

IMO Secretary-General Kitack Lim emphasized that as a United Nations Organization, the IMO is committed to helping achieve the goals of creating sustainable development. Maritime transport and ports can play an important role in helping to create conditions for increasing prosperity and stability through the promotion of maritime trade. The motto of 2017: "Connecting Ships, Ports and People", emphasizes that the port and maritime sectors can be wealth creators both on land and at sea.



Singapore's Logistical Model Is Important To Panama

Within the framework of the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Parallel World Maritime Day Event, the occasion was conducive to an important meeting of the Logistics Cabinet, attended by the Minister of the Presidency, Álvaro Alemán, the Minister of Maritime Affairs, Jorge Barakat Pitty and as a special guest was the contribution of Singaporean Transport Minister, Khan Boon Wan.

"Singapore is a model country in terms of logistics, port development and airport development, in that sense we can learn much from their experience. Within the Logistics Cabinet we are seeing how we can improve Panama's competitiveness in logistics and of course, one learns of the experiences of successful countries such as Singapore. That is why I consider the visit of Singapore's Transport Minister, Khaw Boon Wan, of great importance and benefit to our country," said Minister of the Presidency Alvaro Aleman.

Minister Boon Wan shared his experiences and what they are doing mainly in logistics. We talked about another important issue of approachment such as the ITSE, which is based on one of the many technical models that exist in Singapore.

"We in Panama have made progress in this regard through the creation of the Panama Unique Maritime Reception better known in Spanish as (VUMPA), which has not only evolved in the Port Community Systems, but also in the Trade Network. In the current meeting, we agreed to share information so that we could learn and nourish ourselves from their knowledge, with the expectation for us to apply them for the benefit of the country," concluded Minister Barakat Pitty.



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IMO SECRETARY GENERAL CONGRATULATES PANAMA FOR 100 YEARS OF SHIP REGISTRATION

With the transfer of the Flag by the Minister of Maritime Affairs Jorge Barakat Pitty to the Minister of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation of Poland, Marek Gróbarczyk officializing this country as the next venue for the Parallel Event of the International Maritime Organization IMO, concluded this great event in Panama City.

"I thank this great country, Panama for having hosted such an important event for the maritime world, I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the celebration of your Centennial of the International Ship Registry; I am honored to have been with you these days sharing as brothers and discussing issues that will positively affect our seas," said IMO Secretary General Kitack Lim.



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The Minister of Maritime Affairs, Jorge Barakat Pitty added that the maritime sector demands from our generation, innovation and sustainability that make it "Up to date", under parameters of continuous improvement that guarantee the excellence of its services and thus achieve the synergy of our seas and oceans to unite the world.

I want to emphasize the transcendental role that is the human element, that is played in the maritime industry, take operating a ship without seafarers on board, wouldn't that only make the vessel a megastructure. Which is why, it is essential to maintain the safety of navigation, human life at sea and prevention of pollution, all under a prism of assurance of decent work and livability.

"Panama today reiterates its commitment to the IMO's initiatives by making available to it more than 600,000 seafarers and officers who sail on board our more than 8,000 flagged vessels, which cross international waters," concluded Minister Barakat Pitty.



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