也就如此,如何多做滲透物流中小企構成落地聯盟;平臺市場,也就需要多點時間去感染影響。不竟由重變輕,不好受,也不容易。香港要做供應鏈之都;物流要發展以管理為核心的離岸貿易可不是隨便說了就成功!!要很多配合和明白。

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UPS expands China-Europe rail service

PS announced in late March the addition of six stations to its preferred full and less-thancontainer load (FCL and LCL) multimodal rail service between Europe and China.

The additional stations will give customers moving goods on the world's largest trade lane more options to reduce supply chain costs and better balance cost/time-in-transit requirements.

Changsha, Chongqing, Suzhou and Wuhan Stations were added in China to the existing stations of Zhengzhou and Chengdu. In Europe, stops in Duisburg, Germany and Warsaw, Poland were added to the existing stops of Lodz, Poland and Hamburg, Germany.

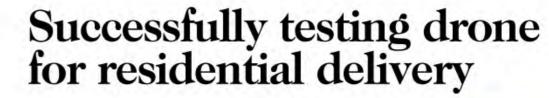
"Our China-Europe rail services can save customers up to 65% versus air freight and improve time-in-transit by 40% versus traditional ocean freight service," said Cindy Miller, president of UPS Global Freight Forwarding. "By giving our customers more options to balance cost and speed of delivery, UPS is committed to helping businesses in China and Europe succeed and expand."

The four new Chinese stations were chosen for their close proximity to provincial industrial manufacturing, commercial and cultural centres in interior China.

In Europe, Duisburg is in the heart of the industrial Ruhr area of Germany and provides access to river, rail, road and air transport. The new Warsaw stop serves Poland, a growing economy in the European Union, which is a centre for e-commerce fulfilment, research and development and industrial manufacturing.

UPS China-Europe rail service also offers features including closed circuit TV monitoring during train transition, seal management, alarms, and optional GPS container tracking, temperature control and simplified customs clearance.

UPS offers a fully integrated air, ground, sea and rail network allowing customers to simplify their supply chains by using fewer carriers and adapt their transportation requirements and expenditures as their businesses evolve.



PS had successfully tested a drone that launched from the top of a UPS package car, autonomously delivered a package to a home and then returned to the vehicle while the delivery driver continued along the route to make a separate delivery.

The test was conducted on February 20 in Tampa, Florida with Workhorse Group, an Ohio-based battery-electric truck and drone developer. Workhorse built the drone and the electric UPS package car used in the test.

"This test is different than anything we've done with drones so far. It has implications for future deliveries, especially in rural locations where our package cars often have to travel miles to make a single delivery," said Mark Wallace, UPS senior vice president of global engineering and sustainability.

"Imagine a triangular delivery route where the stops are miles apart by road. Sending a drone from a package car to make just one of those deliveries can reduce costly miles driven..."

With ORION, UPS's On-Road Integrated Optimisation Navigation routing software, a reduction of just one mile per driver per day over one year can save UPS up to US\$50 million.



UPS has about 102,000 delivery drivers on the road each day.

"Drivers are the face of our company, and that won't change," Wallace said. "What's exciting is the potential for drones to aid drivers at various points along their routes, helping them save time and deliver on increasing customer service needs that stem from the growth of e-commerce."







INTTRA acquires Avantida to accelerate digital technology expansion

NTTRA, the world's ocean shipping electronic marketplace, announced in mid-March that it had acquired Avantida, the European market leader in empty container management for ocean carriers.

Enhanced co-ordination of land and ocean container movements generates efficiencies and reduces costs, and INTTRA's entry into landside container logistics will provide additional value for existing and new customers. Avantida's core business - digitised, automated container reuse and repositioning - addresses a major challenge for ocean carriers, transport companies, terminals, depots, and other stakeholders.

Industry experts estimate that empty container positioning costs the ocean shipping industry up to US\$20 billion a year, approximately 40 per cent of handling costs.

"Avantida, an industry leader in

digitised container logistics, has products and customer bases that are highly complementary to those of INTTRA. Acquiring Avantida advances our strategy of extending our reach into the intermodal value chain, enabling INTTRA to better serve our customers. With cutting-edge, cloud-based technology and a unique business model, Avantida enhances efficiency and delivers substantial value to carriers, shippers, and other landside transport companies," said INTTRA's CEO, John Fay.

"I am very pleased to welcome Avantida's team to the INTTRA family and I am confident that they will continue

to execute on their mission supplemented by INTTRA's resources."

"We are excited to join forces with INTTRA," said Luc De Clerck, Avantida's CEO. "Together we can leverage technology innovation to digitise and transform a multi-billion dollar market that is central to global trade. INTTRA's global network will enable us to accelerate product adoption in Europe and around the world. Our combined offering will further benefit numerous stakeholders within and beyond ocean shipping and container logistics, including reducing carbon dioxide emissions and congestion at ports and surrounding communities."





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CN reports encouraging results in first quarter

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Canadian National Railway
(CN) reported positive firstquarter results on April 24 with
revenue up 8% at C\$3.2 billion,
and earnings per share up 16% at
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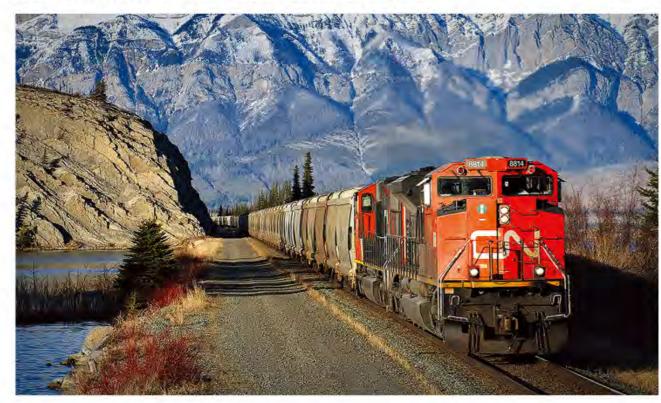
CN saw carloadings increase 9% with growth coming from all but two of its customer segm ents, and rail ton-miles increase 14%. However, higher fuel costs -- up 46% from last year -- and tariffs on a major Canadian export – wood products -- are set to impact the company's results for the rest of the year.

One of CN's competitive advantages is that it's one of the most diversified major railroads. In the first quarter, five different kinds of carloadings each accounted for more than 10% of its total revenue, with intermodal
-- which is actually made up of lots
of different kinds of freight -- being
the biggest at 23%. Better yet, the
company saw carloads increase in
four of those five, and rail ton-miles
increase in every carloading category
except forest products.

Not only does this diversity of revenue streams help offset cyclical weakness from a single industry, but it also gives CN flexibility in where it can invest for future growth. CN's recent investments in expanding its intermodal capacity are paying off, with carloads up 9% and rail tonmiles up 8% last quarter.

Over the past couple of years, shipments of Canadian lumber and other forest products have been a source of solid revenue and growth for CN. And with US new home construction set to continue growing in a solid economy with strong demand, this is an industry CN has been counting on to be a source of stable growth in the near future.

However, recent trade actions by the Trump administration could put the brakes on that. In late April the US Department of Commerce put tariffs of between 3% and 24% on different Canadian wood-products companies, a move that's almost certainly going to impact volumes that cross into the US. A final ruling isn't expected until September, and in the interim, it's likely that American lumber buyers will look for alternatives, as these tariffs will essentially get passed along to the buyer.



SUPPLY CHAIN INSIGHTS

TPP Trumped – Advantage to China?

By Mark Millar

rom the broad geopolitical and macroeconomic perspectives, the US's withdrawal from the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) preferential trade agreement strengthens China's position on the global economic stage and puts China at the forefront of "re-writing the rules of international trade".

China is now equipped to lead the way on global trade deals, most notably through its leadership role in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade pact, which is likely to be implemented by the end of this year.

The RCEP agreement comprises 16 economies across the Asia Pacific region, which according to the Asia-Pacific Research Network, encompasses half of the world's population (3.5 billion people), 38% of the world economy and nearly 30% of the world's trade volume.

Compare that to the TPP's 12 nations with 750+ million people, which equals an annual GDP of nearly US\$ 28 trillion, that represents roughly 40 per cent of global GDP and one-third of world trade.

However, the TPP may not be completely dead-and-buried for the time being. There seems to be some interest in pursuing an amended TPP without the United States - some have unofficially called it the "TPP 11" with others naming it the "TPP 12 minus 1" – with Japan now poised to take the lead.

A left-field option would be for China to join the amended TPP 11, but that could result in a significant overlap with the RCEP (eight common participants), therefore it might be sensible to invite the four Americas-Pacific members of the TPP (Canada, Chile, Mexico and Peru) to join the RCEP.

Over the medium term, the RCEP paves the way for the FTAAP – the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific – which embraces all 21 APEC economies – including China and the US.

Whatever happens, we will be seeing more changes on the world trade playing field and on the related freight flows. In light of more uncertainty in the year ahead – expect the unexpected!





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Hong Kong Air Cargo granted Air Operator's Certificate and ATLA Licence



ong Kong Air Cargo has been granted the Air Operator's Certificate from the Civil Aviation Department and the Licence from the Air Transport Licensing Authority (ATLA).

This is the first time in 12 years that a new Hong Kong carrier offering scheduled services has been granted the certificate and licence, marking a glorious milestone for Hong Kong's aviation industry.

Hong Kong Air Cargo will introduce new aircraft and a series of supporting infrastructure in order to boost its market competitiveness. To further enhance the logistics network where Hong Kong is the hub, the airline plans to deploy B747 or B777

wide body extension cargo aircraft over the next five years, reaching a double-digit fleet size.

And based on the combined needs of the logistics market, the airline will also make use of its new cargo capacity to launch Asia routes to Japan and India as well as longhaul routes to Europe and America. Together with its land transport and maritime shipping services, Hong Kong Air Cargo will gradually build up its own comprehensive sea, land and air logistics transportation system.

