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## **1. Challenges Ahead for Shipping Association of Barbados**

In partnership with the Barbados Port Inc., The Shipping Association of Barbados (SAB) will host the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Shipping Association in October of 2011. According to SAB President Marc Sampson, the event will “identify and provide a strategy which will assist and empower our membership,” emphasizing the importance of community participation.

Providing greater training opportunity is a priority of the SAB, in order for it to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness. It is willing to put forth the necessary resources in order to establish partners within the industry and to develop optimal business practices.

SAB possesses a strong relationship with the Caribbean Shipping Association and has made clear their support for a holistic approach to improve industry services. In order to promote regional competitiveness and growth, the SAB will strategize with partners throughout the industry.

Source:

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## **2. APM Guarantees \$992.2 million Investment for Construction of Costa Rica Terminal**

APM Terminals acted as the sole bidder to invest \$992.2 million in the development of a new container terminal in the eastern Limón province of Costa Rica. Awarded the concession in early March, APM will construct the terminal in four phases with the objective to reach a final TEU handling capacity of 2.7 million.

Including “six Post-Panamax ship-to-shore gantry cranes and other specialized equipment,” the first phase of the project has an estimated cost of \$543 million and a completion date in 2016. This will enable the country to service larger vessels and increased amounts of trade due to the Panama Canal Expansion.

The new terminal will include a 99 acre container yard, 1,968 ft of quay with two berths, and an access channel of 52.5 ft. APM will dredge the channel and construct a new breakwater with the length of one mile.

President Laura Chinchilla stated at a press conference that “the new port will be an important part of a logistics corridor in the northern Caribbean and will play a key role in the country’s development and competitiveness.” Chinchilla hopes that by the end of her term in 2014, Costa Rica will reach a net export value of \$17 billion in comparison to the current \$9.37 billion. The construction of this container terminal signifies the continued growth of the maritime industry, specifically within Costa Rica, and its expanding partnership with the private sector.

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### **3. IFC Finances Construction of Container Terminal at the Port of Santos (Brazil)**

The International Finance Corporation has provided \$97 million to the Brasil Terminal Portuario S.A. (BTP), for the construction of a new container terminal at the Port of Santos in Sao Paulo, Brazil. This joint venture will allow the container terminal to begin operation at the finish of 2012, in which the overall capacity of the port will experience a significant increase.

\$582 million out of \$908 million have additionally been mobilized on part of the IFC syndication and port development program with the following commercial banks: BNP Paribas, Credit Agricole, DnB Nor Bank, ING Capital, KfW Ipeck Bank and Banco Santander. This investment will help to lower the congestion within the Port by supporting efforts to improve its infrastructure. The project will draw from the expertise of the financial, technical and environmental arenas.

According to Soren Sjostrand Jakobsen, Head of Project Implementation for APM Terminals, "This exciting project will provide much-needed capacity in the Port of Santos and offer shipping lines a level of service second-to-none in the port. The funding process with IFC and the syndication banks has been smooth, quick, and to the full satisfaction of the shareholders." Increasing the competitiveness of Brazil's port sector could not have come at a more crucial time due to the substantial growth within maritime trade.

Realizing the social benefits to be incurred from this investment, BTP will spend \$105 million on the remediation of a landfill on the project site. The creation of an educational center and small nature preserve will additionally add to the environmental benefits experienced by the community of Sao Paulo.

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#### **4. Strong Economic Growth due to Expansion at Port of Prince Rupert (Canada)**

Located in British Columbia Canada, the Port of Prince Rupert continues to generate substantial growth for the region due to its recent expansion plans. The government of Canada has invested \$30 million into the first phase of expansion for the port, with plans to invest an additional \$28 million for the establishment of a container-screening program. This will increase the efficiency and security of the terminal's border services.

After opening its container business in 2007, the terminal has experienced a yearly increase among container traffic. In 2010 the Port had a container traffic increase of 87.3%, following a 45.9% from 2009. The annual tonnage of the Port additionally increased by 72.8% in 2010.

