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Dear Members,

Greetings from the editorial team of CILT Malaysia's newsletter.

This issue will give you an update of the engagement activities CILTM and state sections have been having and the progress and inroads made in playing our role as professional logisticians.

The team worked hard to get this all together and I am forever grateful to the teamwork.

We want to hear about you, our members, send us an email at ciltmsia@gmail.com or contact the office to get a hold of us.

Happy reading.

Reshma Yousuf



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Datuk Muhammad Muhiyudin Hj. Abdullah
President, The Chartered Institute of
Logistics & Transport, Malaysia

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi
wabarakaatuh dan salam sejahtera

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our Muslim members 'Selamat Hari Raya 'Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir dan Batin'. In the spirit of true Malaysians I trust that other members would also join in the celebration with our Muslim friends. I would also like to urge all members to come and join our Raya Celebration later this month.

I am pleased to see that our sections and committees continued to carry out the necessary works even during Ramadhan. A number of our members have participated in various events and webinars including at International level. The activities are reported in the relevant pages in this Newsletter. Nonetheless we still have many works ahead of us to uphold the role of CILTM in elevating industry players professionalism in Malaysia.

While we are happy with the latest report on the Logistics Performance Index whereby Malaysia managed to climb up 15 spots to No 26, it also indicates the potential and opportunity for our industry to improve further. In fact it is envisaged that Malaysia could climb up to top 10 position in a not too distant future.

I would therefore like to humbly urge all our members to grab this opportunity to contribute positively in your own way to the betterment of our industry.

Moving forward CILTM will continue to create more values to our members particularly the new graduates starting their career in the industry. We are reviewing our education content to adapt ourselves with the latest trend for the future. We will need to go beyond IR4.0 in preparing ourselves in the era of ESG. We will have more engagement with our members especially corporate members to collaborate on intern placement programs. It is our contribution to the Next Generation group who will continue our legacy in the industry.





President's Desk

During our visit to Port Klang Authority, we had the opportunity to discuss the driver shortage issue which is prevalent in the logistics industry hence posing a significant challenge to our members. We shared our ideas on how to make the drivers career more attractive and has a future. The ideas were quite well received by PKA and even suggested that CILTM to roll out with the port operators in Port Klang. We will certainly take up the suggestion, moving forward.



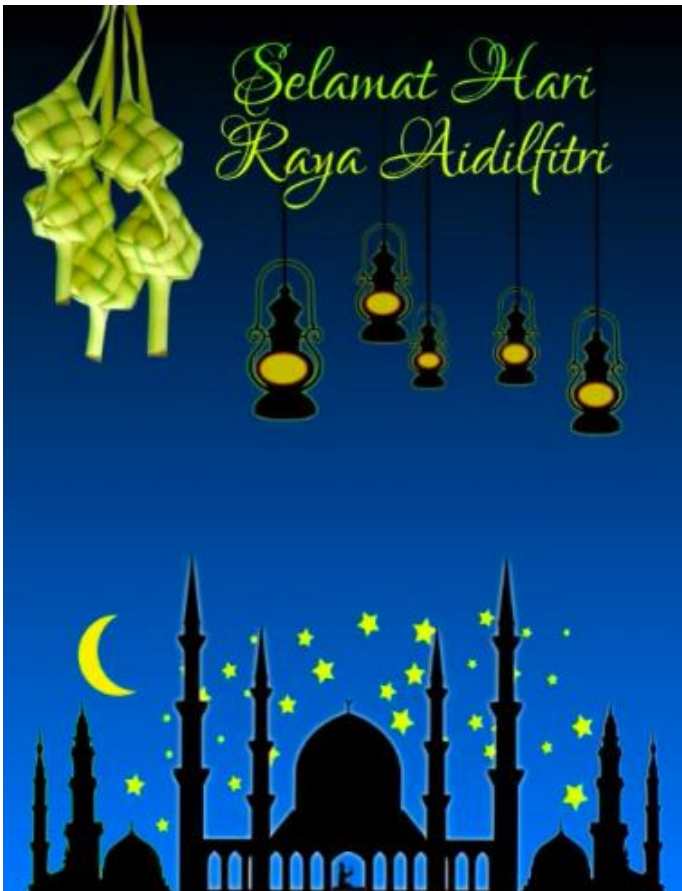
Towards this end, I am delighted to report that CILTM is embarking on a program to develop our truck and bus drivers to improve their knowledge, skills, and attitudes towards road safety, thus reducing the number of accidents on our roads. In addition it is hoped that this program would allow the drivers to have a career path to better safeguard their future.

In conclusion, I am excited about the potential collaborations and initiatives that we are embarking on as an organization. With the support of our members, corporate members and partners, we can achieve our mission of advancing the logistics and transport industry in Malaysia. Let us continue to work together towards our shared goals and aspirations.