The Hong Kong International Airport is the world's largest international air cargo throughput hub airport, handling 4.42 million tons of air cargo throughput in 2015. Hong Kong is

able to maintain and further develop its position as an international logistics hub thanks to China's promising Belt and Road initiative, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Big Bay Area development plan and a series of large-scale transport infrastructure projects like the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, and the 3-runway system at the Hong Kong International Airport.

With all these new developments on the horizon, Hong Kong will further cement its position as the gateway and hub of the Pearl River Delta economic zone and continue to serve as the bridgehead for the mainland's foreign trade and transportation.

Turkish Airlines launches new cargo route to **Avinor Oslo Airport**

urkish Airlines has launched new cargo flights to Oslo Airport from March 10. The new flights are running twice weekly to collect Norwegian seafood for delivery to destinations around the world.

"We have observed a great interest in Norway as a large cargo market, and are now pleased to welcome Turkish Airlines Cargo, who have selected us as their next destination in the Nordic region," says Avinor Director of Cargo, Martin Langaas.

The Turkish carrier now ensures that Norway's main airport is directly linked to the global market available from Istanbul Ataturk Airport, one of the world's largest cargo hubs.

"We are excited to finally be able to connect Oslo Airport closer to Turkish Airlines' wide network out of Istanbul. Thanks to Turkish, Norwegian

seafood exporters now have greater access to the world's largest international network, which provides new opportunities for the Norwegian export industry," explains Langaas.

Last year was a record year for Norwegian seafood export, and Turkish Airlines hopes to be more actively involved in this exciting development.

"We are now able to fly even more seafood directly out of Oslo Airport - thereby providing even better premises for export of Norwegian commodities. We are reducing the number of units being carried by land transport to airports in our neighbouring countries. Faster shipping of fresh fish helps to ensure the quality and value of Norwegian export goods," Langaas emphasises.

With closer and increased cooperation, Turkish Airlines has great expectations for the Norwegian market.

"Our Istanbul network enables us to offer efficient connections to great traditional markets for Norwegian seafood, and simultaneously access brand new markets through our global network. We have great expectations for the Norwegian market, and we are convinced that our route and network can help to make the Norwegian seafood industry even more competitive," says Sinan Dilek, General Manager Turkish Airlines Norway.

Turkish Airlines will operate flights from Oslo Airport on Fridays up until the end of March and from that point onwards the frequency of departures will go up to two per week. The route will be serviced by an Airbus A330-200F.





Cathay releases combined traffic figures for March 2017

athay Pacific Airways
released on April 19
combined Cathay Pacific
and Cathay Dragon traffic figures for
March 2017 that showed a drop in
the number of passengers carried but
an increase in cargo and mail uplifted
compared to the same month in 2016.

Cathay Pacific and Cathay Dragon carried a total of 2,851,661 passengers last month – a decrease of 3.7% compared to March 2016. The passenger load factor dropped 1.1 percentage point to 82.8%, while capacity, measured in available seat kilometres (ASKs), increased by 0.3%. In the first quarter of 2017, the number of passenger carried declined by 1.2% while capacity fell by 0.4%.

The two airlines carried 181,189 tonnes of cargo and mail last month, an increase of 15.4% compared to the last corresponding period. The cargo and mail load factor rose by 7.3 percentage points to 70.3%.

Cathay Pacific General Manager
Revenue Management Patricia
Hwang said: "Passenger demand
during the traditionally slow season
between the Chinese New Year and
Easter holidays declined, with our
North American routes continuing to
come under pressure. Our North East
Asia routes performed well on the
whole, although Korea was slightly
impacted by the political situation
there. Our new route to Tel Aviv, which
was launched during the month,
proved to be a bright spot...Looking

ahead, the market environment remains highly competitive and yield remains a major concern."

Cathay Pacific General Manager Cargo Sales & Marketing Mark Sutch said: "Our cargo business continued its positive momentum into March. Tonnage grew well ahead of our capacity growth. Asian exports were boosted by a number of new product launches and quarter-end project movements. Transpacific routes and inbound-India routes were particularly strong. Volumes from the Hong Kong market recorded good year-on-year growth. It was also encouraging to see the inbound loads from Europe and North America continue to hold up well..."







IATA Dangerous Goods (Practical) Certification Course (for Cat 1.3.6 Personnel)

1. Course Objective:

It is a requirement by law that comprehensive and approved training must be given to all personnel involved in handling of dangerous goods. This in-depth program could provide practical skills and techniques to participant in the handling of dangerous goods. IATA Certificate will be awarded for candidates who have successfully passed the examination. Also it is also a requirement of law that revalidation training be carried out every 24 months.

- 2. Who should attend: Shipper, Manufacturer, Cargo Forwarder, Warehouse Agent and Carrier
- 3. Schedule/Duration:
 - a. Basic 5 Days DG Course
 - Chinese Lesson: 2017 MAR 20-24, APR 24-28, MAY 15-19, JUN 19-23, JUL 17-21, AUG 14-18, SEP 18-22, OCT 16-20, NOV 13-17, DEC 11-15
 - b. Refresher 3 Days DG Course (revalidation training)
 - Chinese Lesson: 2017 MAR 13-15, APR 19-21, MAY 22-24, JUN 26-28, JUL 24-26, AUG 21-23, SEP 25-27, OCT 23-25, NOV 27-29, DEC 18-20

4. Course Content:

General philosophy of the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations, shipper's / operator's responsibilities, dangerous goods security, provisions for passengers and crew, limitations, recognition of undeclared dangerous goods, state and operator variations, classification of dangerous goods, list of dangerous goods, special provisions, packing instructions, marks & labels, shipper's declaration and relevant documents, acceptance procedures, storage and loading procedures, notification to captain, emergency response, case sharing and written examination

5. Training Venue: Room 1601, 16F, Laford Centre (勵豐中心) 838 Lai Chi Kok Road, Cheung Sha Wan,

Kowloon, Hong Kong (2 mins walk from Lai Chi Kok MTR Exit D2)

6. Certificate: IATA Certificate

7. Course Fee: (including handout, exercise and test): Basic DG Course HK\$4,600 per person, Refresher DG

Course HK\$2,650 per person

8. Class Size: 18 People per Class

**For enquiry: Please contact The Hong Kong Shippers' Council Ms Shum:

Tel: 2211 2323 / 2211 2336 Fax: 2891 9787 e-mail: Czarina@hkshippers.org.hk

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Company Name :		
Company Address :		
Contact Information:	Mobile Phone No. :	

Votes:

By crossed cheque made payable to "The Hong Kong Shippers' Council".

Please mail all cheque to "Room 603, 9 Chong Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon" (attention to Miss Shum)

Enrollment is accepted according to the date of payment and on first come first served basis

Under no circumstance course fee is refundable unless class is full and/or cancelled

The name of participant can only be amended before the course date

Participants can purchase the 2011 DGR for HK\$1,600 (original price from IATA\$2,100). To purchase, please contact Ms Kwok 9183 8951.

Ocean Alliance makes first scheduled call at Wilhelmshaven

cean Alliance made its first scheduled call at EUROGATE Wilhelmshaven. The "OOCL Tianjin" tied up for the first time on the Ocean Alliance NEU1 service on May 13, 2017.

However, before the first scheduled ships started operating on the new service dock at the port, a number of shipping lines had been busy running trials in order to co-ordinate processes. The preparations also included deliveries of empty equipment, which local consignors collected from the container terminal for packing at their warehouses, to ensure the fully packed containers would be ready and waiting

to be loaded onto the first ship. On April 20, 2017, the shipping line OOCL delivered about 400 empty containers on board the "OOCL Europe". With the initial phase of empty container deliveries, OOCL intends to underpin the conceptual integration of Wilhelmshaven into the Ocean Alliance network.

"Preliminary bookings for the month of May are looking good and there is a high demand for equipment," says Frank Rose, Regional Group Operations Manager OOCL.

"We co-ordinate our processes with each of the shipping companies in the Ocean Alliance to ensure all handling operations run smoothly from the first



scheduled call. The docking of the 'OOCL Europe' shows that our combined efforts are worthwhile. We are pleased that the Ocean Alliance is undertaking extensive preparations for the new service. This shows commitment to the Wilhelmshaven location and to the terminal's local and regional customers," says Mikkel Andersen, Managing Director of EUROGATE Container Terminal Wilhelmshaven.

In addition to OOCL, other shipping companies such as CMA CGM and Unifeeder, have put the handling processes at the terminal to the test.





IMF warns of potential disruptions despite raising China growth outlook

ne International Monetary Fund (IMF) in mid-April raised forecasts for China's economic growth in 2017 and 2018, citing expectations of continued policy support, but warned of potential disruptions in the medium term unless Beijing reduces its reliance on rapid credit growth.

The IMF upgraded its estimate for China's 2017 growth to 6.6 per cent from 6.5 per cent, which it made in January. It also raised its forecast for growth next year to 6.2 per cent from the previous 6.0 per cent.

While higher, the IMF estimates would equate to a significant slowdown from recent growth rates.

China's economy grew by a fasterthan-expected 6.9 per cent in the first quarter of this year, fuelled by robust bank lending, higher government

infrastructure spending and a housing market that is showing signs of overheating.

The IMF said China has made some progress in reducing its industrial production overcapacity, but noted that the economy continues to rely on government stimulus and rapid credit expansion to maintain growth.

The report cited China's "policy preference for maintaining relatively high GDP growth", but warned of the consequences of unbalanced growth in the medium term.

"The resulting persistent resource misallocation, however, raises the risk of a disruptive adjustment in China in the medium term," which could be exacerbated by continued capital outflows, the report said.

Despite pledges from policymakers to rein in financial risks and pursue more sustainable growth, China continues to depend heavily on debt and public spending to drive growth.

Total new credit to the economy, which includes bank lending as well as other forms of credit, increased by a record 6.93 trillion yuan in the first quarter, according to recently released data.

