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Victoria International Container Terminal (VICT) has tapped 1-Stop Connections to implement its Vehicle Booking System (VBS) after the successful implementation of the Terminal Appointment Booking System (TABS) at the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) in the Philippines.

VICT uses an array of 1-Stop solutions, which includes a special version of the Vehicle Book designed specifically for VICT. The VBS, 1-Stop’s flagship product, is the premier system for Terminal to Landside interface. It is currently deployed in 12 terminals across Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines. Some of the benefits of using 1-Stop’s VBS include reduced queue times, decreased truck turnaround times, decreased vessel dwell times, improved throughput, and increased terminal utilization.

Aside from the VBS, VICT also utilizes 1-Stop’s customs-and-shipping line-enabled message integration, Pre-Receival Advice with new Weigh at Terminal functions, online payments system, gate access via ID card, and Electronic Import Delivery Orders. These are integrated with VICT’s systems via 1-Stop’s CargoConnect, a middle-ware technology that connects all of VICT’s systems and provides real-time data to both VICT and their customers.
Pakistan International Container Terminal (PICT) has gotten to a good start in 2017 after recording its highest monthly volume last January.

PICT saw a volume increase of 17.7 percent in January compared to the same month in 2016. The number serves as a significant accomplishment for PICT as the record volume exceeded the terminal’s actual capacity.

“This accomplishment proves our ability to rise to the occasion and exceed expectations. We are proud of the combined efforts of our teams who made this achievement possible,” said Capt. Zafar Iqbal Awan, PICT Chief Executive Officer.

He adds: “We, as an organization, continuously seek to maximize our operations in order to deliver consistent and efficient service to our valued customers and move forward with respect to our volume contribution to Pakistan for 2017.”
Enrique K. Razon Jr., ICTSI Chairman and President, was among the panelists of The Pilipinas Conference, organized by the ADT Strategic Institute, last 8 December at The Conservatory of The Peninsula Manila in Makati City.

Mr. Razon shared his outlook on the Philippine economy and how ICTSI seized business opportunities globally. He discussed the challenges ICTSI encountered in expanding in Southeast Asia and other locations, the cultural diversity in running a multinational business, and how ICTSI managed and took care of its people. Mr. Razon also shared his thoughts on some political and economic issues in the country.

Photo shows Mr. Razon (third from left) together with fellow panelists (from left): Joey Concepcion, RFM Corp. and Go Negosyo Chairman and CEO; Atty. Mike Toledo of the MVP Group of Companies Media Bureau who also served as panel moderator; and Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Corp. Chairman.
Ecuadorian ministers visit CGSA

By Katty Ossa Bianchi

Ecuadorian Ministers of Transportation and Ports, Internal Affairs, Trade, and Customs visited the Guayaquil Container and Multi-purpose Terminals last 27 January to meet with Contecon Guayaquil S.A. (CGSA) officials. The ministers and terminal officials held discussions to address port security, operation and other issues relevant to the industry. Photo shows (from left): Boris Cordova, Transportation Minister; Pedro Solines, Internal Affairs Minister; Juan Carlos Cassinelli, Foreign Trade Minister; Xavier Cárdenas, Customs General Director (SENAE); and José Miguel Muñoz, CGSA Chief Executive Officer.

CRG calls on Karachi Port Trust

By Arif Raza

Last 31 January, Christian R. Gonzalez, International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) Senior Vice President and Asia-Pacific Regional Head, met with Vice Admiral Shafqat Jawed HI (M), Karachi Port Trust (KPT) Chairman, during a courtesy call at the KPC Office in Karachi, Pakistan.

Mr. Gonzalez, who is also the Chairman of PICT, thanked KPT for continuously supporting PICT’s operation resulting in increased volume handled by terminal and improved market share. During the meeting, Mr. Gonzalez reaffirmed ICTSI’s commitment to Pakistan and the Port of Karachi, and vowed to support KPT’s efforts to become the leader in the development of Pakistani port infrastructure.

Mr. Gonzalez was accompanied by Hans-Ole Madsen, ICTSI Senior Vice President and Europe, Middle East and Africa Regional Head; Jose Manuel de Jesus, ICTSI Vice President and Asia Pacific Regional Business Development Head; Capt. Zafar Iqbal Awan, PICT Chief Executive Officer; and Khurram Aziz Khan, PICT Chief Operating Officer.
SCIPSI hits 200,000 TEU milestone

By Rejamina Jubelag

South Cotabato Integrated Port Services, Inc. (SCIPSI), the cargo operator at the Makar Wharf in the Port of General Santos, has achieved a significant milestone with the handling of its first year-to-date 200,000th TEU last 27 December. The 200,000th TEU reefer van, which belonged to SITC Container Line Philippines Inc., was offloaded from the vessel MV Kalirae. This is the first time for SCIPSI to reach a throughput of 200,000 TEUs since it took over operations in 1991. Photo shows SCIPSI officers and employees during the offloading of the 200,000th TEU container.
ICTSI cited for donating PhP1 million worth of used batteries

By Joy Lapuz

International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) was conferred the Million Peso Donor Award during the 10th Anniversary celebration of Motolite – Philippine Business for Social Progress’s (PBSP) Balik-Baterya Program held at the Acacia Hotel in Muntinlupa last 31 January.

