

## **16<sup>th</sup> INAP Conference and General Assembly Port of Subic Bay**

The 16<sup>th</sup> International Network of Affiliated Ports (“INAP”) Conference and General Assembly was held in the Port of Subic Bay from 11-13 November 2014 with the theme, “Opportunities of ASEAN Integration”. This marks the third time that the Port of Subic Bay has hosted the INAP Conference and Symposium, being one of the founding members of the organization when it was founded in 1998. As the newly appointed chairman of the INAP, I wish to inform all the member-ports that the recently concluded 16<sup>th</sup> INAP held last 11-13 November 2014 at the Lighthouse Marina Resort Hotel and at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center, Port of Subic Bay was a resounding success and marked another milestone in the history of this maritime organization. I take this opportunity to convey my sincere gratitude to all the member-ports of the INAP for their full support and participation, as well as to the INAP Secretariat and the SBMA-INAP Committee for a job well done!

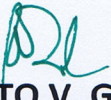

More than 200 invited guests from the Maritime industry, Subic Freeport locators and government agency officials attended the INAP Conference. This included a total of 86 delegates from INAP member-ports with the Port of Kochi, Japan accounting for 34, followed by newly inducted INAP member port of Dangjin, South Korea with 23, Port of Cebu with 10 delegates, Mokpo New Port, South Korea with 9, Port of Subic Bay with 5, Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka with 3 and Port of Tanjung Perak, Indonesia with 2.

Day # 1, November 11, 2014 saw the delegates take on a tour of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone to update themselves of the various infrastructure and investment developments in the area, with emphasis on Port facilities, followed by a Welcome Dinner hosted by Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (“SBMA”) done at the Lighthouse Resort and Marina Hotel. The dinner saw the formal introduction of the Mayor from the Port City of Dangjin of South Korea, Hon. Kim Hong-jang, who stated their intent to become a member of the INAP organization. Day # 2, November 12, 2014 was the main day for the 16<sup>th</sup> INAP, starting early with a photo session of the heads of INAP delegations and the respective INAP delegations themselves in front of the historic Spanish Gate, the former entrance to the Spanish Naval facility in Subic during the 1800’s. This was then followed by the INAP General

Assembly held at the VIP Room # 1 of the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center ("SBECC") where Gov. Mazanao Ozaki of the Port of Kochi formally turned over the chairmanship of INAP to SBMA Chairman and Administrator Roberto V. Garcia. The Port City of Dangjin was formally inducted as the 8<sup>th</sup> member of the INAP organization and Mokpo New Port accepted its selection as the host of the 17<sup>th</sup> INAP in 2015. The succeeding conference proper saw each attendant INAP member make their respective presentations based on this year's theme on ASEAN Integration. A separate report on ASEAN Integration was given by a representative from the Asian Institute of Management ("AIM") followed by individual reports from the International Container Terminal Services, Inc., Philippine Ports Authority, Office of Transport Security-DOTC and finally a report from JICA. While these events were happening, separate Business Delegation meetings between representatives from the ports of Kochi and Dangjin and counterparts from Philippine business groups also took place. The Farewell Dinner at the Subic Bay Yacht Club capped the events of the 16<sup>th</sup> INAP Conference, where SBMA and INAP Chairman Roberto V. Garcia and each head of INAP delegation exchanged formal tokens. Also shown was a video presentation of the 2-day event, highlighting the growing strength and potential of the INAP.

The Port of Subic, along with the entire Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, is proud and honored to have hosted this gathering of INAP port members. As the ASEAN community primes itself for integration in 2015, let us all work together in opening up new pathways for greater business opportunities and a strengthened INAP foundation that will help improve the lives of people we serve.

Thank you very much!

  
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