A recent study conducted by InterVISTAS Consulting Inc. demonstrates that the “port-related operations and activities are annually contributing \$280 million in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and \$500 million in economic output for the regional and provincial economies. Overall, the Port of Prince Rupert is contributing to the generation of more than 2,700 full-time jobs and \$150 million in annual wages into the regional economies of communities located along the transportation corridor linking the port to the rest of Canada.”

The Port of Prince Rupert is creating positive externalities for the surrounding communities and has made a strong economic impact. Its expansion will continue to develop trade from Asia along the Pacific Corridor. Don Krusel, the Prince Rupert Port Authority President, ultimately contributes the success to its work ethic and strong commitment to its partners, ensuring Port Rupert's position as a “globally-competitive gateway for international trade.”

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#### **5. Autoridad Marítima Portuaria increases its social responsibility (El Salvador)**

In looks of improvements, the Autoridad Marítima Portuaria de el Salvador (AMP), along with la Policía Nacional Civil (National Civilian Poice) and the Ministerio de Turismo (Turism Ministry), have launched a manual called “Navigation Prevention Campaigns”. In this manual, obligations, prohibitions and navigation rules are stated. The creation of this manual is due to the soon to come summer season, lookint to prevent any type of accidents for this holiday season.

On the other hand, the Thrity Fith Ordinary Meeting of the Red de Capacitación Marítima Portuaria de Centroamérica, held by the COCATRAM, was finished in March. This meeting counted with the presence of the following port authorities of: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama.

During this meeting actions regarding technical and administrative training held Turing 2010 were evaluated and 2011 projections for each country were discusses and stated.

Additionally, document “Diagnóstico y Plan de Acción del Componente de Formación Marítima” (Diagnosis and Action Plan of the Maritime Training Component) was revised regarding the “Estrategia Marítima Portuaria Regional Centroamericana” (Central-American Maritime and Port



Regional Strategy), by each country in order to state and propose observations and modifications previous to the issuing of the final official document, the reactivation of the Programa de Desarrollo Portuario (PDP – Port Development Program), as well as the Programa de Capacitación Regional 2011 (2011 Regional Training Program) of the port authorities of Central-America.

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## **6. Containerized Imports Experience Growth (United States)**

Improvements in the U.S. economy are signified by a significant growth among imports. According to the Global Port Tracker report, “the volume of containerized imports at major U.S. ports serving the retail industry is expected to be up by 9% in April over the same month in 2010.”

Witnessing a 10% increase from February 2010, the ports followed by Global Port Tracker handled 1.1 million TEUs demonstrating the 15th consecutive month in which a year-over-year improvement has been seen since December 2009. The data is gathered from ports on the Gulf, East and West Coasts including Houston, Charleston, New York/New Jersey, Seattle and Long Beach/Los Angeles.

Vice President of the National Retail Federation for Supply Chain and Customs Policy, Jonathan Gold, recognizes the challenges facing the industry which include high gasoline prices, yet is confident that retailers will experience a continued sale increases throughout the summer.

Although final statistics for the previous two months are not yet available, an estimated 1.2 million TEUs in March represents an 11% increase over March 2010. April is forecasted at 1.24 million TEUs signifying an additional 9% increase over April 2010.

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## **7. The Comision Portuaria Nacional (CPN) grows day by day (Guatemala)**

The CPN was created on March 10th, 1972 and this year will celebrate its 39th birthday. However, the CPN is not only rejoicing from its long years of existence, but also from it successfully overcoming the economic crisis that hit the world in 2008-2009. This was possible due to its valuable human resource and logistical infrastructure. In addition, the CPN has obtained international recognition due to its membership and involvement in several international organizations and institutions such as CIP/OAS, AAPA and COCATRAM.



This year is full of commitments for the CPN since Guatemala will be the host country for several training events, courses, among others. The CPN will host the Seventh Regional Port and Maritime Congress, with the participation of both national and international speakers. Additionally, the CPN will coordinate the Thirty third edition of REPICA (Reunión de Empresas Portuarias del Istmo Centroamericano – Meeting of Port Enterprises of the Central-American Isthmus). Moreover the institution, with the collaboration of the Superintendencia de Administración Tributaria, will support the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the World Custom Organization (WCO), in training personnel regarding port security. This training program is expected to significantly aid the reduction drug trafficking, smuggling, fiscal evasion, among others. According to Troels Vester, Regional Consultant in Prevention of Crime of the UN, this process will cost between US\$ 600,000 up to US\$ 1 million in a 3 year time frame. In spite of the high cost of the program, the CPN is confident it will yield positive results since this process has already been applied to Panama and Costa Rica, and will also be carried through in Ecuador, Jamaica, Paraguay and Peru.