The Bank for International Settlements had previously warned that excessive credit growth in China would mean an increasing risk of a banking crisis in the next three years.

Meanwhile, the IMF raised its forecast for global growth for 2017 by 0.1 per cent to 3.5 per cent but left its estimate for 2018 growth unchanged at 3.6 per cent.

ADB: Developing Asia's 2017 growth weakest in 16 years

eveloping Asia is on track to post its slowest annual growth in 16 years this year as it adjusts to China's rebalancing and possible spillovers from global policy uncertainty, according to the Asian Development Bank.

The Manila-based lender kept at 5.7 per cent this year's growth forecast for developing Asia, which groups 45 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. That would be the region's weakest expansion since it grew 5.0 per cent in 2001.

Next year, developing Asia should again grow by 5.7 per cent, the ADB said in its 2017 Asia Development Outlook report.

"Developing Asia continues to drive the global economy even as the region adjusts to a more consumption-driven economy in China and looming global risks," said Yasuyuki Sawada, the ADB's chief economist.

Sawada said the region faces "risks from uncertain policy direction in the advanced economies, including the pace of interest rate normalisation in the United States".

"While short-term risks seem manageable, regional policymakers should remain vigilant to respond to possible spillover through capital outflows and exchange rate movements," Sawada said.

The Federal Reserve hiked US rates a notch in mid-March, its second tightening in three months. Forecasts from Fed officials suggest a median of two more increases before year-end.

China, which is rebalancing its economy to

growth led by consumption rather than exports, is expected to grow 6.5 per cent this year, the ADB said. That is better than its December forecast of 6.4 per cent, but weaker than the 6.7 per cent expansion in 2016.

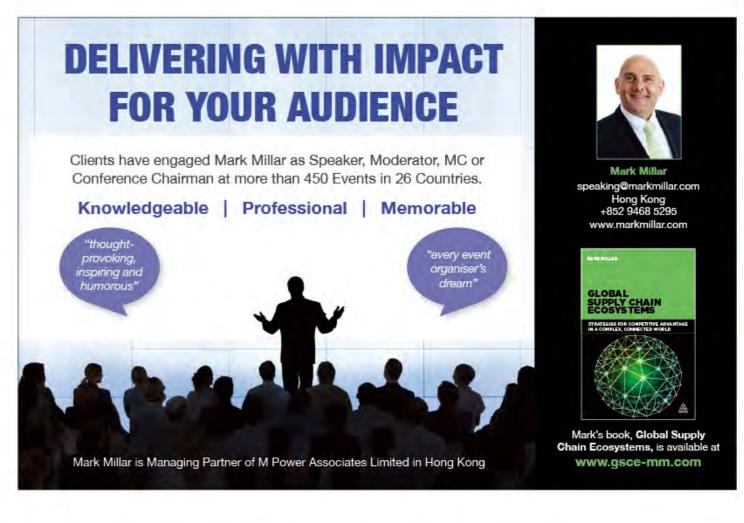
Growth in China is seen slowing further to 6.2 per cent in 2018.

The ADB reduced its 2017 growth forecast for India to 7.4 per cent from 7.8 per cent and it expects growth there to pick up to 7.6 per cent in 2018.

With nearly all economies in Southeast Asia showing an upward trend, the region should expand by a faster 4.8 per cent this year and pick up to 5.0 per cent next year, the ADB said.

Meanwhile, economies in South Asia are projected to expand by 7.0 per cent in 2017 and 7.2 per cent in 2018. And strong consumer demand and rising global commodity prices could cause the inflation pace in developing Asia to quicken to 3.0 per cent this year and to 3.2 per cent in 2018, the ADB added.







Prime Source Forum 2017: It's all about survival, sourcing and speed

ot surprisingly, with a rise in protectionism around the world, survival under global political frictions was a major theme alongside two other broad topics - sourcing in uncertain times and speed to meet the demands of millennial consumers - that dominated the discussions at this year's highly-anticipated Prime Source Forum (PSF).

The annual landmark event of the fashion industry, held on March 13 – 14, brought together some 300 senior executives of the global fashion supply chain. From those working in raw materials to e-retail, many shared their insights on the global outlook and how digitalisation and supply chain management strategies could benefit the industry. Speakers also touched upon regulatory frameworks as well as taking a closer look at new markets and sourcing hubs such as Africa.

This year's delegates came from a wide-range of business sectors which included apparel and footwear, material, textile and fabrics, components and accessories, garment manufacturing-related technology and equipment, product lifecycle management, logistics and supply chain management, design, consultation, financial services, legal services, press associations, government organisations and educational institutes for the industry.

In his opening remarks, Anson Bailey, Principal of Business Development, KPMG, who was also Master of Ceremonies, set an insightful tone for the meeting by saying, "We live in interesting and challenging times."

His gripping remark was followed by an equally interesting welcome address by Gregory So Kam-leung, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of the HKSAR. "Fashions change but change is always the fashion...To keep up with the fast pace of the fashion sector, one needs to think fast by anticipating, spotting and setting trends..."

In his welcoming speech, Willy
Lin, Chairman of the Hong Kong
Productivity Council and the Hong Kong
Shippers' Council, who is also a veteran
garment manufacturer, said that despite
growing anti-globalisation sentiment
and rising protective measures, the
Brexit phenomenon, weak consumer
spending, a changing economy and
changing retail models born out of the
rapid development of O2O businesses,
there are plenty of opportunities on the
horizon despite these upsets.

Lin added that according to eMarketer, e-commerce sales (including both products and services) are expected to grow by over 20% every year in the next 5 years. Further to that, Asia-Pacific is predicted to become the world's largest retail e-commerce market with China alone expected to account for almost half (47%) of all such sales worldwide.

It has become increasingly common that sourcing managers in senior positions no longer have to visit local and overseas trade fairs to source new products. Instead, they seek out new suppliers through existing industry connections, selected referrals or at highlevel conferences.

With the goal of strengthening the significant buyer-supplier relationship and these new networks that World Fashion Design Competition and Award (WFDA) came into being in March 2016.

WFDA is a B2B platform offering producers opportunities to demonstrate their capabilities of manufacturing designed fashion items to their potential clients from around the world on a single platform. Unlike other fashion design competitions, WFDA focuses on collaboration amongst producers, designers and buying offices of multinational brands or e-retailers in order to work towards enhancing the global fashion industry. This year's PSF oversaw the WFDA awards ceremony which honoured some of the best designers in the industry.

At the 2nd WFDA award ceremony,
Anderson Lee, Chairman, Sustainable
Fashion Business Consortium who was
also Master of the Award Ceremony, said
although the event was still in its infancy,
it has provided a great impetus to help
collaborate stakeholders, share optimum
practices and expertise which have all
added value to the industry and has
provided a prominent platform for talented
designers to showcase their products.

Meanwhile, a number of speakers sounded a note of caution on protectionism and as Colin Browne, President of Global Sourcing of Under Armour, put it aptly in his keynote address, this year the world will see politics shifting away from globalisation to regionalisation as countries become more protectionist.

Browne and many speakers also highlighted the importance of better service to consumers as they have become more specific about what they want, have very different demands and expectations including speed, experience and customisation, and expect products and services to be delivered with corporate social responsibility in mind.

It's worth noting that many speakers remained upbeat despite globalisation is on the decline and protectionism is on the rise, as they believed there are still opportunities if executives know how to rethink their traditional low labour cost and long lead time model to adjust to rising costs, political and anti-trade policies, complex and fragmented supply chains.

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Needless to say, technology, automation, data and digitalisation, will continue to help achieve optimal efficiency in trade as in the new retail landscape that emphasises on broader assortments and personalisation, consumer wants to see now, buy now and wear now.

The second day of PSF began with a keynote address by Dr Arkebe Oqubay, Minister and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, on now is the right time to invest in Ethiopia as the country is the fastest growing country in Africa with GDP growth standing firm at 11 per cent for the last 13 years.

Finally, Executive Director at the Hong. Kong Shippers' Council, Sunny Ho's probing questions got to the heart of the subject. Ho, who was also a moderator, asked Mark Green, Executive VP of PVH on what opportunities he saw in Africa could play an integral part in the global supply chains. And still on the subject of Africa being a major sourcing hub, he asked Gareth Brooks, Managing Director of VF Asia Ltd whether there were different opportunities for Africa and asked him to identify the main hurdles for "Made in Africa" to become popular or even the mainstream products in consumer market.

With such a diverse range of stimulating topics discussed, this year's PSF most certainly provided countless opportunities for participants to meet and network with industry stakeholders.





China opens seven new FTZs to attract foreign investment

he State Council announced in late March that it had established seven new Free Trade Zones (FTZ) in the provinces of Liaoning, Zhejiang, Henan, Hubei, Sichuan, Shaanxi and Chongqing.

The FTZs were opened on April 1, 2017 bringing the total number of FTZs in China to 11. The statement followed the announcement on August 31, 2016 by the Minister of Commerce for China that seven new FTZs would be established in China.

The previous four FTZs are located on the coast in Shanghai, Tianjin, Guangdong and Fujian. These areas were chosen for their geographical advantages for trade such as their proximity to major seaports and international airports. Conversely, five of the new FTZs are located inland. The Chinese Minister of Commerce, Gao Hucheng, stated that this is

reflective of the fact that Central and Western China will be the "new frontier" for foreign investment in China, in line with the country's "One Belt One Road" policy.

The government also released details explaining why each FTZ has been chosen.

Liaoning has been chosen to reignite the competitiveness of northeast China's traditional industries and consequently opening up new sectors for foreign investment.

As a new FTZ Zhejiang is expected to improve the construction of Zhoushan Free Trade Port and encourage commodity trade liberalisation.

Henan is chosen to help establish a modern three dimensional traffic system and modern logistics system meaning it will one day become a key location along China's "One Belt One Road" connection.

