

Mutiara Perlis

Sinar Chuping Perlis

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Minister of Transport launches ASEAN Express: KTMB includes PIP as route to China



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27th Jun 2024 Petaling Jaya: Minister of Transport Yang Berhormat Tuan Anthony Loke Siew Fook flagged-off ASEAN Express in Sungai Way thereby connecting Klang Valley to Chongqing, China, directly via rail which in essence reduce transit times, carbon footprint and transportation costs.

This service will connect multiple inland ports across the region, including Kontena Nasional Inland Clearance Depot in Selangor, Perlis Inland Port, Thailand's Lat Inland Port and



Laos' Thanaleng Dry Port, all of which are pivotal trade hubs in this region.

In the event which was live-streamed from Chongqing, our Transport Minister expressed his optimism with both the launch of freight train service and also Malaysian-made leased locomotive from SMH Rail Sdn Bhd as a significant leap forward for rail industry and Malaysia-China trade.

International News

ASEAN Express kickstarts ASEAN leg of China's New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor

5th Aug 2024 Chongqing: Perlis Inland Port (PIP) team made the first trip to Chongqing, China, following up from last year's multiple trips to Thanaleng Dryport in Vientiane, Laos where China and Laos Government completed the final piece of the jigsaw in the Pan Asia Rail Link linking Kunming and Vientienne by building a standard gauge rail track. Kunming to North Laos are known for its rough mountainous terrain which requires tunneling and viaducts along the newly built 414km stretch which cost USD6 billion.

While Kunming is an important trading centre, it is Chongqing Megacity of 30 million souls which is designated by China to be Western inland hub for China linking it with ASEAN to the South and Europe to the West under the banner of **New International Land-Sea Trade Corridor (ILSTC)**.

Our delegation were given tours of Tuanjiecun Inland Port in Shapingba District which lead the foray to Europe and Xionanya Inland Port in Jiangjin District which lead the effort to ASEAN, of which the ASEAN Express between Malaysia and China made its maiden voyage on 27th June 2024 (as per article on front page). The freight train departed Sungai Way in Selangor and arrived in Xiaonanya 11 days later. This is major breakthrough for otherwise the journey could be between 20 to 25 days on other modes of transportation.



6th Aug 2024 Chongqing: Other than Inland Ports, PIP team also visited Jiangjin Comprehensive Bonded Zone where MNCs operate and churning products for the global market. We highlighted similar effort in Perlis where Federal Government and State Government hand in hand are developing an industrial park namely **Chuping Valley Industrial Area (CVIA)** which is captive with an Inland facility (PIP). The first phase of 2,500 acres CVIA has completed recently and its first tenant is slated to operate by January 2025.

Asean Express cargo train routes



Local News

8th & 9th Sept 2024

Visit from Her Excellency Ambassador of Thailand to Malaysia



9th Sep Lembah Chupung: Her Excellency Ms. Lada Phumas and delegation made a second visit to PIP in as many years. While the first visit involved briefing over PIP 3D model in the comfort of air-conditioned NCIA's Integrated Business Centre, this time around Her Excellency was able to see PIP taking shape on the ground under the scorching sun. NCIA and Mutiara Perlis officials drove the Thai delegates along the new **bonded road** leading towards PIP **new ICQS, underpass** to separate passengers vehicles and trucks at existing CIQ area and **rail spur line** to link Malaysia Electrified Double Track to PIP **new sidings**. In the course of 2 days, Her Excellency were also taken to existing facilities at Padang Besar Passengers' Terminal (which requires further expansion to meet Malay-Thai travellers increasing movements), (the congested) Padang Besar Container Terminal and inspected ongoing construction at **PIP sprawling 500 acres site**. The visit ended on gastronomic high with Her Excellency graciously hosted lunch for NCIA and Mutiara Officials with sumptuous Thai cuisine in downtown Padang Besar. Terima kasih Your Excellency!

3rd & 9th Sept 2024

Visits from AP Moller Maersk



Mr Goh Hean Chun, Managing Director AP Moller Maersk, Malaysia



Mr Rickard Heiss, Regional Director AP Moller Maersk

9th July 2024

Visit from Deputy Director General of Royal Malaysian Customs



YBhg. Dato' Aidid bin Tajuddin, Deputy Director General of Royal Malaysian Customs (Customs & SST) and YBrs Tuan Haji Ismail bin Hashim Director of Perlis Royal Malaysian Customs

13th Sept 2024

Visit from Thailand & Perlis Chambers of Commerce



Chairman of Thai Chamber of Commerce, Mr Nathan Phongthanyawiriya and delegation

2nd July 2024

Visit from Wan Hai Lines Ltd



Mr Marvin Lin, Chief Representative of Owner, Ms Jenny Lu, Operation Owner's Rep, Mr Sharul Nizam Jaafar, Manager EQC Operations and Mr K.H.Chang, Senior Sales Manager

MOT turun padang tinjau kemajuan PIP

12th Sep 2024 Lembah Chuping: Pengarah Pusat Logistik Negara, Kementerian Pengangkutan Dr Siva Sangar Krishnan melawat PIP bersama rombongan seramai 46 orang meliputi pegawai KTMB, NCIA, JKDM Perlis, Jabatan Imigresen Perlis dan MBI Perlis. Beliau disambut pihak pengurusan KTMB, NCIA dan Mutiara Perlis di Padang Besar Container Terminal, sebelum di bawa ke Stesen Mesin Pengimbas Kastam Padang Besar, Yad Kontena PIP, 'Rail Spur' dan 'Bonded Road' PIP.

Lawatan Kementerian Pengangkutan ini amat bermakna kepada pihak pengurusan Mutiara Perlis dan NCIA yang bekerja keras sejak 2018 untuk memastikan projek **Rancangan Malaysia ke 12** ini menjadi realiti tidak lama lagi. **PIP dijangka beroperasi di Suku 2, 2025** dan Insya-Allah akan memenuhi keperluan 'National Transport Policy' 2019-2030' yang digarap Kementerian Pengangkutan.



PIP Progress Report

