



DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT BRIEFED ON SAPANGAR BAY EXPANSION PLAN

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd welcomed YB Dato' Kamarudin Jaafar, Deputy Minister of Transport Malaysia to Wisma Sabah Ports, Sapangar Bay today. This would be his first visit to Sabah Ports since his official appointment as the Deputy Minister of Transport Malaysia in 2018.

Briefing the Deputy Minister as well as the Ministry of Transport's Deputy Secretary General, Tuan Syed Nasir Syed Ahmad and Secretary of Maritime, Encik Mohamed Halim bin Ahmed was Ms. Ng Kiat Min, Group Managing Director, Suria Capital Holdings Berhad cum Managing Director, Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd.

Ms. Ng gave an introduction of the Group's business structure and further briefed on the progress of the Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP) expansion project as well as issues and challenges affecting Sabah's port and logistics industry.

The visit bodes well with Sabah Ports as it progresses with its development plans and further reaffirms the Ministry's commitment to bring more development to Sabah's transport and logistics industry.

In the presentation, Ms Ng had informed that plans for the Sapangar Bay Container Port expansion are progressing and that project commencement is anticipated to take place late this year with expected completion by 2023.

The SBCP expansion shall be undertaken in phases, whereby the current phase will include increasing berth length to 1 kilometer and increasing container handling capacity from 500, 000 teus to an eventual 1.25 million teus.



The expansion will be funded on a public private partnership basis whereby the federal government's allocated funding of RM1.03 billion ringgit will be complemented by an investment of RM300 million ringgit by Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd.

The government funds shall be channeled through SEDIA as the implementing agency; while the project owner is port regulatory body, Sabah Ports Authority.

The supply driven initiative will boost the efficiency and capacity of SBCP and ultimately, position the Port as a transshipment hub for the Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East Asean Growth Area.

By designating SBCP as the hub for containerized cargo and rationalizing container traffic at a specified load center, a more systematic and efficient approach is laid out to attract Main Line Operators thus spawning greater connectivity and a lowered cost of logistics thus generating game changing opportunities for local businesses and logistics players.

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