Hubei, as a new FTZ, is to play the role of a hub for high-tech industrial bases focussing on the Yangtze River Economic Belt.

Sichuan is chosen to be the gateway to China's western inland areas while Shaanxi is to help facilitate the construction of the "One Belt One Road" network.

And finally, Chongqing is hoped to be in a strategic position to enable access to the west of China in order to facilitate the region's overall future development.

The general principle of FTZs is to focus on free market policies and flexible governmental measures to encourage foreign firms to do business in China.







管制代理人證書課程(RAR)

1. 課程目標:

為確保香港空運貨物符合《國際民用航空公約》附件 17 規定,香港民航處在 2000年3月 增設管制代理人制度(RAR),以規範托運人所需遵行的航空保安法例規定,從而強化空運貨物供應鏈的保安香港貨運代理商 (CARGO AGENT) 或空運貨物托運人(SHIPPER)可申請註冊為管制代理人,目的以防止利用航空運輸托運的貨物非 法運載爆炸品和引爆裝置載客機和貨機上。香港航空保安計劃訂定每位管制代理人公司應至少有兩名工作人員已參加並完成民航處認可培訓課程,天空國際有限公司,現提供民航處認可"管制代理人"培訓課程(課程已包括民航處 2013 年7月15 號新的要求),在過程中學員將理解到管制代理人的法律要求以及如何使用正常營運需要。此外所有管制代理人持有人

需要在證書屆滿前或 36 個之內接受復訓課程。以確保處理人員的知識更新並符合現行法例規定。

2. 誰應該參加: 托運人,貨運代理和承運人

3. 費用/上課日期: 1 天基本培訓/復訓課程(HK\$750元/人) 上課時間: 0900-1700

- 中文課程: 2017 MAR 31, APR 11, MAY 26, JUN 30, JUL 28, AUG 25, SEP 29, OCT 27, NOV 24, DEC 22

4. 課程大綱:

管制代理人制度的目的,國際及香港法例,管制代理人的責任,已知托運人、帳戶托運人或非已知 托運人托運的貨物之處理,豁免貨物,如何識別一個已知的托運人,接收貨物程序(文件查核/外 觀檢查),不同申報單的運用,保安措施,管制代理人之間的貨物處理(集運/運提單轉讓),安全 控制的類型,貨倉承辦商和運輸承辦商的要求,記錄備存,可疑貨物的處理,質量控制規定和筆試。

5. 名額: 每班 20 人

6. 學習地點:

荔枝角道838號勵豐中心16樓1601室(勵豐中心入口在長義街,從荔枝角地鐵D2出口步行2分鐘)

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World News at a glance

Great interest in digitalisation in Russian port and logistics sectors

A partnership and co-operation agreement was signed between Port of Hamburg Marketing (HHM) and the Admiral Makarov State University for Sea and Inland Waterway Shipping in early April.

This coincided with the traditional German week in St Petersburg when a workshop was conducted with the focus on "Digitalisation in the port sector and logistics" co-organised by HHM, the German-Russian chamber of commerce and the German business Eastern-Europe

The ports in Hamburg and St Petersburg are in close proximity to the main cities. As international ports they both have similar structures and face comparable challenges in terms of managing traffic and logistics processes.



Dubai GDP growth accelerates due to stronger domestic spending



Dubai's gross domestic product is expected to accelerate this year at a faster pace than most Arab economies as it's bolstered by stronger local spending and a pick-up in global trade, the International Monetary Fund said in early May.

GDP will grow as fast as 4 per cent from 2.7 per cent in 2016, according to Jihad Azour, head of the IMF's Middle East and Central Asia Department.

The projected growth compares with an average of 2.3 per cent for the Middle East and North Africa, according to IMF data.

Dubai, home to Emirates Airline and the world's tallest skyscraper, borrowed tens of billions of dollars to build an economy reliant on trade, transport, finance and construction. After a spell of breakneck growth, the global financial crisis pushed the real estate market into a slump and took Dubai to the brink of default. Authorities have since tightened regulations and repaired the emirate's public finances.

"Growth is expected to strengthen on the back of stronger domestic spending, including investment in preparation for Expo 2020, and the pickup in global trade," Azour said.

Expansive business development with stable result for EUROGATE



The EUROGATE Group reported in early April its results for the 2016 financial year, showing an 11.6 per cent increase in its operating result (EBIT) to EUR 101.6 million (2015: EUR 91.1 million) and an increase of 3.3 per cent in net profit for the year to EUR 75.9 million (2015: EUR 73.5 million).

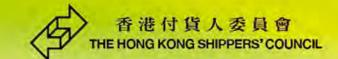
To many in the industry 2016 was a turbulent year for container shipping, and one that brought a few surprises and unexpected changes which included a number of shipping company mergers and the insolvency of Korean carrier Hanjin Shipping, Against this backdrop, EUROGATE still managed to successfully demonstrate its ability to operate profitably. Capital expenditure in 2016 came to EUR 19.0 million, which was 8.1 per cent higher than in the previous year (EUR 17.6 million).

Michael Blach, Chairman of the EUROGATE Group Management Board: "Container shipping is currently going through a phase of transition. Last year saw the start of an unprecedented wave of consolidations among

the shipping lines. In the future, the main East-West trade lanes, which are so important to us, will be dominated by the three major alliances 2M, OCEAN Alliance and THE Alliance. For EUROGATE this represents a great opportunity, because with our North Sea terminals in Bremerhaven, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven we offer the alliances a wide range of capabilities for clearing their vessels - including the world's biggest megaliners of the future with transport capacities in excess of 20,000 TEUs.

"In recent years, EUROGATE has time and again proved its mettle in an intensive competitive environment. To ensure that this remains so, we are aiming to continually improve our performance. We want to innovate and are focusing closely on the driving forces of technology and digitalisation. This also includes the introduction of automation processes. As the public is aware, we are currently planning a pilot project for the automation of straddle carriers at our Wilhelmshaven location. Further decisions on this have yet to be taken."





International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code



IMDG Compliance Course Co-organizers: Sky Safe International Consultant Limited

Who Should attend:

With the mandatory adoption of the 2008 edition of the IMDG Code on the 1st of January 2010 training will be mandatory for shore based personnel engaged in the transport of dangerous goods by sea. Sky Safe has designed these courses to meet the needs of the various levels of hazmat employees throughout the transportation industry - excellent training for: operations managers, traffic managers, shipping and receiving personnel, import/export specialists, transportation managers, other employees of NVOCC, thirdparty shipping agents, shippers

Course Objective:

At the end of the course, participants will be able to prepare, offer and accept shipments of dangerous goods for transportation by sea. The course will be based on the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code requirements for non bulk packages in

freight containers.

1. For personnel: NVOCC, shippers, freight forwarders

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World News at a glance

EU leaders can finally exhale after Macron's victory in France



The victory of pro-European Union candidate Emmanuel Macron in the French presidential election in May triggered immediate sighs of relief by EU leaders and expectations that his victory will strengthen the embattled bloc.

Macron's support for the EU marked a stark contrast with his opponent, nationalist Marine Le Pen, an advocate for France leaving the bloc and abandoning the euro.

His victory is seen as an endorsement of the European project and comes after months

of uncertainty about the future of the bloc following Britain's decision to leave; the US election of President Donald Trump, a critic of the EU; and the rise of nationalist politicians across the bloc.

EU leaders were quick to congratulate Macron. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called Macron immediately after the election on May 7 that "the French voters' decision was a clear commitment to Europe".

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker was the first top EU official to send a letter of congratulations to Macron, after having endorsed him ahead of the May 7 vote - an unusual move for EU officials, Juncker wrote that "the history of the EU is so closely linked to that of France that the public debate about France's place in Europe echoed far beyond your country."

London has the most millionaire CEOs

For millionaire chief executives, London is calling.

The capital of the United Kingdom is home to the largest number of millionaire CEOs in the world, with 2.9% of these individuals living there, according to research conducted by financial publications Compelo and Wealth Insight.

Among the rich CEOs who call Queen Elizabeth Il and UK Prime Minister Theresa May neighbour is Virgin Group founder Richard Branson, who is worth an estimated US\$5.1 billion.

The No 2 and No 3 spots went to San Francisco and New York, respectively — more than 2% of the world's millionaire CEOs live in each of these two cities.

Most of the top 10 list was made up of American cities, however. They included Los Angeles,



Houston, Boston, Chicago and Washington, DC. Meanwhile, other international locales that managed to crack the list included Singapore (No 4) and Paris (No 8).

That's not a huge surprise though — the report found that 48% of all the world's millionaire CEOs reside in the US. Comparatively, just 8% live in Britain, and only 4% of them call France home.

China News at a glance

China's online grocery market is set to more than double by 2020



Online grocery in China could more than double the growth in market share by 2020, according to figures released on April 25 by international grocery research organisation IGD, a training and research charity that helps the food and grocery industry deliver the needs of the public.

Its current 3.1% share of the country's total grocery market is forecast to leap to 6.6% over the next three years. The expansion is driven by the growth of the internet, greater smartphone usage, more focused investment from retailers and shifting demographics, and IGD further forecasts online grocery in China to grow by almost 32% year on year by 2020.

Shirley Zhu, Asia Programme Director at IGD, explains: "China already has the world's largest online grocery market in terms of value and this certainly shows no signs of slowing down."

A combination of online "marketplaces" and bricks and mortar retailers make up China's leading

online grocery players, according to IGD. Shirley explains: "Alibaba's Tmall and JD.com are the two of the largest online retailers in China and they also have a strong position in online grocery. These platforms are a one-stop shop for all domestic and international brands and categories, as well as offering a nationwide logistics network, rapid delivery, innovative and simple payment solutions, and new technologies such as drones and virtual

"Indeed, as China's online grocery channel continues to grow, we expect to see more partnerships created between retailers and manufacturers. We also expect to see online grocers personalising their offers, using data to understand how and when people shop online, to deliver a better service and even personalised products. We also expect innovations such as voice-activated technology, virtual reality and smart devices to play a greater role as the market develops," She adds.

