

Chuping Perlis



Chief Minister graces signings between Mutiara Perlis, Penang Port and Indonesian ASDEKI



28th November 2024 Padang Besar: At the NCIA Integrated Business Centre in the Chuping Valley Industrial Area, Perlis Chief Minister YAB Tuan Mohd Shukri Ramli witnessed a historic signing ceremony between Mutiara Perlis, Penang Port Sdn Bhd (PPSB) and the Indonesian Container Depot Association (ASDEKI). These agreements are set to reshape cross-border trade between Indonesia (Sumatra), Malaysia, and Thailand. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Mutiara Perlis and PPSB, while Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) was signed between Mutiara Perlis and ASDEKI. Other dignitaries present included Perlis State Assembly Speaker YB Rus'sele Eizan, Perlis State Secretary YB Dato' Rahimi Ismail, PPSB Chairman YBhg Dato' Seri Syed Mohamad Syed Murtaza, ASDEKI Chairman Mr. Khairul Mahalli, Mutiara Perlis Group Executive Chairman YBhg Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim, Chief Executive of the Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA) Mr. Mohamad Haris Kader Sultan, and Penang Port Commission General Manager YBhg Dato' Dr. R. Vijayaindaran. The signing of these agreements marks a significant milestone in the development of the Perlis Inland Port (PIP), which is expected to begin operations by July 2025. These collaborations aim to unlock the full potential of PIP as a vital intermodal transportation hub, connecting Perlis to global markets via marine and rail links and contributing to the regional and Malaysian economy.

From left: YBhg. Dato' Dr Vijayaindaran A/L R. Viswalingam General Manager Penang Port Commission, YBrs. Mr Mohamad Haris Kader Sultan Chief Executive NCIA, YBhg. Dato' Seri Syed Mohamad Syed Murtaza Chairman PPSB, YAB Mohd Shukri Ramli, YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim, YB Rus'sele Eizan, YB Dato' Rahimi Ismail and Mr Khairul Mahalli. Sitting From Left: Mr Wan Ahmad Zahed Group Managing Director & CEO Mutiara Perlis and YBhg. Dato' Sasedharan Vasudevan Chief Executive Officer PPSB

YBhg Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim emphasized that the agreements with PPSB and ASDEKI demonstrate PIP's long-term commitment to building a sustainable and resilient logistics ecosystem in Malaysia. This includes developing intermodal capabilities and forging strategic partnerships with regional and global logistics players. The MOU with PPSB focuses on integrated rail services and synchronized cargo handling between PIP and Penang, with the goal of repositioning empty containers at both PIP and Penang to serve as a conduit for maritime cargo from the Strait of Melaka and rail freight cargo at PIP. Meanwhile, the MOC with ASDEKI seeks to expand PIP's reach within ASEAN by fostering cross-border cooperation and improving logistics coordination with Indonesia, specifically linking Medan to PIP via Penang Port. ASDEKI's involvement underscores a shared commitment to growth, enabling both countries to leverage their logistics expertise and foster an integrated ASEAN logistics corridor. These partnerships represent a significant development in Northern Malaysia's logistics landscape, driving economic growth and enhancing the movement of goods across borders.



Yang Amat Berhormat Tuan Haji Mohd Shukri Ramli Perlis Chief Minister

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Thanaleng Dryport & PIP take centre stage at International Symposium on ASEAN Logistics Connectivity



The host, Mr Sakhone Philangam, Managing Director of Thanaleng Dryport setting the tone for the symposium



From left: Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Group Managing Director & CEO Mutiara Perlis, Mr Alvin Chua Chairman of ASEAN Federation of Forwarders Association, Prof Dr Ruth Banomyong Adviser of Mutiara Perlis & Mr Abbas Hyder Bilgrami Principal Adviser of Mutiara Perlis

10th October 2024 Vientiane: Services on rail are dependent on the infrastructure in place, government bureaucracy, and the expertise of logistic service providers. This was the conclusion of Professor Dr Ruth Banomyong, a logistics expert, at the symposium. Moderating the plenary session titled "Laos-China Railway: A Game Changer," Prof Banomyong was joined by Mutiara Perlis Group Managing Director & CEO Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad, who discussed Infrastructure Connectivity (a pillar of ASEAN Connectivity) with the new Perlis Inland Port (PIP) currently being developed at the Malaysia-Thailand border. The 12th Malaysia Plan Project will complement the operational Thanaleng Dryport (TDP) in Vientiane, located at the Laos-Thailand border along the Mekong River. While the development of TDP in Vientiane and PIP supports the Pan Asia Rail Network, including Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, and China, institutional connectivity should be the next focus for ASEAN governments to expedite cross-border trade within ASEAN and between ASEAN and China. The symposium was held in conjunction with the ASEAN Summit and Laos Chairmanship of ASEAN, gathering world leaders, industry leaders, and bureaucrats from ASEAN and trading partners worldwide. Hosted by the Laos Government and organized by TDP, the summit and symposium served as platforms to amplify the private sector's voice in advocating policy reforms in logistics, thereby enhancing ASEAN's role in the global economic landscape.

