



CONTAINER TRACKING SERVICE TO ENHANCE OPERATIONS AT SAPANGAR PORT

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) commissioned a major IT upgrade at Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP) by installing a state of the art system that provides real time control of cargoes and smarter resource deployment. The Autostore Terminal Operating System (TOS) is an integrated, total tracking system for container movement inside the port and provides customers with access to real time tracking of containers and status. This upgrade is expected to enhance the handling process by speeding up locating and transferring of containers.

Poised to be the transshipment hub for the BIMP-EAGA region, SBCP is the first among SPSB's ports to be fitted with this system. This will further strengthen SBCP as it prepares for further upgrades under its planned expansion program. Under the 11th Malaysian plan, SBCP has been identified as a Game Changer project under the National Blue Ocean Strategy to stimulate and drive economic growth within Greater Kota Kinabalu. The government will spend a total of RM 1. 13 billion towards the expansion which includes extending the yard and jetty length, and procurement of machineries.

A handing over ceremony between SPSB management and TOS developer, Central Systems & Automation Ltd (CSA), took place on 12th January 2017 to signify the TOS system 'Going Live' at SBCP. The project was done in collaboration with Malaysian based IT Portlink (ITP) and CSA implementation partner, Seaport Group. Over a span of 2 years, the group developed a system to fit SPSB's exact functional requirement and carried out user training for port employees.

"In the coming months, we will be delivering further functionality in the new TOS such as weigh bridge integration, SmartRail integration on the Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes and eventually interface to uCustoms, " said CSA's Project Manager, Mr. Adrian Thornley.

In her speech, Ms. Ng Kiat Min, Group Managing Director for Suria Capital Holdings Berhad cum SPSB's Managing Director hopes the new system, will enhance customers' experience and confidence in Sabah Ports. "We are taking efforts and measures to make innovations to our delivery system and operating procedures to promote higher transparency and efficiency. The upgrade is in line with our initiative, whereby we are to ensure that the Ports be continuously upgraded and service level continuously improved to meet customers' needs and expectations."

SPSB Chief Operating Officer, En. Mohd. Sahid Hj. Nawab Khan, added "Foreseeably, the port expansion will generate added throughput at SBCP. TOS will be a contributing factor towards container handling efficiency and strengthening SBCP's overall delivery."

The TOS will progressively add on further functions at SBCP and SPSB also plans to have the system running in Sandakan and Tawau Port later this year.

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