Chinese e-commerce growth is unstoppable

China's National Bureau of Statistics recently released a report on the country's 2016 economic data, which showed that Chinese online shopping is experiencing a massive boom.

Already the largest e-commerce economy in the world, the Chinese e-commerce market growth is still going strong and is predicted to expand even further over the next few years.

The report showed that the Chinese e-commerce market growth rate increased by 26.2%, representing 15.5% of total retail sales in the country. The e-commerce industry in China has generated 5.16 trillion yuan in 2016, twice the growth rate of the entire retail economy in China.

Last year, Chinese people purchased more food online with figures showing a 28.5% growth. As for clothing items, it increased by 18.1% while items such as mobile devices saw a rise of almost 12% in online sales.

Hong Kong airport ranked 5th best in the world



Hong Kong International Airport was ranked the fifth best in the world for a second year during the "Oscars of Aviation" in mid-March.

Singapore's Changi Airport retained the top spot for the fifth year running in this year's World Airport Awards, organised by British aviation consultancy Skytrax. Second, third, and fourth places went to Tokyo International Airport (Haneda), Incheon International

Airport, and Munich International Airport, respectively.

HKIA previously held the top place from 2001-2005, 2007-2008, and 2011, but has been slowly inching down the ranks since 2011, sliding from 3rd place in 2012 to 5th in 2016. However, all is not lost, as HKIA won in best dining, came second in best passenger immigration service, and seventh in both shopping and cleanliness.

China News at a glance



HK Express caps strong Q1 with new A320neo and A321 aircraft in its fleet



Hong Kong's low-fare airline HK Express has reported strong business performance in March, capping a stellar first quarter in 2017. The low-fare airline continued to grow its ancillary revenue, expand its fleet and maintain highly efficient operations.

HK Express also received the "Tourism Marketing Award" from Sina Weibo HK in the Weibo Star 2016 Awards. The award recognises the low-fare airline's social media efforts on Weibo, citing HK Express' powerful communication messages, popularity, search engine rankings and high engagement as winning factors.

HK Express also celebrated the arrival of new aircraft, adding one A320neo and one A321 aircraft to its fleet in March. The A320neo is one of the most fuel-efficient aircraft in the market, promising low emissions, longer flight range and 50% noise reduction. Now with 21 aircraft in its fleet, HK Express is expected to continue its passenger and network growth in Asia with new destinations to be announced later this year.

In March, HK Express flew 287,886 guests, marking a 16.81% increase compared to the same month last year. Over the past 12 months, HK Express flew 3,027,325 guests, representing a 21.28% increase compared with the same period ending March 2016.

The low-fare airline reported yet another strong Load Factor last month, marking the fourth month in a row with record operational efficiency of 90%. On-Time Performance (OTP) continues to lead the industry, recording 79.2% in March and 77.9% year-to-date. Better yet, the OTP rate was 81.5% in the past 12 months, furthering its status as one of Asia's most ontime airlines.

Cathay targets HK\$4 billion in cuts over three years

Cathay Pacific Airways is seeking HK\$4 billion (US\$514m) in savings over the next three years, with half targeted for this year.

In the first cost-saving target made public, Air China, which has a 30 per cent stake in Hong Kong's flag carrier, backed Cathay Pacific to turn the business around.

The airline started a three-year restructuring exercise, the biggest shake-up in 20 years, after it lost HK\$575 million (US\$74m) last year.

Part of the plan would see management jobs cut, a pay freeze for managers, all non-critical recruitment halted and a 30 per cent cut in staff costs at its headquarters. Cathay earned HK\$92.7 billion last year, but expenses came in at HK\$93.2 billion, leading to the loss.



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Turkish Cargo moves to a new location in Hong Kong

In 2011, Turkish Cargo opened its Asian regional office in Hong Kong, considered the most significant air cargo centre in the region. In March this year, its regional office was relocated from Jubilee Centre in Wan Chai to No 88 Hing Fat Street in Causeway Bay.

More than 80 of its business partners joined the opening of the new regional base at the opening ceremony, which was officiated by the Turkish Consul General in Hong Kong Mr Korhan Kemik, the airline's CCO Mr Turhan Özen, alongside Vice President Mr Halit Anlatan and Cargo Regional Director Mr Hüseyin Ceyhan.

Mr Özen said: "I found here in Hong Kong a strong team and strong supporters and believe 2017 will be a good year for cargo business as we have already had some positive signals. We believe our current co-operation with our business partners will become even stronger in 2017 with our increasing quality and capacity."

Since the establishment of its regional office in Hong Kong six years ago, the airline has seen a rapid growth in the air cargo sector in the region. In 2011, its air cargo flights only flew to 4 destinations in Asia. By 2017, the airline is flying to 20 destinations and has become one of the fastest growing airlines in the region. During the last six years, its cargo volumes have grown by 300 per cent and the trend is expected to continue.



Hactl wins innovation award



Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) the major independent cargo handler at Hong Kong International Airport - has won the Innovation Award at this year's Cargo Airline of the Year awards.

Hactl's winning submission focused on its recent ground-breaking switch to mobile computing throughout its giant terminal and ramp operations, which employ 2,400 staff. Its enhanced "COSAC-Mobile" apps suite now enables staff to input information, and receive

updates and instructions on the move, without the need to use fixed data terminals. This has dramatically reduced ramp vehicle use and emissions.

Using COSAC-Mobile, customers can also pre-register arrival of their trucks at SuperTerminal 1, check flight status, use a fast-track lane into the truck parking area, and receive automated callforward messages via smart phone.

Announcing the award, Air Cargo News said its judges praised Hactl for their integrated mobile app and

ANPR technology, designed to speed up processing of vehicles, improve customers' experience and reduce costs. And this was just one of the 26 projects that Hactl's Performance Enhancement team are working on in order to improve efficiency for airline customers.

A total of 15 categories were featured in the 2017 awards, based on a mix of direct voting by more than 18,000 supply chain professionals, and company submissions.

UPS appoints Mark Vale Growth and Emerging Markets President





UPS has named Mark Vale President of Growth and Emerging Markets. Vale and his team will expand and enhance the company's market reach and global capabilities to better serve customers doing business in emerging and developing markets around the world.

Vale succeeds Derek Woodward, who retired after 32 years of service to UPS.

"Mark brings the global insight, experience and leadership that will help lead UPS to its next phases of expansion. We continue to increase and enhance our international product and facility footprint, driven by cross-border and local market growth," said Jim Barber, President of UPS International.

"The World Bank forecasts suggest emerging markets and developing economies are poised for accelerated growth of 4.2% in 2017, compared to global growth estimates of 2.9%," Barber added.

"Connecting customers to economic opportunities requires a network of logistics and supply chain experts. We look forward to Mark helping align UPS's global capabilities to meet customers' needs."

"I am looking forward to focusing on helping UPS customers connect to emerging markets throughout the world. This is where new trade

corridors are being developed and fresh opportunities are opening," Vale said.

"I am extremely encouraged by the dynamism and passion I see at UPS to help customers and countries reach their potential in growth and emerging markets."





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Hong Kong Container Throughput 香港貨櫃碼頭吞吐量

Jan - Mar 2017 2017年1-3月

	'000 TEUs 千個甘 収資櫃	Over same period last year 與去年同期比較
Kwai Tsing Container Terminals 葵青貨櫃碼頭	3,862	(+12,5%)
Other than Kwai Tsing Container Terminals 葵青貨櫃碼頭以外	1,006	(+12.8%)
Total 總計	4,867	(+12.6%)

Hong Kong Terminal Handling Charges (THCs) 香港碼頭處理費

Conference 船公會	HK\$ / TEU 港元 / 廿呎貨櫃	HK\$ / FEU 港元 / 四十呎貨櫃
Intra Asia Discussion Agreement 亞洲區內商計協議	\$2,000	\$3,000
Transpacific Stabilization Agreement 泛太平洋穩定協議	\$2,140	\$2,855

Bunker Adjustment Factors 燃油調整附加賣

Conference 船公會	BAF 燃油調整附加費	Effective Date 生效日期	
Intra Asia Discussion Agreement 亞洲區內商討協議	US\$65 / TEU 65 美元 / 廿呎貨橋 US\$130 / FEU 130 美元 / 四十呎貨橋	May 1, 2017 2017年5月1日	
Transpacific Stabilization Agreement 泛太平洋穩定協議	(WC 西岸) US\$324 / FEU 324 美元 / 四十呎貨櫃 (EC 東岸) US\$621 / FEU	Apr 1-June 30, 2017 2017年4月1日 至6月30日	

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Drewry Hong Kong-Los Angeles Container rate benchmark Drewry 香港 - 羅省貨櫃運費指標

In US\$ per full 40 ft, container load, excluding terminal handing charge at origin port.