As we approach Eid Mubarak 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all CILT members in Malaysia and all over the world a safe, happy, and blessed Eid Mubarak. May this festive season bring peace, happiness, and prosperity to all.

Sincerely,

Datuk Muhammad Muhiyudin Hj. Abdullah
President, The Chartered Institute of
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"Malaysia's Logistics Industry Soars Up 15 Spots on Global LPI Rankings"

Malaysia's logistics industry is making significant progress, as evident from the recently released 2023 World Bank Logistics Performance Index (LPI). The country has secured the second-best performing ASEAN country position, making an impressive 15-spot jump to No.26, up from No.41 in 2018 and No.32 in 2016. This is a significant achievement, and Malaysia's best performance was ranked No.25 in 2014.

The LPI is an essential benchmarking tool that assesses countries' trade logistics performance. Based on a worldwide survey of international logistics operators, the LPI helps identify the challenges and opportunities countries face and what they can do to improve their logistics performance. Several data partners, including maritime shipping and container tracking, postal and air freight activities, collect and make available the LPI's information.

Although Malaysia has an outstanding infrastructure for logistics, the country still faces various challenges that impact its logistics performance. For example, there is a regulatory mismatch between different government agencies and departments, leading to confusion and delays in customs clearance procedures.

Additionally, the country's borders often experience bottlenecks due to a lack of harmonization in procedures, causing further delays and increased costs for logistics operators.



Despite these challenges, Malaysia's logistics industry has strengths that it can capitalize on. The country has excellent connectivity via land, sea, and air, enabling efficient transport and delivery of goods. Additionally, Malaysia has a vast network of ports and airports, making it an attractive logistics hub for the region. Moreover, Malaysia's logistics industry has tremendous potential for growth and innovation. The country has a vibrant e-commerce sector, which is fueling demand for more efficient logistics services.

Malaysia can further develop its value chain activities, focusing on high-value-added services to increase revenue and competitiveness. The country can also invest in developing the necessary skills for its logistics workforce to improve productivity and efficiency. This 26th ranking will have a direct impact on FDI as well. Malaysia's logistics industry has made remarkable progress, securing the second-best performing ASEAN country position in the 2023 World Bank Logistics Performance Index. While the country faces various challenges that impact its logistics performance, Malaysia's strengths, including its robust infrastructure and excellent connectivity via land, sea, and air, provide opportunities for growth and innovation. CILTM is confident, Malaysia can further improve its logistics performance by addressing its regulatory framework, customs procedures, and value chain activities, investing in developing the necessary skills for its logistics workforce, and becoming the preferred logistics destination in the ASEAN region. We will now target to be in the top 10 position.



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Highlights

IBF International and WiLAT Global Capacity Building Centre- WCBC: Humanitarian Logistics Webinar

26th April, 2023 5pm Malaysia Zoom platform



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Reshma Yousuf
WCBC Operation Lead



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Fiona Knight
CILT IVP
Australasia



SPEAKER

Esra Kivrak
WiLAT Chairperson
Turkiye



SPEAKER

Berna Akyildiz
President of CILT
Turkiye



SPEAKER

Finbarr Cleary
FCILT
CILT International
IBF Chair



SPEAKER

Dr. John Blunt
FCILT, FRGS
Australia



Women in Logistics
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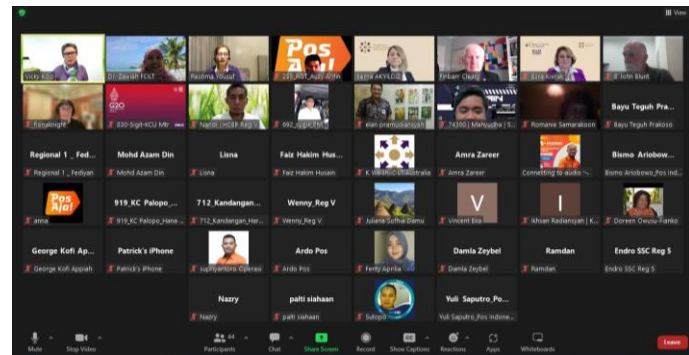
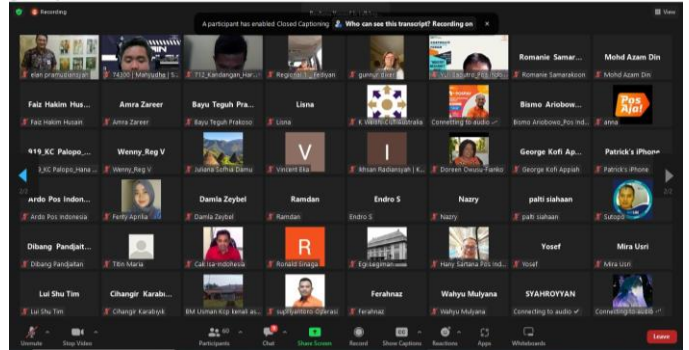
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Fund Raising video created by CILT Australia to collect funds for the transport cost of providing aid to those impacted by the earthquake.



