

Mutiara Perlis

# Sinar Chuping Perlis

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## Mutiara Perlis engages Turkiye to advance PIP to Turkiye-China Rail Silk Route by 2025



Standing left to right; YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim, Group Executive Chairman of Mutiara Perlis Sdn Bhd and The Honourable Mr Durmus Unuvar, Deputy Minister of Transport & Infrastructure of Turkiye.

**4th June 2024 Ankara:** Group Executive Chairman of Mutiara Perlis YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim and Mr Abbas Hyder Bilgrami, Group Principal Adviser met The Honourable Deputy Minister of Transport & Infrastructure, Mr Durmus Unuvar. The Honourable Minister was briefed on the Perlis Inland Port (PIP) and its linkages to China. Mutiara delegation discussed the extension of the Turkiye TRACECA plan to Xian China and how it can be linked to ASEAN and Malaysia via rail.

The Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) is an international transport programme involving the European Union and 12 member states of the Eastern European, Caucasus, and Central Asian region connected to Turkiye through culture, language and faith. Recently The Honourable Minister had spoken about extending the TRACECA corridor to China during a formal visit to Tajikistan on May 29, 2024.

Mutiara requested The Honourable Minister to extend this transport corridor to Malaysia and ASEAN by leveraging PIP infrastructure and the intermodal connectivity between China and ASEAN. The Honourable Minister was enthusiastic about

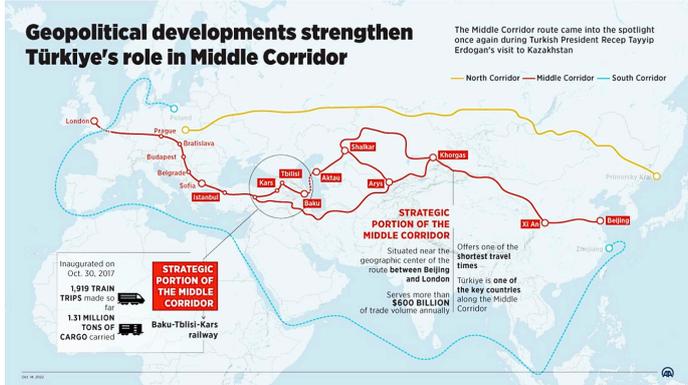
this proposal and has committed to form a team from the Ministry to engage Mutiara and other related stakeholders to formalize the extension of this transnational Trade Corridors. He was most interested to hear about the completion of the rail connection between China and Malaysia. Trade between the two brotherly countries have grown to over US\$5 billion and His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President of Turkiye and Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia have committed to increase this trade to US\$10 billion by 2027.



Related article: **TRACECA Corridor Map on page 2**

## International News

# The Transport Corridor Europe-Caucasus-Asia (TRACECA) to look at Perlis Inland Port as intermodal hub to ASEAN



(Left) Third from left Group Executive Chairman of Mutiara Perlis, YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim, Deputy Minister Transport & Infrastructure of Türkiye, Mr Durmus Unuvar and Mutiara Perlis Principal Adviser Mr Abbas Hyder Bilgrami.

Related article from Page 1: TRACECA Corridor Map

## Local News

### NGC Oman sees growth via PIP infrastructure



**17 Apr 2024 Kangar:** National Gas Co. of Oman (NGC) Group Chief Executive Officer Dr Rachid Majjad, viewed PIP as a potential hub for NGC expansion across Thailand and neighbouring countries. NGC is currently the second largest player in Malaysia LPG marketing sector after

Petronas Dagangan Berhad and poised to expand its footprint. The delegation was given a comprehensive briefing on Perlis Maritime Corridor and Perlis Inland Port, followed by visit to PIP construction site in Lembah Chuping. Chief Minister of Perlis YAB Tuan Haji Mohd Shukri Ramli hosted the delegation at his office in State Assembly Complex, Kangar accompanied by Perlis State Secretary YB Datuk Muhd Khair Razman Mohamed Annuar, YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim Executive Chairman of Mutiara Perlis and Mr. Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad Group Managing Director & CEO of Mutiara Perlis.

