

IPCSA signs cooperation agreement with LOGINK

The International Port Community Systems Association (IPCSA) has signed a memorandum of understanding with LOGINK, China's electronic exchange platform for logistics information sharing.

The two organisations will work together to develop innovative IT solutions for trade facilitation, cooperating on technical and other issues. They have already embarked on a system connection test project between IPCSA members and LOGINK.



The cooperation agreement was announced during IPCSA's annual conference in Brussels, during which Wu Yizhou of LOGINK gave a presentation on the exchange of information in the Asia Pacific Region.

Working with IPCSA will be an important part of China's One Belt One Road (OBOR) project, said Mr Wu. "Our vision is very simple – it is to connect with all the partners in the world to facilitate China's large volumes of import and export business to reduce costs and improve the efficiency of logistics," he told delegates.

"We are cooperating with IPCSA to support One Belt One Road."

LOGINK is the national transport and logistics public information platform operated by the Chinese Ministry of Transport. LOGINK is one of the three partners that created NEAL-NET (North East Asia Logistics Information Service Network) which consists of China, Japan and Korea in 2010. NEAL-NET is based on unique logistics management software applications and highly efficient collaboration and the system improves speed, streamlines the logistics cycle and reduces administration time, Mr Wu told IPCSA conference delegates.

The IPCSA-LOGINK MoU was signed during a visit to China in November 2017 by an IPCSA delegation made up of IPCSA chairman Hans Rook, vice chairman Javier Gallardo and secretary general Richard Morton, as well as IPCSA members Maqta Gateway



(Abu Dhabi Ports), represented by Dr Noura al Dhaheri and Antwerp Port Community System (APCS), represented by Nico de Cauwer.

The IPCSA representatives attended a workshop on international port logistics information sharing and the NEAL-NET conference, and gave a presentation on Port Community Systems developments in Europe.

Maqta Gateway and APCS also signed cooperation agreements with LOGINK, with Portic, Barcelona having already previously signed an agreement.

Richard Morton, secretary general of IPCSA, said: “We have many things in common to logistics data and exchanging that information across the world. We are looking forward to working and cooperating together to develop new integrated solutions for trade facilitation.”

The International Port Community Systems Association

IPCSA membership is open to:

- **Air and Sea Port Community System Operators**
- **Air and Sea Port Authorities**
- **Single Window Operators**
- **International and Regional Organisations and Associations**

About IPCSA

Formed to represent the interests of Community Systems across the world, IPCSA plays an important role in explaining and promoting the value of the electronic exchange of information within the logistics chain – in all modes and hubs of transport, including air, sea, inland waterways and rail.

The development of the Single Window concept to facilitate trade is being driven by the World Trade Organization's Trade Facilitation Agreement, which came into force on 22 February 2017. By bringing together operational and administrative processes, Community Systems are critical in the success of Single Window.

IPCSA maintains a community of communities, sharing and exchanging information through:

- Topic-specific workshops
- The IPCSA annual conference
- Seminars and exhibitions
- Expert guidance and advice

IPCSA and its members:

- Reinforce the central role of Community Systems in facilitating trade and applying new regulations at entry points and border crossings.
- Will play a major role as Single Window concepts develop.
- Are an important source of expert opinion with regard to any new international or regional directive or regulations being considered which may affect transport logistics.
- Ensure that new technology can be accessed by all of the community, from SMEs to large conglomerates or public authorities.
- Use experience and knowledge built up over 40 years to share and develop more effective processes for users.
- Represent Community Systems at an international and regional inter-governmental organisations.

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