The Balik-Baterya (battery return) program encourages the collection of used lead-acid batteries (ULABs) for recycling and production of new automotive and industrial batteries. Under the program, each used battery unit donated has a corresponding peso value, which can be accumulated and redeemed by participating companies to fund their own education, health, environment and CSR projects and programs. ICTSI has been part of the program since 2011.

ICTSI Foundation honored at MPD’s 116th Founding Anniversary

By Rosauro Luntayao

The ICTSI Foundation was conferred the Distinguished Kaibigan citation during the Manila Police District’s (MPD) 116th founding anniversary celebration last 26 January at the MPD Headquarters in Ermita, Manila. The award recognizes the Foundation’s support to the renovation of the Delpan Community Precinct. Photo shows (from left): MPD Police Senior Superintendents Bartolome Bustamante and Joel Napoleon Coronel, National Capital Region Police Office Chief Superintendent Oscar Albayalde, the Honorable Joseph Ejercito Estrada, Manila Mayor; and Rosauro Luntayao, ICTSI Sustainability and Development Manager, receiving the award on behalf of the Foundation.
The ICTSI Foundation, Inc., the corporate social responsibility (CSR) arm of International Container Terminal Services, Inc., (ICTSI) recently renewed its partnership with the Philippine Business for Social Progress, the largest business sector-led social development foundation in the country.

The Foundation and PBSP signed agreements involving four CSR projects amounting to PHP 13.5 million. The new agreements further strengthened the ICTSI Group’s commitment as a corporate citizen of the country through the Foundation’s support of PBSP programs and projects.

Of note are projects supporting indigenous peoples’ education and the Philippine government’s campaign against illegal drugs. These projects were chosen as they are aligned with the Foundation’s core advocacy: the youth.

The projects are construction of a school building at the Calay Indigenous Peoples (IP) School in Sarangani; construction of a dormitory building at the Bataan Treatment Rehabilitation Center; continued implementation of the Parola Solid Waste Management Project in Manila; and the installation of a potable water system in an IP community in Tarlac.

The locations of the projects are the immediate and hinterland communities of ICTSI terminals in the ports of Gen. Santos, Subic Bay and Manila.

All projects should have been completed before the end of 2017.

**School building at the Calay IP School**

In coordination with the Philippine Department of Education, a new school building will be constructed for the Calay Indigenous Peoples School in Sitio Puting Bato, Barangay Lunmasia, Malapatan town, Saranggani Province. Sitio Puting Bato is the community of the B’laan tribe where Marlito Soriano, ICTSI international scholar at Northeastern University in Boston, came from.

The building will have two classrooms and two restrooms with a capacity to accommodate 90 primary and elementary school students. The Foundation will also provide tables, chairs, cabinets and other school furniture.

**Dormitory building at the Bataan Treatment Rehabilitation Center**

In coordination with the Philippine Department of Health, a new dormitory building will be constructed at the Bataan
Treatment Rehabilitation Center. The new dormitory is for 120 patients housed at the drug treatment facility. The 455-square meter dormitory will be furnished with 60 double-deck beds.

**Parola Solid Waste Management Project Year 4**

On its fourth year of implementation, the Parola Solid Waste Management Project will be focusing on capability building programs with the help of government partners Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Philippine Department Social Welfare and Development, and the City Government of Manila. These include training programs that would further enhance knowledge and skills on solid waste management among Eco Patrols and residents.

**Potable water system in Sitio Batchon IP community**

In coordination with the Clark Development Corp. and the Municipal Government of Bamban, Tarlac, some 65 IP families of the Aeta tribe will benefit from the installation of a potable water system in Sitio Batchon, Barangay Santo Nino, Bamban town, Tarlac.

The Sitio Batchon project is an extension of an existing water system project in nearby Barangay San Martin, where 350 households are also awaiting its completion. The project includes rehabilitation of deep wells and the installation of tap stance for water distribution.

Plans are underway to form a community organization that will manage the water system project.

Aside from the funding provided by the Foundation, ICTSI clients in Manila significantly donated to the project.

**ICTSI and PBSP**

ICTSI’s and PBSP’s partnership dates back to June 1992 when ICTSI became a member company of PBSP, marking the start of the Group’s corporate citizenship program. When the Foundation was established in May 2009, PBSP shepherded the Foundation in its initial years of operations.

The Foundation’s CSR programs are designed to provide support mechanisms to young persons in the areas of education, community welfare and sports in communities where ICTSI ports and terminals operate.
The ICTSI Foundation’s Christmas Wish Tree Project continued its successful run last 2016. Now on its second year, the annual gift-giving initiative has attracted the support of 164 kind souls including ICTSI employees and their families and friends, security and auxiliary personnel, clients and MICT third-party consultants.

This year’s pool of donors granted the Christmas wishes of 339 children and teens under the care of Asociacion de Damas de Filipinas, White Cross Children’s Home, Pangarap Foundation, Onesimu Bulilit Foundation – Tondo and Quiapo. Prior to the actual turnover of gifts, the Foundation held parties complete with games and meals for all the children and staff of each institution.