Ambassador of Thailand promotes better connectivity



From left: Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad, YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim, H.E. Ms. Lada Phumas and Ms Omdaporn Pewngern First Secretary of Thai Royal Embassy

21st Oct Kuala Lumpur: H.E. Ms. Lada Phumas, Ambassador of Thailand to Malaysia, met with Mutiara Perlis Group Executive Chairman YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim and CEO Mr. Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad at the Thai Royal Embassy. They discussed enhancing Thailand-Malaysia economic relations through improved logistics connectivity with PIP development. Ambassador Phumas emphasized her Government's commitment to seamless border connectivity to boost trade, investment, and tourism, aiming for RM126 billion in bilateral trade by 2025. PIP is expected to attract new investments, create jobs, and stimulate growth in the border area, contributing significantly to the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER) and strengthening economic ties between Thailand and Malaysia.

National Day of the Kingdom of Thailand Celebration @Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel, 5th December 2024



Kunming collaborates with Perlis



From left: Mr Irwan Zamanshary General Manager (Logistic) Mutiara Perlis, Ms Christina Vice President SSILR, Dr. Liu Jinxin, Mr Abbas Hyder Bilgrami Principal Adviser Mutiara Perlis, Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad, Ms Chai FengXi Research Fellow SSILR, Mr Muhd Eryad Adin bin Kamarulzaman Special Officer Mutiara Perlis, YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim and Prof Dr Ruth Banomyong

24th October 2024 Kuala Lumpur: Dr. Liu Jinxin, President of the Kunming South Asia & Southeast Asia International Logistics Research Institute (SSILR), China, visited Perlis to explore potential collaborations and joint development projects within Perlis Inland Port (PIP), Perlis Sanglang Port (PSP) and Penang Port (PPB). The objective is to enhance connectivity under Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and promote mutual benefits. Established in 2005, SSILR is a professional international think tank focused on promoting BRI, South-North cooperation and South-South cooperation. SSILR has formed partnerships with renowned think tanks worldwide and is a founding member of Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Freight Transport Association (FRETA). On October 21st, SSILR toured PIP's facilities and PSP site in Sanglang. The following day, they visited Penang Port and concluded their visit with a meeting at Mutiara Perlis headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. SSILR and Mutiara Perlis aim to collaborate on extending the Kunming Inland Port to PIP.

Japan Freight Railway Company (JRF) offers Technical Support



From left: Mr Irwan Zamanshary Abdul Aziz General Manager (Logistics) Mutiara Perlis, Mr Abbas Bilgrami Principal Adviser Mutiara Perlis, Ms Natcha Supajanyawat Bangkok Representative Office JRF, Mr Vikneshwaran A Thangarajah Director-Operations BMSB, Mr Khairul Nizam Idin Director-Business Development SMH Rail, Mr Shima Hiroaki Office Director JRF, Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed, Ms Hiroka Yamada Deputy Director JRF and Mr Mohd Faiz Hakim Hj. Husain Logistic Adviser Mutiara Perlis

7th November Kuala Lumpur: Mutiara Perlis hosted delegations from JRF namely Office Director Mr. Shima Hiroaki, Deputy Director Ms. Hiroka Yamada and Bangkok Representative Office representative Ms. Natcha Supajanyawat. Additionally, Mutiara Perlis invited strategic partner SMH Rail Sdn Bhd, represented by Director of Business Development Mr. Khairul Nizam Idin and Berapit Mobility Sdn Bhd (BMSB) Director-Operations Mr. Vikneshwaran A Thangarajah. Mutiara Perlis has established a strategic five-year Memorandum of Collaboration with JRF to support the development of the PIP through technical assistance from JRF. In this context, JRF and MPSB are working with KTMB and SMH Rail for a proposed training in Japan. On the 7th of November, at JICA HQ, with guidance from Senior Program Manager Mr. Muhammad Hafiz bin Othman, the partnership focused on key areas including international land ports, transport facilitation, logistical channels, international investment and financing, and international security.