On the other hand, during the Twelfth Meeting of the Executive Board of the CIP (CECIP), the CPN signed an agreement with the Fundación ValenciaPort (ValenciaPort Foundation). This cooperation agreement is aimed to benefit the institutional development of the CPN by increasing its research capacity, technological and innovative development, training of its human resource and the increase of opportunities for its logistical and port communities. With the aforementioned agreement, the Executive Director of the CPN, Mr. Carlos de la Cerda and Leandro García, Director of Fundación Valenciaport, are looking to attain higher efficiency levels in the institutions' port communities.

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## **8. Port of Kingston Anticipates Expansion Project (Jamaica)**

In order accommodate the large increase in mega ship traffic, officials from the Port Authority of Jamaica are working to expand the Port of Kingston. Increasing its current capacity will be necessary to remain competitive and to participate in world trade. There are 149 mega container vessels expected to be in operation by 2014, an increase from the current 39.

For a cost of \$200 million, the Port Authority will dredge the channel to create a 16 meter basin. An additional 1,500 meters will be provided by expanding the port into Fort Augusta. The Port Authority of Jamaica is currently working to establish contracts with three major shipping lines and project



that by 2015, the Port of Kingston to reach a capacity of 4 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) of cargo per year.

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Through its expansion, the Port of Kingston will have the means to service all of the regional container vessels and take advantage of more frequent business stemming from the renovations of the Panama Canal. According to Noel Hylton, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Port Authority of Jamaica, "The prognosis is that on completion of the Panama Canal expansion, the Caribbean will likely be one of the greatest beneficiaries as it is expected that there will be a marked increase in the number of transshipment cargoes traversing the region, which no doubt will result in more cargoes being handled in Caribbean ports,"

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### **9. Panama Maritime Authority (AMP) successfully conducted maritime security operations (Panama)**

Held from March 4 to 9 was organized a series of maritime security operations at the major ports, docks and piers for passenger ships and national cargo.

This process under the slogan "Our best Inspector, is you" was conducted in collaboration with the Directorate of Merchant Marine of the AMP and the Directorate of Ports and Auxiliary Maritime Industries with support from the National Air Service, the National Civil Protection System (NSCP), the Fire Department of Panama (CBP) and the National Police.

"Our main objective is to safeguard the safety of navigation, protect human life in the sea and preventing pollution in the marine environment, so we must ensure that all vessels engaged in transporting passengers and cargo has the minimum safety measures said the Administrator of the Maritime Authority of Panama (AMP), Roberto Linares.

Some of the measures were: Copy of your navigation license, permit sail, wears life jackets, first aid equipment and basic safety equipment, communications equipment, etc.

Likewise, days later, the Maritime Authority of Panama, conducted a simulation exercise Tsunami scale. A total of 33 Caribbean countries participated.

The Head of the Environmental Unit of the AMP, the oceanographer, Arnulfo Sanchez, mention that this series of simulations, help to reduce losses of human lives.

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## **10. Peruvian Ports: Moving Towards Modernization (Peru)**

With total new investment of US\$ 2,037, the ports of Peru are expecting to become modernized and therefore more competitive.

Since 2005, several concessions were granted to DP World for the modernization of el Callao Port. Among the many investments and improvements, one worth noting is the construction “la Avenida Panamericana” (Pan-American Avenue) which will allow better access to the port and will interconnect a railway to the port warehouses. The modernization of el Callao’s North Terminal (Terminal Norte), the most active port of Peru, will account for an investment of US\$ 750 million; additionally, central piers 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be demolished to build a single dock line, which eventually will be unified with pier 5 therefore creating a berthing station that will be able to hold both gantry cranes and deep-draft vessels. This investment, and consequent modernization, will reduce total expenses of the Port in which 92% of Peru’s exports and imports are handled.