NGC invested in Malaysia LPG marketing sector since 2012 by acquiring Shell's Malaysia LPG business. Malaysia was intended to be used as a regional hub.

Dr Rachid Majjad proposed a collaborative effort to assist Perlis in leveraging its strategic positions as a cross-border gateway to Thailand and vice versa, thereby enhancing its true economic potential.



### PIP joins Perlis State Exhibition @Madani Rakyat 2024 for Northern Zone



**5 May 2024 Georgetown:** Prime Minister Yang Amat Berhormat Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim officiated Madani Rakyat Programme here at Tapak Pesta Sungai Nibong in which Perlis Government and Perlis based companies were invited to participate and exhibit.

Perlis is currently the key gateway for cross-border trade, with most containers sent to North Butterworth Container Terminal (NBCT) in Penang. This Perlis-Penang link will be further enhanced when PIP operates by Q2 2025. PIP Business Development Manager, Azim Kazim Shabaruddin, who was interviewed by press at the event said, "When we commence operations, we plan to enhance cargo handling efficiency, which will lead to an increase in container volumes heading to Penang Port. 1 million TEUs (forecasted by PIP) may seem challenging, but I am confident it is achievable. We anticipate that containers from Bangkok, Laos, and China Megahub Chengdu-Chongqing will utilize PIP before proceeding to their ports of choice, whether in Penang, Port Klang, PTP or Singapore."

PIP facilities are designed to meet cross-border demands and complement other ports. Mutiara Perlis is actively engaging in discussions with Penang Port to ensure that the design of PIP aligns with the infrastructure at NBCT, catering to the needs of customers from Southern Thailand and Northern Peninsula Malaysia.

## Local News

### Chuping Valley Eid Celebration & PIP-CVIA Briefing to Malaysian & Thailand stakeholders



Top photo: YAB Tuan Haji Mohd Shukri Ramli Chief Minister of Perlis were greeted by joint-hosts YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim Group Executive Chairman of Mutiara Perlis, Encik Mohamad Rizatuddin Noor Mohamed Ramli Director of Investment of NCIA & YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi Padang Besar MP. Bottom photo: from left Dr Puteh Soraya State Economic Planning Division Secretary, YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi Padang Besar MP, YBhg. Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin Pensutra Alliance Chairman & Mutiara Perlis Group Executive Chairman



**7 May 2024 Lembah Chuping:** The inaugural celebration jointly organised by Mutiara Perlis, NCIA and Member of Parliament of Padang Besar saw guests from Penang, Perlis and Southern Thailand joining in the auspicious Eid celebration at The Gallery, Integrated Business Centre.

Earlier in the morning a briefing on PIP & CVIA which included site visits were conducted by NCIA and Mutiara Perlis for all guests. The Southern Thailand officials, who were the special guests of Padang Besar Member of Parliament Padang Besar YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi were given a taste of Malaysian cuisine such as satay, rendang and ketupat among other delightful savouries. We were also honoured with the presence of Chief Minister of Perlis YAB Tuan Haji Mohd Shukri Ramli and Pensutra Alliance delegation from Penang led by YBhg Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Maidin to end the event on a high note. We sincerely hope the event managed to foster warm relationship between Malaysian and Thais especially along the border where trade between the 2 nations have gone up to an unprecedented level post covid. Eid Mubarak to everyone!