Mutiara Perlis extended warmest congratulations and heartfelt wishes to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua, 31st Prime Minister of Thailand Mrs. Paetongtarn Shinawatra RThBh, the Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand on the auspicious occasion of the National Day of Thailand, the Birthday Anniversary of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej The Great (Rama IX) "Father of the Nation" and Thailand's Father's Day. Mutiara Perlis is committed to further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between both nations.

1st Oct 2024
Visit by YB Datuk Che Murad Sayang Ramjan
Perlis State Secretary



From left: Mr Arif Rida Shabaruddin Managing Director & CEO Inland Port Perlis Sdn Bhd, Dato' Azman Mahmud Adviser Mutiara Perlis, YB Datuk Che Murad Sayang bin Ramjan Perlis State Secretary, Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Managing Director & CEO Mutiara Perlis and Dato Amir Abdullah Shabaruddin Executive Director Mutiara Perlis

10th October 2024
Visit from Prince of Songkhla University, Songkhla Chamber
of Commerce & World Bank



Dr Praththa Dean Economic Faculty Prince of Songkhla University, Mr Pam World Bank, Mr Sanji, Mr Ploy Pitchaya, Mr Steven Consultants, Ms Pamornrat Tansanguanwong Senior Social Development Specialist World Bank, Ms Pitchaya Moller World Bank Urban Development, Mr Songphon Jungsiwattanathamrong President of the Songkhla Provincial Chamber of Commerce, Dr Malin Suebsuk Vice President of the Songkhla Chamber of Commerce, Asst. Prof. Dr Arisara Romyen Neranont Director of FED-ECON Research Center, Mr Phuriphon Kalnaowakul Lecturer Faculty of Economics, Ms Pimpawee Suwannarat Research Center Officer FED-ECON, Ms Kritsadaporn Musali Research Assistant Prince of Songkhla University and Mr Azim Kazim Shabaruddin Senior Manager Business Development Mutiara Perlis

25th October 2024
Visit to Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Westports)



4th From left: Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Abdullah Westport's Executive Chairman, Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Group Managing Director & CEO and Mr Arif Rida Shabaruddin Managing Director & CEO Inland Port Perlis Sdn Bhd

25th October 2024 Pulau Indah: Mutiara Perlis team of Mr. Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad, Mr. Arif Rida Shabaruddin and Mr. Mohd Faiz Hakim Hj. Husain had an insightful visit to Westports in Port Klang, Malaysia's first fully automated port. Westports, which ranks as the 18th busiest seaport globally, handles various cargo including containers, bulk, vehicles and conventional goods. Mutiara Perlis thanked Westport's Executive Chairman Datuk Ruben Emir Gnanalingam Abdullah for his hospitality and look forward to Westport team visit to Perlis.



From left: Mr Arif Rida Shabaruddin Managing Director & CEO Inland Port Perlis Sdn Bhd briefed YB Dato' Rahimi bin Ismail Perlis State Secretary with PIP 3D scale model

MOT Secretary General impressed with Federal & State
joint effort in Perlis



YBhg. Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan Secretary General of Ministry of Transport (MOT) and YBhg. Dato' Shabaruddin Ibrahim Group Executive Chairman Mutiara Perlis

10th November 2024 Padang Besar: Mutiara Perlis had the honour of a visit by YBhg. Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan, Secretary General of Ministry of Transport (MOT) as Perlis Inland Port is part of cross-border project initiative supporting MOT's National Transport Policy 2019-2030. YBhg. Dato' Jana inspected the progress of the PIP Bonded Road, Rail Spur Line, new Flyover on Route 79 and PIP container yard. YBhg. Dato' Jana affirmed MOT's strong support for the project and Mutiara Perlis looks forward to collaborate further with MOT to enhance Malaysia's logistics and transportation sector, particularly in freight rail.