By 2012, El Callao port is expected to have a new mineral pier located in its northern breakwater. In addition, a tight ship loader and a fixed conveyor belt that will transport minerals from the ship to the warehouses will be built. With this, pollution and emissions will be reduced as well as the circulation of cargo trucks.

According to the director of the APN, Ricardo Guimaray, total investment will amount to US\$ 2,037 millions by 2015, with US\$ 844 millions invested to public ports and US \$ 443 to private ports.

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## **11. Port Zante to Recieve World's Largest Cruise Ship (St. Kitts)**

In December of 2011, Royal Caribbean International's newest and largest Oasis-class cruise ship, the Allure of the Seas, will dock at Port Zante located in Basseterre, St. Kitts. Tourism officials are very excited to welcome the Royal Caribbean cruise ship, signifying the achievement of St. Kitts' continued growth as a major cruise line destination.



“The recent announcement by Royal Caribbean serves as a “testament to the growing infrastructure and continuing appeal of St. Kitts as a vibrant, authentic Caribbean destination for leisure tourism.”

The vice president of Government Relations for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. has praised St. Kitts port of call as incredibly friendly towards cruise guests, offering the necessary amenities to ensure passenger satisfaction. Just two years ago, St. Kitts surpassed the half million passenger arrival mark, and in the upcoming cruise season Royal Caribbean is scheduled to make 20 additional port calls to the island.

This growth in cruise tourism has been on part of the conscious effort by the tourism minister to promote St. Kitts as a premier cruise destination. The Minister recently participated in the 27th Annual Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention in Miami, Florida in which he asserted St. Kitts ability to host the largest cruise ships. St. Kitts additionally produced a new Cruise Destination Magazine which was distributed to cruise line representatives at the Convention.

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## **12. The Executive Board of the CIP holds its Twelfth ordinary Meeting**

The Executive Board of the CIP (CECIP) successfully held its twelfth ordinary meeting; it took place at the Sheraton Miramar Hotel and Convention Center in Viña del Mar, Chile from March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

To the meeting attended 13 of the 15 members States of the Executive Board (Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela), four (4) other member States (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname), one (1) Permanent observer (Spain), and approximately 100 individuals from the international and national port community.

The meeting was structured with one inaugural session and one closing session as well as three plenary sessions. On the third plenary session, 14 resolutions were approved that contain the 2011 work plans of the Subcommittees, the production of four (4) technical conventions and the dates and venues of the next meetings of the CECIP and the CIP. Additionally, the Executive Board formally thanked the government of Chile for the great political, technical and administrative support in the organization and production of this event.

The documents of the Meeting can be found on the CIP Website [www.oas.org/cip](http://www.oas.org/cip).



### **13. Port Activities**

- *International Congress on Port Cities and their future trends*

Organized by the Columbian Association of Industrial and Mechanical Engineering

To be held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from April 27-29, 2011.

[www.jornadasinternacionalesdepuertos.com](http://www.jornadasinternacionalesdepuertos.com)

- *IAHP World Ports Conference.*

Organized by the International Association of Ports and Harbors. To be held in Busan, Korea from May 23-27, 2011.

<http://www.iaphworldports.org/>

- *Course on Port Management*

Organized by the National Port Authority of Peru and the CIP/OEA. To be held in Lima, Peru, in June 13-17, 2011

- *Third hemispheric conference on environmental port management*

Organized by the Administration of Uruguay's National Ports and the CIP/OAS. To be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in October of 2011.

- *SmartRivers Conference 2011.*

Organized by the PIANC, in New Orleans, Louisiana, United States, from September 13-16, 2011.

<http://www.smartrivers.org/>

- *Master en Gestión Portuaria y Transporte Intermodal*

Organized by Fundacion Valenciaport and the CIP/OEA. To be held in Valencia, Spain, from September 29, 2011 to June 22, 2012.

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- *Programa de Becas para Técnicos Iberoamericanos para la Realización de Pasantías en Administraciones y Entidades Portuarias Españolas 2011.* Organized by Puertos del Estado. To be held in Spain. From September 23, 2011 to October 21, 2011.

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