美元/四十呎重櫃 (不包含出口港口之碼頭處理費)

| Rate per | Change (%) | Change (%) | Week | Month / year | 40-foot box | by week | from a year

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	May-16	\$773	0.0%	-51.3%
Week 21	May-16	\$723	-6.5%	-51.4%
Week 22	Jun-16	\$923	27.6%	-35.8%
Week 23	Jun-16	\$823	-10.8%	-46.5%
Week 24	Jun-16	\$748	-9.1%	-47.2%
Week 25		\$693	-7.4%	-47.4%
	Jun-16			
Week 26	Jun-16	\$693	0.0%	-47.4%
Week 27	Jul-16	\$1,093	57.7%	-22.9%
Week 28	Jul-16	\$993	-9.2%	-30.0%
Week 29	Jul-16	\$1,243	25.2%	2.1%
Week 30	Jul-16	\$1,093	-12.1%	-10.3%
Week 31	Aug-16	\$1,243	13.7%	2.1%
Week 32	Aug-16	\$1,243	0.0%	-23.2%
Week 33	Aug-16	\$1,243	0.0%	-18.1%
Week 34	Aug-16	\$1,243	0.0%	-23.2%
Week 35	Aug-16	\$1,243	0.0%	-23.2%
Week 36	Sep-16	\$1,743	40.2%	14.8%
Week 37	Sep-16	\$1,743	0.0%	22.9%
Week 38	Sep-16	\$1,743	0.0%	14.8%
Week 39	Sep-16	\$1,743	0.0%	22.9%
Week 40	Oct-16	\$1,743	0.0%	21.7%
Week 41	Oct-16	\$1,643	-5.7%	14,7%
Week 42		\$1,843	12.2%	39.8%
	Oct-16			
Week 43	Oct-16	\$1,843	0.0%	39.8%
Week 44	Nov-16	\$2,043	10.9%	67.7%
Week 45	Nov-16	\$1,843	-9.8%	51.3%
Week 46	Nov-16	\$1,661	-9.9%	48.6%
Week 47	Nov-16	\$1,561	-6.0%	53.4%
Week 48	Nov-16	\$1,461	-6.4%	59.2%
Week 49	Dec-16	\$1,361	-6.8%	40.6%
Week 50	Dec-16	\$1,661	22.0%	91.4%
Week 51	Dec-16	\$1,661	0.0%	103.1%
Week 52	Dec-16	\$1,661	0.0%	131.4%
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Week 1	Jan -17	\$2,361	42.1%	66.5%
Week 2	Jan -17	\$2,261	-4.2%	59.5%
Week 3	Jan -17	\$2,361	4.4%	66.5%
Week 4	Jan -17	\$2,361	0.0%	79.2%
Week 5	Feb -17	\$2,361	0.0%	93.9%
Week 6	Feb -17	\$2,158	-8.6%	77.2%
Week 7	Feb -17	\$1,858	-13.9%	52.6%
Week 8	Feb -17	\$1,658	-10.8%	71.4%
Week 9	Mar-17	\$2,158	30.2%	148.7%
Week 10	Mar-17	\$1,658	-23.2%	102.8%
Week 11	Mar-17	\$1,558	-6.0%	103.0%
Week 12	Mar-17	\$1,358	-12.8%	89.2%
Week 13	Mar-17	\$1,358	0.0%	89.2%
Week 14	Apr-17	\$1,558	14.7%	90.6%
Week 15	Apr-17	\$1,358	-12.8%	89.2%
Week 16	Apr-17	\$1,358	0.0%	89.2%
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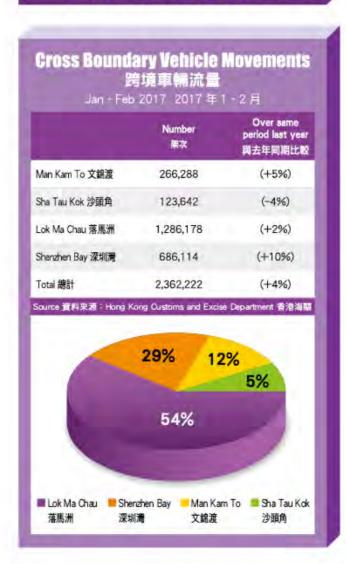
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Hong Kong Air Cargo Throughput 香港空運貨物吞吐量

Jan - Mar 2017 2017年1-3月

	Tonnes 公額	Over same period last year 與去年同期比較
Loaded 裝貨	691,000	(+13.7%)
Unloaded 卸貨	408,000	(+7.7%)
Total 總計	1,099,000	(+11.4%)

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Shenzhen Ports Container Throughput 深圳港口集裝箱吞吐量

	TEUs 廿呎貨櫃	period last year 與去年同期比較
Yantian International Container Terminal 鹽田國際集裝箱碼頭	2,632,689	(-1.4%)
Chiwan Container Terminals 赤灣集裝箱碼頭	1,184,314	(-2,5%)
Shekou Container Terminals 蛇口集裝箱碼頭	1,419,937	(+5.3%)
Shenzhen Ports Total 深圳港口總計	5,493,001	(-1.1%)

Source 資料來源:Shenzhen Municipal Port Authority 深圳市港務管理局

China Top Ten Container Ports 中國十大集裝箱港

Jan - Mar 2017 2017年1-3月

	'000 TEUs 千個廿呎貨櫃	Over same period last year 與去年同期比較
Shanghai 上海港	9,353	(+9.5%)
Ningbo-Zhoushan 寧波-舟山港	5,881	(+9.1%)
Shenzhen 深圳港	5,637	(+1.4%)
Qingdao 青島港	4,512	(+1.9%)
Guangzhou 廣州港	4,440	(+11.0%)
Tianjin 天津港	3,349	(+2.1%)
Xiamen 廈門港	2,231	(+8.4%)
Dalian 大連港	2,201	(+3.0%)
Yingkou 營口港	1,539	(+0.9%)
Lianyungang 連雲港	1,125	(-14.7%)





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往光明處看

快將踏入 2017 年下半年了。可是, 今年香港全年貿易和航運業的表現, 仍然是未知之數。

今年首三個月,以貨值計算,中 國與香港出口分別增長14.8%和 10.3%。香港港口貨櫃吞吐量上升 12.6%,空運貨量則上升 11.4%。 雖然三月份的貨量增長幅度得益於 農曆新年假期影響,可是上述增長 幅度確是令人非常鼓舞的。

奇怪的是,此等理想的增幅與反全 球化和保護主義抬頭的趨勢是背道 而弛的。自特朗普就任總統後,雖 然他採取的貿易政策,特別是中美 貿易採用了賭博理論,以及受國內 外事務政策的發展而變得不明朗確, 可是香港的貿易表現似乎並沒有按 預期的方向發展。此外,英國脫離 歐盟, 還有法國、德國和意大利的 選舉均增加了變數。

一向以來,貿易的統計分析都側重 於香港與傳統貿易夥伴的數據,但 印度已靜悄悄的成為香港第五大出 口市場了。事實上,過往幾年,香 港出口往東盟國家貨量的增幅,都 遠高於美國和歐盟。儘管"一帶一

路"或:"亞太"時代已經到來的 説法,可能仍是言之過早,可是假 如我們忽視急速變化的貨運形勢是 極不明智的。

現時,香港有很多關於一帶一路的 討論,可是行動卻相對落後。在雅 加達開設經濟貿易辦事處(ETO) 是一個正確的舉措,緊隨的應該是 在南亞和一帶一路沿帶地區設立更 多ETO。私營機構也應該訊速行事。

李克強總理在今年3月宣布,粵港 澳大灣區概念將正式納入政策層面, 我對此感到很興奮。有人可能質疑 粵港澳大灣區概念對廣東、香港和 澳門三地區域合作的重要性,認為 這不是嶄新的概念或新的伙伴關係。 內地投資長期以來一直是香港最大 的投資來源。粵港澳大灣區發展的 倡導又有什麼特別之處呢?

其實自 2009 年《珠江三角洲發展 規劃綱要》出台以來,內地政府一 直致力加強協調區內規劃與發展, 包括基建發展、土地利用規劃、經 濟結構與活動、人才與知識發展, 及研究開發等。

可是,香港和內地有不同的法政制 度,因此有憂慮指落實粵港澳大灣 區發展概念會存在困難。中國大陸 是社會主義國家,執行大陸法;而 香港則採用資本主義和普通法。此 外,與全球其他以單核主導的主要 灣區 - 紐約灣區、舊金山灣區、東 京灣區不同,廣州、香港和深圳三 地在城市、人口規模,以及經濟總 量方面都相當接近。這個三核特徵 對於灣區發展來説肯定是獨一無二 的。難道這一概念真的難以實現嗎?

此等疑慮確是存在的。這些差異在某 程度上影響了粵港澳大灣區內的經濟 效率。區內五個國際機場的發展和運 作其實可以有更好的規劃和協調,其 航空交通管理和流量將更為理想。同 時,如果涵蓋地理區域更廣泛,則對 提升整體物流配送效率也更為有利。 在土地利用規劃、其他基建,及社會 經濟活動的情況也如上述一樣。此 外,香港也希望能爭取到較 CEPA 範 疇內更多的商機。

如果協調是在國家政策層面上,結 果將會不同了。區內每個城市的相 對優勢將會更認真被檢視和加強, 並會在發展過程中互相補益。雖然 香港採取不干預政策, 但歷史告訴 我們,對未來的規劃是很重要的 當經濟體是割離的話,他們可以只 虑理自身的事務,但這不是今天的 經濟狀況。我們應該尋求更多的協 同效應和共同點。

很多人對大灣區概念的主要擔憂, 是會削弱香港的自主權和獨特優勢 以及過度計劃發展。但我認為對這 些無須禍於擔憂。

一國兩制是香港最重要的基石,它 保證了香港制度與世界許多其他經 濟體的銜接。事實上,香港早已從 這制度中受惠,並且將繼續受惠於 中國現行"一帶一路"倡議和"走 出去"戰略。

香港一直扮演中國投資跳板的角色。 還有很清晰的,很多"一帶一路" 及"走出去"項目的風險評估和管 理, 這也是香港的專業服務的強項

中聯辦法律部部長王振民在 2017 年 4月30日的"一國兩制"論壇上表 示,如果香港變成另一個中國內地 城市,對中國政府並沒有益處。這 背後的智慧是為粵港澳大灣區政策 打下未來的發展方向。我們需要做 的是從這願景中找出積極元素,並 努力將之實現。

我們應避免負面主義,讓我們將焦 點放在光明面,一同邁步向前吧!