“It was a touching experience to witness how the children were excitedly anticipating their gifts. They were very happy upon opening their presents, all wearing smiles,” said one of the ICTSI employees who personally handed her gift to one of the kids.

The Christmas Wish Tree Project aims to engage the whole ICTSI community in sharing the holiday spirit with the less fortunate members of society, especially children. The ICTSI Foundation expresses its heart-felt appreciation to everyone who participated in last year’s gift-giving activity.
The A&M Consulting Group, represented by Douglas Leung and Hanna Lukosavich, concurrent ICTSI Global IT officers, visited the Concordia Children’s Services Center in Sta. Mesa Manila for one of the ICTSI Foundation’s gift-giving events last December.

A&M Consulting donated PhP50,000 to the Foundation, which was used to purchase an assortment of supplies requested by Concordia. Prior to the turnover of gifts, the Foundation also organized a simple feast and program for the toddler residents of the children’s center.

The Concordia Children’s Services offers temporary care to abandoned and neglected children. It currently has custody of 14 children aged zero to three who are up for adoption. Outside the center, Concordia also provides transportation allowance to 100 community-based elementary and high school students.
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ICTSI Global Corporate Group hosts Christmas party for Tondo kids

By Joy Lapuz

Last December, the Social Services Development Ministry (SSDM) of San Pablo Apostol Parish Church in Tondo, Manila wanted to organize a Christmas Party for the children under their feeding program. With limited budget, they sought ways to make the party possible with the help of the ICTSI Foundation.

The ICTSI Global Corporate HR hosted a Christmas Merienda for ICTSI officers, employees and guests. Everyone was encouraged to bring food to be given to a beneficiary identified by the Foundation. Guests brought biscuits, candies, milk and other grocery items, which were later turned over to the Foundation and repacked into 100 bags.

The ICTSI Global Corporate Group, through the ICTSI Foundation, made the Christmas party for the indigent Tondo kids possible. The Foundation donated the grocery items to the children’s party and sponsored Jollibee meals for 100 kids.

Jocy Santos, SSDM Coordinator of San Pablo Apostol Parish Church, thanked the ICTSI Foundation and the ICTSI Global Corporate Group for answering their prayers and putting smiles on the faces of 100 children.

The San Pablo Apostol Parish Church conducts a six-month feeding program for malnourished kids in 16 barangays in Tondo under its jurisdiction. The program rotates among other barangays with the help of the respective barangay councils.

Solaire Security Group shares the joy of Christmas with Parañaque street children

By Eloida Arcena

Last 12 December, the Security Team of Solaire Resort & Casino, in partnership with the ICTSI Foundation, distributed gifts and organized fun activities for the street children under the care of the Sarnelli Center in Baclaran, Parañaque City. Some of the gifts turned over included monobloc chairs and tables, school supplies, books, educational toys, portable sound system, kitchen tools and utensils, assorted grocery and cleaning materials, blankets, pillows, mats, and lost and found items turned over to the Security Team, but not retrieved by owners.

MICTSI holds outreach and medical mission

By Cherry Llagas

The Mindanao International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (MICTSI), in partnership with the ICTSI Foundation, held its first medical mission and outreach activity last December.

The two-day activity kicked off with the distribution of hygiene kits to 240 daycare pupils in Barangay Sta. Ana, Tagaloan as part of the Company’s advocacy on health and life. Meals were also distributed to the students courtesy of fast-food Jollibee, which also organized a party with fun games for the children and their parents.

The medical mission at Barangay Sugbongcogon was conducted the following day. More than 400 residents of Sugbongcogon, MICTSI’s adopted community, received free medical consultation and medicines.

The activities were successful thanks to the assistance of local community officials, the Foundation and MICTSI volunteers.
ICTSI Officers at the Christmas Merienda (from left): Sandy Alipio, ICTSI Vice President, Audit & Compliance; Filipina Laurena, ICTSI Foundation Deputy Executive Director; Joel Sebastian, ICTSI Senior Vice President, Finance; Martin O’Neil, ICTSI Executive Vice President; and Lisa Escaler, ICTSI Vice President, Human Resources.

Filpina Laurena (right), ICTSI Foundation Deputy Executive Director, leads the distribution of grocery bags.

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OPC holds full-scale security exercise

By Evelyn Leiva

Operadura Portuaria Centroamericana (OPC) carried out a full-scale security exercise on 13 December in compliance with the directives of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. Multiple scenarios including attempted unauthorized entry, bomb threat, electrical system sabotage, medical emergencies and fire outbreak were carried out to test the terminal’s implementation of security and safety measures, as well as the initial response capability of OPC’s Emergency Response Team in coordination with other emergency response organizations.

The exercise was held in coordination with the Red Cross, fire department, army bomb squad and various private and public stakeholders which include the neighboring terminals (solid bulk, chemical and oil), the municipality and the Contingency Commission.

A closing meeting and debriefing was held at the end of the day to discuss recommendations and findings regarding the effectiveness of the exercise and identification of areas for improvement.