



SABAH PORTS WELCOMES NEW REGIONAL CONTAINER SERVICE

Sapangar Bay Container Port (SBCP) welcomed a new regional container service operated by Thai based Regional Container Lines (RCL) with the launch of RCL's East Malaysia (REM) service.

The REM service covers Singapore- Kota Kinabalu (SBCP) - Muara, Brunei - Bintulu - Singapore route and will sail on a fortnightly schedule.

This will be the seventh regular container liner at SBCP.

Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd's Managing Director, Datuk Ng Kiat Min said "Currently there is a strong demand for direct connectivity from East Malaysia to Singapore, as such the REM service provides an alternative solution for exporters."

"We anticipate that the new service will generate more cargo volume to and from Sabah and benefit customers largely through improved transit time and introduction of value - added offerings."

"We look forward to working closely with RCL and their local agent, Ben Line Agencies."

The collaboration is well received by the ports as it signifies RCL's confidence in SBCP's capabilities and that the cooperation will further strengthen SBCP as a regional transshipment hub.

Envisioned to be a premier transshipment hub for containerised cargo, a total of RM 1.03 billion has been allocated by the federal government for SBCP's expansion which includes increasing the jetty length from 500 meters to 1 km for more vessels to berth and expanding terminal capacity from 500,000 TEUs to 1.25 million TEUs. The establishment of the



Sapangar Free Zone will further complement the Port's transshipment activities.

Supa Bhum, which has a carrying capacity of 628 teus is RCL's dedicated container ship for the REM service. Making its arrival at SBP's jetty on 15th October 2022, Supa Bhum departs for Muara as its next port of call.

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