



Kwai Tsing Container Terminals Promote Occupational Safety and Health

(Hong Kong, 16 December 2015) The Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association (“HKCTOA”) today jointly launched the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals Occupational Safety and Health Campaign (“the Campaign”) with the Labour Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Council (“OSHC”). Aiming to further foster a safety culture at work, the Campaign is designed to reach out to the container terminals’ work force, Kwai Tsing community and the public through a series of activities. These activities include an Equipment Operation Safety Competition and Community Engagement Day, a Driving Safety Quiz, a Truck Driving Safety Competition and a Terminal Photo Exhibition, which will take place from January to April 2016. A Safety Slogan Competition was held earlier in September 2015.

The activities are planned to raise a greater awareness of occupational safety and health matters among the people working at the container terminals. In addition, it also aims to engage the community to promote occupational safety and health and enhance understanding of safe operations at the container terminals.

A ceremony was held today to kick off the Campaign, which was attended by over 120 guests from the Labour Department and the OSHC, representatives from the 5 Kwai Tsing container terminals and their contractor companies as well as secondary schools students in the terminals’ neighbourhood. The 5 Kwai Tsing container terminals are Asia Container Terminals Limited, COSCO-HIT Terminals (Hong Kong) Limited, Goodman DP World Hong Kong Limited, Hongkong International Terminals Limited and Modern Terminals Limited.

Mr Donald Tong, JP, Commissioner for Labour, commented at the kick-off ceremony, “As heavy-duty equipment is involved in container terminal operations, such as stacking and lifting containers, inappropriate handling or inadequate safety measures can result in serious or fatal injuries. This Campaign has shown the commitment of container terminal operators to continuously enhance occupational safety and health at the workplace. I would like to urge terminal workers to stay vigilant while on duty and to adopt the necessary safety measures and procedures to ensure the safety of themselves and others.”

Ms Jessie Chung, Chairman of HKCTOA, expressed, “The container terminal industry plays a key role in Hong Kong’s economic development and provides a steady base of employment. Occupational safety and health is a top priority for us and our member terminals organize safety and health programmes within their terminals on an ongoing basis. Although notable improvement in safety performance has been shown in recent years, we will continue our efforts in this area. This is our first large-scale campaign together with the wider community. I believe the joint effort amongst all our member terminals will bring a greater impact on promoting safety and health at the workplace.”

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(Left to right) Mr Yu Bin, Deputy General Manager of Asia Container Terminals Limited; Mr Kenneth Ying, Managing Director of COSCO-HIT Terminals (Hong Kong) Limited; Ms Jessie Chung, Chairman of HKCTOA; Mr Donald Tong, JP, Commissioner for Labour; Ms Bonnie Yau, Executive Director of OSHC; Mr Rufin Mak, Managing Director of Goodman DP World Hong Kong Limited; Mr Gerry Yim, Managing Director of Hongkong International Terminals Limited; and Mr Horace Lo, Chief Development Officer & Director of Engineering of Modern Terminals Limited, kicked off the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals Occupational Safety and Health Campaign.



Over 120 guests joined the kick-off ceremony of the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals Occupational Safety and Health Campaign.