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PORT KLANG SPEARHEADS MARITIME TRANSPORT CONFERENCE ON COVID 19 CHALLENGES

KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 1, 2022 – YB. Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong, Minister of Transport, Malaysia today officiated the 19th ASEAN Ports and Shipping Conference and Exhibition, themed Cultivating Adaptability and Resilience in the Maritime Industry at InterContinental Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This annual conference and exhibition is a major regional event on maritime transportation including port, shipping and logistics in ASEAN and global perspective.

This conference is the first major international event for the industry since the lifting of nationwide MCO in Malaysia. It has been estimated that shipping and ports handle over 80% of the global merchandise trade by volume and 70% by value. Economic shocks test the resilience and adaptability of the ports and shipping industry. The Covid-19 pandemic presents new and unprecedented impacts on global supply chains and on the port and shipping industry, affecting the economic development of many nations. The Covid-19 disruption has sharpened the need to build resilience and has revived the debate over globalization and the supply chains of the future.

Hence, this conference hosted by the Port Klang Authority (PKA) is designed to help the industry make informed decisions to aid global economic recovery and provide the opportunity for delegates to exchange views on challenges and preparations to resolve current and emerging issues amid the pandemic.

The highlights of the conference include updates on global and trading patterns, emerging new technologies including digitalisation and green port initiatives and sustainable development of the maritime industry in the context of climate change challenges, port investment strategies, financial resilience in the face of future disruption.

The conference which is supported by Ministry of Transport will also enhance Malaysia's strategies as a progressive maritime nation and the vital role in facilitating global trade particularly within the ASEAN region.



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