



Maiden Voyage Of CVI Service – m.v. Kota Nipah

Yet another new service commenced from VCT during May'22. The service -CVI (China Vietnam East India Service) has PIL, RCL & IAL as the partners for vessel deployment. As the potential from Visakhapatnam is high catering to Eastern Trade directly and also via transshipment ports, there is still more requirement of direct services.



The maiden vessel under the banner of CVI, m.v. Kota Nipah operated by PIL berthed on 15th of May '22. EXIM volumes of 490 TEUs were handled in this vessel. Second vessel was m.v. Eleftheria Express which berthed on 20th of May '22 with EXIM volumes of 659 TEUs was also operated by PIL. In the month of June '22 the other partners of CVI service i.e. RCL & IAL will be bringing their vessels.

The port rotation is as follows: Visakhapatnam – West Port Klang – Ho Chi Minh – Ningbo – Shanghai – Chennai – Visakhapatnam.

CVI service will provide clients with better transit times and additional service options. This new service will be the gateway to the trade for direct shipments that would in turn create room for more container traffic from / to the city of destiny. Mr. Anil Narayanan, Terminal Head , VCT along with PIL team welcomed the vessel and exchanged mementos with the captain of the ship. The commencement of the service is all set to spread horizons and reach the untapped markets getting them routed through VCT.

Record Highest Productivity @ VCT2

With world class infrastructure and strong determination to provide the best services to the shipping fraternity, Visakha Container Terminal once again achieved another milestone. The newly commissioned T2 terminal at Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) has helped in reducing the time needed to unload/ load a vessel at VCT.

VCT has clocked the highest ship productivity ever in the month of April '22. On 04th May 2022, VCT handled the m.v. Celsius Nairobi of CHX service at T2. This weekly service was operated by Maersk Line with 2204 containers (2446 TEUs) handled. The terminal achieved a crane productivity of 35.3 gross moves per hour (GMPH) and highest ship productivity of 122 moves per hour.



The previous highest ship productivity was achieved on 20th April 2022 and that was also m.v. Celsius Nairobi of CHX service at T2 with 2464 containers (2878 TEUs) handled / 38.65 GMPH / ship productivity of 112 moves per hour.

The expanded terminal can now provide berths for more vessels and upon arrival as well. The terminal with additional infrastructure and capacities are ready for operation to serve the trade enabling berth on arrival and has also created room for new services to call VCT. With enhanced operational efficiency with the commission of the new terminal (T2), VCT will facilitate faster movement of shipments, thereby reducing the cost of logistics and improving effectiveness of the supply chain for the EXIM trade.

Visakhapatnam Metro

In the earlier edition of Vaartha during the month of August '19, we covered the news about monorail in the city of destiny, Visakhapatnam. Visakhapatnam Light Metro has been proposed with 3 lines & 31 stations to be built by the Andhra Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (APMRC). The Phase 1 Detailed Project Report (DPR) with 3 elevated lines was originally prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) who was also assigned to execute the project in September 2015.



In December 2019, the AP government decided to appoint a new consultant to prepare new/revised Detailed Project Report for a 79.91 km Phase 1 for implementation under the public-private partnership (PPP) model. In March 2020, Urban Mass Transit Company Limited (UMTC) was announced by AMRC as the winner to prepare Vizag Metro's new DPR.

Vizag metro will have following three routes: -

Line 1: Gajuwaka – Kommadi / Length: 30.38 km / Stations: 18

Line 2: Gurudwara Junction – Old Post Office / Length: 5.25 km / Stations: 6

Line 3: Thatichetlapalem – Chinna Waltair – Old Post Office / Length: 6.91 km / Stations: 7



The environmentally friendly metro rail services of “Visakhapatnam Metro”, is being designed and developed to make it also the most Eco-friendly that would ensure the carbon print levels almost to ‘Zero’. The project has a potential of direct and indirect employment for about 8000 during construction and permanent employment for 5000 after opening the services for traffic operations. Vizag being a tourist place which attracts large number of footfalls every day, starting up of metro will add some push in the income generated by Tourism.

India – Japan Trade Relations Getting Stronger

The friendship between India and Japan has a long history rooted in spiritual affinity and strong cultural and civilization ties. India and Japan have collaborations in several developmental projects. In the recent past, the India Japan relationship has transformed to a partnership of great substance and purpose. Japan's interest in India is increasing due to a variety of reasons including India's large and growing market and its resources.

In recent years, economic relationship between Japan and India have gradually expanded and deepened. The volume of trade between the two countries has increased. India was the 18th largest trading partner for Japan, and Japan was the 12th largest trading partner for India in 2020. Also, direct investment from Japan to India has been increased, and Japan was the 4th largest investor for India in FY2020. Japanese private-sector's interest in India is rising, and, currently, about 1,455 Japanese companies have branches in India.

Japan's bilateral trade with India totalled USD 17.63 billion in FY 2018-19. Exports from Japan to India during this period were USD 12.77 billion and imports were USD 4.86 billion, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. The bilateral trade between India and Japan for FY 2019-20 (April – December) totalled to USD 11.87 billion. India's exports from Japan amounted to USD 3.94 billion while India's import from Japan amounted to USD 7.93 billion.

India's primary exports to Japan have been petroleum products, chemicals, elements, compounds, non-metallic mineral ware, fish and fish preparations, metalliferous ores and scrap, clothing and accessories, iron and steel products, textile yarn, fabrics and machinery among others. India's primary imports from Japan are machinery, electrical machinery, iron and steel products, plastic materials, non-ferrous metals, parts of motor vehicles, organic chemicals, manufactures of metals among others.

Visakha Container Terminal (VCT) has already proved to be Ideal Gateway for EXIM traffic movement. With many more manufacturing units and companies being set in the hinterland of Visakhapatnam, the EXIM traffic is poised to witness the surge making VCT their preferred gateway. With the new PTA in pipeline there are possibilities of many more EXIM activities to take place between these two countries. These developments will showcase new horizons for the development of trade where VCT would be ideal gateway having global connectivity.

Visitors @ VCTPL



(From Right) Mr. Venkata Kiran Varma & Mr. Rakesh Polisetty - Transpod Logistics Visited on 13.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Punnet Sorathiy - Euro Exports & Mr. K Naresh - Sravan Shipping. Visited on 17.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Arnab Mondal, Mr. Hitesh Vij & Mr. Rahul Puspurajan Visited on 18.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Roop Kishore - Logistic Head, MSC, Mr. K Santosh Kumar - Branch Manager & Mr. Francis K J, Operations Dept - Samsara Visited on 18.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Albert Lin & Mr. Steven Chou - Wan Hai lines Visited on 24.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Arun Agarwal - MD, Mr. Utsav Agarwal - Director from KLA Foods along with Mr Satish – Director, FOCUS Visited on 25.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Yassir L Bilgrami - MD & Mr. Deveshwar Sharma - Manager from Meraki Shipping (India) Pvt. Ltd. Visited on 25.05.22



(From Left) Mr. Rhitam Das & Mr. Malaya Kumar Bal from Apeejay Infralogistics. Visited on 26.05.22