一、什麼是灣區

灣區,從地理概念上看,是由一個海灣或相連的若幹個海灣、港灣或相連的若幹個海灣。從經濟角度上看,灣區經濟是依托共享灣區形成的開放型區域經濟高級共享灣區的,灣區具有比較過少生態和區更優越的生態和區內各主體可依托灣區建設港口群,這就是灣區經濟與沿海區經濟區域最不同的地方。另外,灣區經濟區域最不同的地方。另外,灣區經濟區域最不同的地方。另外,灣區經濟區域最不同的地方。另外,灣區經濟區域經濟,表明為一體一個大學

體,由於有了一片合適的共享海域 水體,灣區就會形成多個不同功能 的城市,從而形成相當規模的城市 群。另一方面就是"連河",即在 主要依賴水運的情況下,國內外產 品主要通過灣區出入所連接的內 河,然後再進出廣闊內陸腹地等要 素。因此,通常灣區應具備超級大 港和交通樞紐等的優勢,甚至是具 備由交通優勢而發展成金融發達及 創新高地等幾大要素。縱觀當今世 界,東京灣區、紐約灣區、舊金山 灣區是世界公認的知名三大灣區, 其經濟發展的成就也舉世公認。如 果對應地看,粵港澳恰恰已經具備 這樣的基礎和條件。

二、粤港澳大灣區疊加效應明顯和實力雄厚

粤港澳大灣區是一種複合疊加型灣區經濟體,存在著不同於其他類型灣區經濟的疊加效應。一是粵港澳大灣區本身構造可以分為三個層次,形成差異化疊加效應。粵港澳大灣區的核心層次是珠江三角洲的9個城市加上香港和澳門,也就是通常說的9+2城市群(香港、澳門、廣州、深圳、珠海、佛山、中山、東莞、惠州、江門、肇慶),擁有約1億人口,面積5.6萬平方公里,GDP規模達1.4萬億美元,

粤港澳大灣區

發展的構想 與機遇

從珠江西到珠江東,深圳河到香江水,珠江三角洲的 9 座城市與香港、澳門兩個特別行政區,近年常被作為"粵港澳大灣區"共同提起。而近期,粵港澳大灣區更成為一個"熱點"名詞。2015 年 3 月,國家頒布"一帶一路"願景與行動計劃,首次在國家戰略層面提出打造粵港澳大灣區,2016 年 3 月,國家"十三五"規劃再次提出推動粵港澳大灣區建設。而這個名字,也在今年第一次寫入李克強總理所作的《政府工作報告》當中,作為國家層面的經濟規劃。這意味著議論多年的粤港澳大灣區發展設想已被列入國家經濟發展戰略的層面。以此為標志,中國灣區經濟發展的新時代正在到來。





超過西班牙的 1.19 萬億美元和俄 羅斯的 1.32 萬億美元的水平,對 外貿易總額超過 1.8 萬億美元。區 域年航空客運流量 1.75 億人次, 港口集裝箱年吞吐量超過 6500 萬 標准箱,產業結構以先進制造業和 現代服務業為主,港澳地區服務業 增加值佔 GDP 比重均在 90% 左 右,這些指標絲毫不遜色於舊金 山、紐約、東京等成熟的大灣區城 市群,甚至是"一灣富可敵國"。

二是粵港澳大灣區由處於不同制度 框架之下的區域構成,形成體制性 疊加效應。粵港澳大灣區不但擁有 "一國兩制"方針下的香港和澳門 兩個特別行政區和自由港,而且還 有深圳、珠海兩個經濟特區,廣州 南沙、深圳前海和珠海横琴三個自 由貿易試驗區,由此形成了包括特 別行政區 + 自由港、經濟特區 + 自 由貿易試驗區等多重經濟體的體制

疊加優勢和開放疊加形態,從而能 夠產生巨大的經濟和社會能量。

三是粤港澳大灣區由"灣區群+港

口群+產業群+城市群"組成, 形成組合體疊加效應。從大區域來 看,粤港澳大灣區主要是以環珠江 灣區為核心,同時還包括大鵬灣區、 大亞灣區等一些外圍灣區。正是由 於灣區群的存在,在粵港澳大灣區 範圍內形成了港口群,如香港港、 深圳港、廣州港、東莞港、珠海港 等;由於港口群的帶動,灣區內形 成不同的產業集群,目前已經形成 了通訊電子信息產業、新能源汽車、 無人機、機器人等高端產業集群, 同時也有石油化工、服裝鞋帽、玩 具加工、食品飲料等中低端產業集 群。正是由於港口群的存在以及產 業集群的帶動,出現了大量移民人 群,從而推動了城市化的快速發 展,並最終形成不同功能、不同層

級的城市群。由於存在上述諸多疊 加效應,使得粵港澳大灣區無論是 市場化程度還是國際化程度都相對 較高,創新能力更為強勁,成為中 國對外經貿的窗口、開放型經濟的 先行地和城市群發展的引領者。

三、粤港澳大灣區發展時 機成熟且前景廣闊

粤港澳合作由來已久,具有地理區 位上的天然優勢。這個位於中國東 南沿海的灣區,是與海上絲綢之路 沿海國家、沿線國家海上往來距離 最近的發達區域,也是全球最密集 的港口群。作為中國最繁忙的空港 區,去年粵港澳大灣區內機場的年 吞叶量已經超過了紐約灣區三大機 場吞吐量。更重要的是,在創新發 展已成為全球趨勢的當下,粵港澳 大灣區具備了成為全球科技創新 中心的潛質。不算香港、澳門,

僅珠江三角洲九座城市・研發經費 支出佔粵港澳大灣區的 GDP 比重 達 2.7%,和美國、德國處於同一 水平線。從產業基礎來看,粵港澳 地區產業體系完備,各地分工有特 色。在珠江三角洲地區,香港金融 業發達,廣州的貿易和物流相當突 出,深圳則高科技企業眾多,足以 與世界級灣區經濟相媲美。因此, 粵港澳大灣區從一開始對標的就是 世界級灣區。

粵港澳大灣區合作建設正在成為共 識。首先是國家層面的認同。如 前所述,2015年3月,國家頒佈 "一带一路" 願景與行動計劃,首 次在國家戰略層面提出充分發揮深 圳前海、廣州南沙和珠海橫琴三 個自由貿易試驗區的作用·深化與 港澳合作,打造粵港澳大灣區。 2016年,全國人大常委會批准的 國家"十三五"規劃提出,加快前

海、南沙、横琴等粤港澳合作平台 建設,推動粵港澳大灣區和跨省區 重大合作平台建設。同時國務院印 發深化泛珠三角區域合作指導意 見,明確要求攜手港澳共同打造粵 港澳大灣區,建設世界級城市群。 其次,共建粤港澳大灣區已經取得 了廣東省及珠江三角洲城市與港澳 地區的廣泛認同。早在2011年, 廣東省政府公佈環珠江口宜居灣區 建設重點行動計劃,提出以東京灣 區、舊金山灣區、紐約灣區為師打 造環珠江口灣區,到 2020 年發展 成為經濟規模超越紐約、東京、倫 敦等三大國際都會區的、經濟實力 及影響力名列全球最前沿的世界級 規模的灣區城市密集群。

與此同時,珠江三角洲各城市積極 行動起來,深圳、佛山、肇慶、 江門、東莞、珠海等多地的《政 府工作報告》都提出融入參與粵 港澳大灣區建設。從深圳市推進情 況來看,2014年初深圳市《政府 工作報告》中率先提出"發展灣區 經濟",當年年底深圳市委市政府 正式出台大力發展灣區經濟意見, 隨後還與港澳地區簽署共同參與粵 港澳大灣區建設備忘錄,尤其是今 年初深圳市委六屆五次全會公告和 《政府工作報告》,進一步從加強 深港澳合作、打造前海自貿片區 對外開放門戶、建設一帶一路重 要樞紐、構建開放發展戰略通道 等方面作出了共建粤港澳大灣區 的具體部署。

四、推出粤港澳大灣區是 具備重要意義的國家 發展需要

粵港澳合作不是新概念,大灣區城 市群的提出,應該説是包括港澳在 內的珠江三角洲城市融合發展的升

級版,從過去三十多年 前店後廠的經貿格局, 升級成為先進制造業和 現代服務業有機融合最 重要的示範區,從區 經濟合作,上升到全方 位對外開放的國家戰 略,這為粵港澳城市群 未來的發展帶來了新機 遇,也賦予了新使命。

目前中國經濟發展正面 臨國際國內的雙重壓力 和挑戰,極需培養新的 經濟增長極和動力源。 從國際來看,2008年 全球金融危機之後,西

方發達國家為維護自身利益,開始 推行"去全球化"的貿易保護主義 模式,全球經貿投資規則和經濟治 理體系進入深入調整期,這對於外 向型經濟比重較高的中國來說,衝 擊較大,需要重新建立對外開放的 新格局。從國內來看,經過了30 多年的高速增長之後,中國進入經 濟新常態,轉型發展,推動供給側 結構性改革需要成為區域經濟的領 頭羊。正是在國際國內的雙重需求 和挑戰下,粤港澳大灣區備受矚目 和期待。

打造粵港澳大灣區將是實現中國夢的偉大實踐,也是落實國家"一帶一路"戰略的重要舉措。與其他世界級大灣區不同,粵港澳大灣區建設是在一個主權國家內三個獨立關稅區深化合作的重要嘗試,涉及產業佈局、土地利用、信息互通、資源共享、交通能源、基礎設施、創新圈、城市群協調等方方面面。因此,更需要發揮"一國兩制"優勢,健全合作機制,增強輻射帶動作用,形成最具發展空間和增長潛



力的世界超級灣區,提升粵港澳參與國家發展戰略的能力和水平。

五、粤港澳大灣區發展和 建設的有關措施和建 議

區域合作的關鍵在於打通資金、物流、人才等各個要素之間的連接通道,使各種要素流動更加便利,要實現粵港澳大灣區的深度融合,提升整體競爭力,這需要在體制機制上的更多創新,通過深化改革來實現。

