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Arrival of the World's Largest Container Vessels Set New Records for the Third Time in 22 days at Hutchison Ports YANTIAN

(Shenzhen Yantian, 13 April 2023) With the recent arrival of four world's largest container vessels in 22 days, Hutchison Ports YANTIAN (YANTIAN) has set new records for three times. With a carrying capacity of 24,116 TEU, *MSC TESSA* and *MSC CELESTINO MARESA* arrived YANTIAN respectively on 21 March and 4 April. The 24,188-TEU *OOCL SPAIN* and 24,346-TEU *MSC IRINA* arrived respectively on 26 March and 11 April. Last record was set by 24,004-TEU mega-vessel *EVER ALOT* on 8 July last year. All these vessels berthed at YANTIAN as their last port of call in China.

Almost 400 metres in length, *MSC IRINA* is larger than the world's largest aircraft carrier by 63 metres. With a depth of 33.2 metres and a deck area of 24,000 square metres (or 3.5 standard soccer pitches), they can carry up to 240,000 tons of cargo and stack up to 25 containers in height, (or a 22-storey building). The challenges to the port mount as both vessels heading to Europe with fully loaded export cargoes, requiring deeper water depth and more efficient hardware and software support from the port.

Shipping lines that operate large vessels often prioritise ports with more container volume and a wider reach for economies of scale of each call, sharpening the edges of the very few dominant hub ports.

In recent years, upon continuous optimisation of business environment, YANTIAN has become a top choice for ultra large container vessels globally for its deep-water port conditions and first-class service efficiency. With an average of over 400 calls of ultra large container vessels annually, YANTIAN has served the new generation of ultra large container vessels such as *EVER ALOT*, *MSC TESSA*, and *OOCL SPAIN*, each with a capacity of over 24,000 TEU. *MSC IRINA* selected YANTIAN as its final port of call in the South China upon considerations of critical factors such as shipping routes and hinterland cargo sources.

Blessed with a unique channel of approximately 475 metres wide and 18 metres deep, YANTIAN is one of the ports in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) capable of handling 200,000-DWT vessels in an all-weather, two-way navigation channel. With 20 large container deep-water berths, simultaneous calls of six 200,000-DWT vessels have become a new norm and a common occurrence at the quay side of YANTIAN.

To contribute to China's high-quality foreign trade development, YANTIAN will continue to collaborate with all parties to help expand and strengthen the maritime economy of Shenzhen, and to safeguard smooth and stable industrial and supply chains in the GBA.

Photo 1



Photo-caption: *MSC IRINA* berthing at YANTIAN.

Photo 2



Simultaneous calls of six 200,000-DWT vessels have become a new norm and a common occurrence at the quay side of YANTIAN.

Photo 3



Endowed with advantageous natural conditions, YANTIAN has the unique channel of 18 meters deep and 475 meters wide in the GBA, allowing two-way navigation for 200,000-DWT vessels.

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