Perlis State Secretary on maiden visit inspects Padang Besar
and Lembah Chuping projects

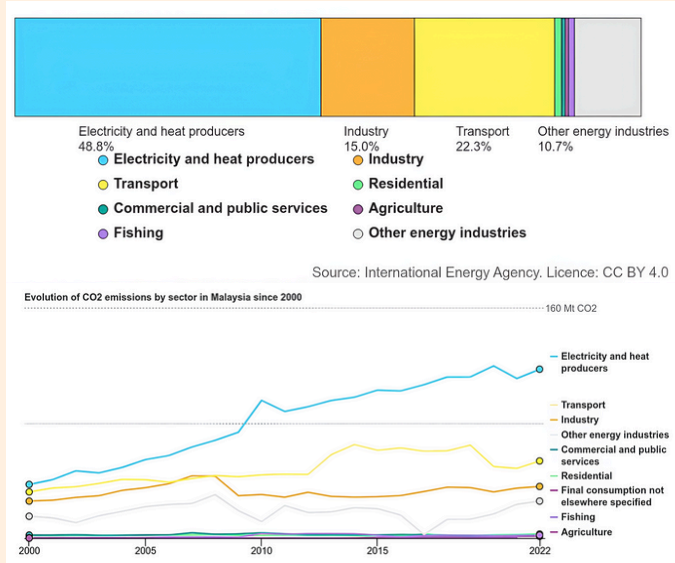


From left: Mr Arif Rida Shabaruddin, Ir Wan Lokman Resident Engineer of Mutiara Project Management Sdn Bhd, Puan Suhaila Mohd Nazer, YB Dato' Rahimi bin Ismail, En Rusdi Yahya, Mr Wan Ahmad Zaheed Wan Mohamad, Mr Zuhair Jamaludin & officials from Perlis State Economic Planning Unit, NCIA & Mutiara Perlis

12th Nov 2024 Padang Besar: The newly appointed Perlis State Secretary YB Dato' Rahimi bin Ismail made an official visit to Lembah Chuping high-impact projects, specifically the Perlis Inland Port (PIP) and Chuping Valley Industrial Area (CVIA), to gain a comprehensive understanding of these projects. A briefing on PIP was delivered by Mutiara Perlis Group Managing Director & CEO Mr. Wan Ahmad Zaheed and Executive Director Mr. Arif Rida Shabarudin, while the briefing on CVIA was conducted by Assistant General Manager of Kedah-Perlis NCIA Office Puan Suhaila binti Mohd Nazer. The Perlis State Secretary then toured the ongoing construction work and noted that it is nearing completion. He was accompanied by Deputy State Secretary (Development) Mr. Rusdi bin Yahya and Director of the Perlis State Economic Planning Division Mr. Zuhair bin Jamaludin. The visit concluded with an inspection of existing facilities at Padang Besar ICQS.

Charting a Sustainable Path: The Role of Energy-Related CO2 Emissions Across Sectors and the Impact of Efficient Railway Freight Transport

CO2 emissions by sector, Malaysia, 2022



Understanding the sources of energy-related CO2 emissions is crucial for a sustainable future. From power plants to transportation, residential heating, and industrial processes, each sector plays a role. While EVs are on the rise, the majority of transport emissions still stem from oil-based fuels.

PIP strive to reduce carbon footprint across all sectors.

On July 17th 2024, Malaysia's Asean Express completed historic test to Chongqing China in 11 days, showcasing efficient cargo transport with 20 wagons and 40 TEUs containers.

Switching marine journey move of 22-25 days to rail tracks for a greener future: Embracing railway freight not only cuts greenhouse gas emissions but also eases road congestion, paving the way for a more sustainable transport sector.

Largest sources of CO2 emissions in Malaysia, 2022

Electricity and heat producers

49%

of total energy-related CO2 emissions

Transport

22%

of total energy-related CO2 emissions

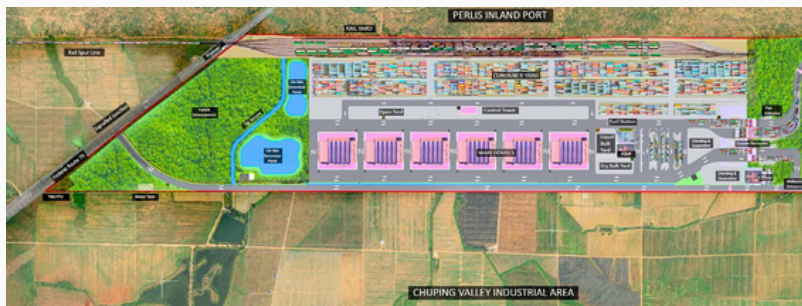


PIP Progress Report



Progress as of December 2024 is at **55.8%** for PIP Internal Infrastructure. While for external infrastructure, progress is at **87.53%** for rail spur line & flyover and **100%** for bonded road (Yes, you read it right. Bonded Road is completed! Alhamdulillah). Mutiara Perlis is looking forward to completion of Phase 1 construction by Q2 2025.

About Us



Mutiara Perlis is a JVCo. between State of Perlis & private sector to develop transport & energy infrastructures. One of these 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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