一是加強基礎設施互聯互通,形成 輻射國內外的綜合交通體系;以深 港世界級海港樞紐功能為依托,聯 合南沙等輻射範圍內的幹線機場和 港口,形成粵港澳超級港口群,並 加快港口轉型升級步伐,提高國際 中轉業務比重,形成區域生產性服 務中樞與亞太綜合交通樞紐,強化 粵港澳大灣區國際貿易集成功能, 增強深港組合港的全球航運中心功 能;依托香港、廣州和深圳三大國 際機場,構建灣區內多層次航空運 輸體系,拓展航空配套服務市場, 增強和擴大國際空港輻射功能。

二是積極發揮即將開通的港珠澳大橋的作用,以區域交通運輸一體化為目標,編制綜合交通體系總體規劃,統籌考慮重大交通基礎設施佈局、管理模式、線網走向,加快建設高速鐵路城際軌道交通網絡、高速公路網絡、高等級內河航道網絡等具有現代化水平的陸路、水路交通網絡。

三是打造全球創新高地,合作打 造全球科技創新平台,建設粵港 澳大灣區創新共同體,逐步發展 成為全球重要科技產業創新中心; 加快"粵港科技創新走廊"建設, 帶動粤港澳科技創新資源向產業 鎮高端集聚,積極爭取國家授權 廣東在與港澳科技合作發展方面 先行先試;推動粤港澳在雲計算領 域信息技術合作發展,加快建設 國際信息港。

四是切實發揮廣東自貿試驗區先行

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五是推動粵港澳金融競合有序、協同發展,培育金融合作新平台,擴大內地與港澳金融市場要素雙向開放與聯通,打造引領泛珠、輻射東南亞、服務於"一帶一路"的金融樞紐,形成以香港為龍頭,以深圳、廣州、澳門、珠海為依托,以前海、南沙和橫琴為節點的大灣區金融核心圈。

六是共建大灣區優質生活、教育 圈,著力改善社會民生,打造國際 化教育高地,完善就業創業服務體 系,促進文化繁榮發展,共建健康 灣區,推進社會協同治理,把粵港 澳大灣區建成綠色、宜居、宜業、 宜游的世界級城市群。

六、香港應積極抓住粵港 澳大灣區發展機遇

2017年底,歷時5年建設,全 長55公里的港珠澳大橋將全線貫 通,通車後香港至珠海的陸路通行 時間將由3小時變成半小時,粵港 澳之間的交通因此將會更為完善和 便捷。處在粵港澳大灣區最前沿位 置的香港,與內地城市往來必定更 加頻繁。這將有利於香港融入整個 珠江三角洲地區的發展,擴大產業 鏈,提供更多就業機會,並吸引更 多的外資。下一步,香港應積極在 基礎設施建設、構建核心金融圈、 打造全球創新高地等多方面參與大 灣區建設,可重點推進區域經濟合作以及人員流動便利化,包括加強香港與深圳在落馬洲河套地區和廣東自貿區的合作,以及進一步打造珠江三角洲灣區"一小時生活圈"等項目上。相信這將進一步強化香港作為內地與世界"超級聯繫人"的作用,增強香港的國際競爭力,改善香港社會環境,紓解現有結構性矛盾,並鞏固作為國際航運中心、金融中心、貿易中心的地位。



2005 年回國後 在深圳,曾就職 於馬士基及勝邦 等大型航運、物 流公司,具備較 豐富的物流、港 口和航運經驗及 知識。

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香港航空業

新格局(下)

上一期說到國泰航空集團在產品性價比、服務、成 本控制上,均受到新晉航空、廉價航空等競爭對手 的壓力,加上燃油對沖錄得大額虧損,令去年業績 見紅,蝕 5.75 億元。國泰航空集團管理層也明白到 舊方法或已不合時宜,因此在今年初舉行的領導層 會議上提出「新策略方針」,並指 2017 年將會是 二十年來改變最重大的一年。



解讀前海深港現代服務業

合作區

香港付貨人委員會為滿足香港營商者在內地與香港關係日益密切的形勢下,把握前 海合作區的設立對香港的影響及由此衍生的投資機會,通過全面系統檢理前海合作 區有關的規劃、政策、法規、辦法、規定等,以出版《解讀前海深港現代服務業合 作區》一書的形式,全面深入介紹前海合作區。

《解讀前海深港現代服務業合作區》一書在收集、整理和分析大量相關資料的基 礎上,詳細介紹了前海合作區的總體概況,重點對《前海深港現代服務業合作區

全書框架體系結構合理,規劃及政策梳理細緻深入,內容解讀通俗易懂,既 具有宏觀指導性,又具有微觀操作性。該書對於香港營商者全面瞭解前海合作區設 立對香港產生的影響及合理把握由此衍生的投資機會把握具有一定的參考意義和實用價值



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國泰航空集團強調,會建立一個更 心。反而向來走開高端路線的國泰 精簡、以顧客及其需要為主導、能 迅速應對營運環境變化的組織架 構,而在落實新策略的過程中,一 到失望不忿。 些現有職位或變得不合時宜,暗示 有裁員的可能性。最新消息指出, 國泰將於未來三年減省 40 億元成 本開支,今年慳20億元,當中包 括節省香港總部中、高管理階級人 員成本 30%。儘管整個重組方案至 年中才公佈結果,但已令一眾高薪 員工「羅羅攣」,恐成為開刀目標。

口碑安全老本尚存

正所謂希望越大、失望越大。國際 航空市場格局快速改變,中國國 航、東方航空和南方航空等為首的 內地航空公司,以及阿聯酋航空、 卡塔爾航空等中東航空公司迅速崛 起,在機隊更新和服務提升上均較 國泰航空集團走前一步,配上具吸 引力的機票定價,在短期內分得巨 大的市場份額,成功籠絡旅客的

航空,旅客在支付較高的機票費用 後,卻得不到理想的服務,當然感 澳洲航空、東方航空與信德集團

不過, 撇除燃油對沖虧損影響, 國 泰航空在股本回報方面完勝內地三 大航, 且其安全性更是備受肯定。 根據德國「航空事故資料評估中心」 (JACDEC) 近日公佈 2017 年世 豈不是自掌嘴巴? 界安全航空公司排行,國泰航空連 續第3年被評為「全球最安全航空 公司」,香港航空和香港快運或因 成立年期較短,暫未有位列榜上。

性上有優勢・加之市場口碑等「老 本」尚存,若此番能及時調整戰略 方向,成功改善收益率和拓展多元 化收入來源,相信仍有機會在未來 及廣州等三大內地樞紐機場佈局轉 幾年重振旗鼓。

在這里順帶一提,現時中國國航和 國泰航空互相持股,早前有傳國航

將增持國泰航空,甚至入主,惟筆 者以為,機會甚微。尚記得早兩年 合資成立捷星香港,但最終無法 成功獲發牌照,當時國泰航空以 「母公司為澳洲航空的捷星澳洲 所控制、像特許經營模式在本港 營運,為由提出反對意見,若此 番將大股東之位讓給中國國航,

旅客轉經內地中轉

國泰航空集團「新策略方針」能否 見效尚是未知之數,但該集團如今 國泰航空集團在旅客最關注的安全 面臨的困境,或可側面反映香港航 空業所面對的挑戰。近年內地航空 公司積極更新機隊、拓展國際航 線,以較相宜的價格在北京、上海 運中心,不僅成功令內地旅客減少 經香港作中轉,也吸引一些國際旅 客轉經內地中轉,令香港國際機場 的樞紐角色開始減弱,帶來隱憂。





由深圳船舶代理學會名譽會長、中國國家專家網交通運輸專家、中國海事件 裁委員會仲裁員陳有銳先生編寫的《英漢海事實用詞典》最近已由商務印書 館出版。該詞典共收詞 50000 餘條,約 110 多萬字,附錄 8 個,每冊港幣 100元。內容包括:海事、港口、租船、物流、金融、電子信息、船舶代理、 皆運代理、運輸保險、環境保護、口岸查驗、國際商務以及海商法規等。

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該書是在編者的《英溪海事常用詞彙》(1979年)的基礎上進行擴編的。《人 民日報》、中央電視台等媒體曾廣泛進行報導。在歷時 10 年的編寫過程中, 得到中國遠洋運輸(集團)總公司、中國海商法協會、中國海事仲裁委員會、 中國船舶代理及無船承運入協會、深圳市交通運輸委員會、深圳市船舶代理 學會、香港物流管理人員協會等單位和有關人員的鼓勵、支持和幫助。

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以南航為例,去年廣州樞紐全年 中轉旅客 465 萬人次,同比增長 11%,當中國際中轉和第六航權中 轉分別增長 19% 和 50%;至於東 航在上海樞紐的中轉聯程旅客量也 增長了 24.2%。

2016年,中國國航、東方航空和 南方航空在國際航線的運力投入 分別按年增長15.8%、28.8%和 22.8%;海南航空的國際航空運力 投入更大增 57.15%。反觀國泰航 空集團,去年整體客運運力增長 2.4%,投放最大的歐洲航線運力增 長8.3%。雖然國泰航空集團較內 地航空公司更早佈局國際航線,惟 運力的投放速度也已顯示這些後起 之秀要搶佔國際市場的決心。

當中外航空公司在國際航線上展 開價格戰爭,而在美元升值預期



的帶動下,港元走強,令國泰航空 的票價進一步失去競爭力。至於香 港機場三跑道系統剛剛起步,需待 2023年才落成,但周邊機場如廣 州、深圳、台北、新加坡等,以及 上海、北京等其他亞洲區內的機場 基建快速發展,正逐漸拉近與香港 機場的差距,這同時也限制了國泰 航空集團的向外拓展步伐。

力不斷受到質疑之際,香港機場會 否步其後塵?正所謂居安思危,思 則有備,有備而無患。相信國泰航 空集團乃至香港國際機場需思考在 保留原有優勢的同時,在產品、服 務和增值服務上創新突圍,善用數 字科技,將成為未來致勝關鍵。

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