(From Left) Managing Director & CEO Inland Port Perlis Sdn Bhd Mr. Arif Rida Shabaruddin, Principal Adviser of Mutiara Perlis Mr. Abbas Hyder Bilgrami, Padang Besar Member of Parliament YB Tuan Rushdan Rusmi, Director of Investment NCIA Mr. Mohamad Rizatuddin Noor Mohamed Ramli, Group Managing Director & CEO of Mutiara Perlis Mr. Wan Ahmad Zaheed and Executive Director, Dato Amir Abdillah Shabaruddin



PIP-CVIA development briefing to Thai delegates, Pensutra Alliance and cross-border logistics players

### Jabil Circuits invests RM200m as CVIA is open for business

**16 May 2024 Padang Besar:** Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) and Jabil have extended an invitation to NCIA, BPEN Perlis, and Mutiara Perlis for an exclusive preview of their newly completed factory building in the Chuping Valley Industrial Area (CVIA). This factory marks the first operational facility within CVIA and will become an anchor investor for the whole CVIA development. Jabil's establishment in CVIA is expected to attract more investors and manufacturing players to explore and consider their operations in Perlis. Mutiara Perlis Sdn Bhd is committed to provide the best top-tier logistics solution in PIP to support manufacturers in CVIA, ensuring seamless operations within CVIA region.



### Thai Consul-General & Padang Besar Thai Custom House inspect PIP facilities

**23 May 2024 Padang Besar:** His Excellency Consul General Raschada Jivalai together with Thailand Custom House of Padang Besar visited PIP to see its construction progress. Mutiara Perlis hosted the visit together with NCIA and JKDM Perlis (Malaysian Customs). During the meeting, both parties highlighted the importance of collaboration between the two Malaysia and Thailand ICQS. Moving forward, both parties agreed to have continuous dialogs to share information and to attract traders and logistics players.



# MB turun padang tinjau kemajuan PIP

**10 Jun 2024 Lembah Chuping:** YAB Tuan Haji Mohd Shukri Ramli diiringi Encik Zulkafli Ahmad Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif MBI Perlis dan Cik Mawar Awang Setiausaha Dewan Undangan Negeri meninjau pembinaan PIP bermula di Tapak Tinjau PIP di sini. Beliau disambut oleh pihak pengurusan Mutiara Perlis Sdn. Bhd dan para pegawai NCIA yang kemudiannya membawa rombongan Menteri Besar ke Yad Kontena (sebahagian infrastruktur dalaman PIP) dan Cabang Keretapi (sebahagian infrastruktur luaran PIP). PIP dijangka beroperasi di Suku 2, 2025 dan Insya-Allah membuka **peluang pekerjaan dan perniagaan** buat anak-anak muda yang ingin terlibat di dalam muamalat dan keusahawanan.



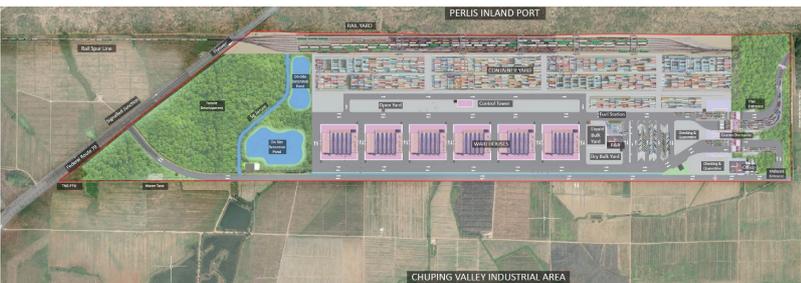
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## PIP Progress Report



As of Q2 2024, significant progress has been made in the development of PIP infrastructure. PIP internal infrastructure has reached 26% completion. PIP external infrastructure works are advancing with the rail spur line and flyover at 47% completion, and the bonded road at an impressive 82% completion. Mutiara Perlis is eagerly anticipating the completion of Phase 1 construction by Q2 2025, marking a critical milestone in the region's logistics and transportation capabilities.

## About Us



Mutiara Perlis is a JVCo. between State of Perlis & private sector to develop transport & energy infrastructures. One of the projects is Perlis Inland Port, a 500 acres inland depot at Malaysia-Thailand border near Padang Besar & Chuping Valley to facilitate cross border trade between Malaysia, Thailand, Mekong Basin Subregion & China.

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