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The webinar addressed the logistical challenges faced in disaster response, particularly in areas where the physical infrastructure is weak. The speakers emphasized the importance of coordination among the assisting organizations and clear roles defined among the international, regional, national, provincial, and local organizations. They also highlighted the need for logistics expertise in areas concerning transport to ensure efficient evacuation and return of people affected, and efficient management of goods that come in as aid..

Esra Kivrak CMILT, the WiLAT Turkiye Chairperson, gave an overview of the current situation in Turkiye post-earthquake and the logistical challenges faced, particularly in reaching areas where the road infrastructure has been severely damaged



Dr. John Blunt, FCILT from Australia, who has extensive experience in post-disaster recovery environments, spoke next. He began by identifying that a natural disaster becomes a humanitarian crisis whenever it occurs in areas where the physical infrastructure is weak. He explained that a difficult geographical setting with poor transport infrastructure takes more time for reconstruction, which would probably take six months or more. He also emphasized that during such disasters, assisting organizations only focus on their specialization. The important measure to be taken is in the coordination of services rendered by the assisting organizations. Using his experience and cases, he indicated that it is essential that clear roles have to be defined among the international, regional, national, provincial, and local assisting organizations.

Fiona Knight FCILT, the IVP Australasia, shared the lessons learned from the recent cyclone disasters in New Zealand and reflected on Dr. John Blunt's sharing.



She highlighted the initiatives that CILT Turkiye has already taken in providing essential goods and is looking forward to CILT's teamwork in establishing a Disaster Response Team comprising experts who have experience in managing humanitarian logistics, who can develop a tool kit and initiate a response whenever a disaster occurs.



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She provided a summary of the disaster caused by Cyclone Hale in January 2023 and again in February Cyclone Gabrielle, where roads were destroyed, cutting off communities, and supplies could only be delivered by air. She spoke about the challenges faced, such as accommodation shortages and poor infrastructure. She then shared some actions that can be taken by a nation, an organization, and an individual in



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The webinar highlighted the significance of humanitarian logistics and the role of logistics professionals in disaster response. The speakers discussed the importance of logistics expertise in areas such as transportation, infrastructure, waste management, and evacuation of people affected by natural disasters. They also emphasized the importance of collaboration among organizations at all levels, from the international to the local level, in disaster response.



Finbarr Cleary FCILT, Chairman of the CILT International Business Forum (IBF), gave a brief speech on the background of this initiative, where Berna Akyildiz FCILT had requested assistance soon after the earthquake occurred. A group was formed between IBF and Wilat, where Karyn Welsh, FCILT from CILT Australia, set up a disaster relief fund, and soon after this webinar was planned to launch the fund and gauge the interest to form a disaster response committee moving ahead.

Berna Akyildiz FCILT, the Founding President of CILT Turkiye and GVC Middle East, concluded the webinar by thanking everyone and informing them of the great work done by Esra and the CILT and WiLAT Turkiye team.





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The speakers shared their experiences and lessons learned from recent natural disasters, including the earthquake in Turkey and the cyclone in New Zealand. They provided valuable insights on the challenges faced and the actions that can be taken to improve disaster preparedness and response. The discussion covered a range of topics, including coordination among assisting organizations, infrastructure development, logistics planning, and the role of logistics professionals in disaster response.

The webinar was attended by 100 logistics professionals from different parts of the world, indicating the significance of the topic and the need for collaboration among logistics professionals to build a more effective disaster response system. The webinar provided a platform for logistics professionals to exchange ideas, best practices, and experiences in disaster response and humanitarian logistics. The discussions were informative and thought-provoking, highlighting the need for a collaborative and coordinated approach to disaster response.



In conclusion, the webinar on Disaster Response and Humanitarian Logistics organized by IBF International and Wilat CBC-Capacity Building Centre was a successful event that brought together logistics professionals from different parts of the world to share their experiences, insights, and best practices on disaster response and humanitarian logistics. The discussions highlighted the importance of logistics expertise in disaster response and the need for collaboration among organizations at all levels. The event was an excellent opportunity for logistics professionals to exchange ideas and best practices and build a more effective disaster response system.

**Click on the link below to
watch the Webinar**

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Penang

CILTM Penang Industrial Talk

On April 20th, 2023, the CILTM Penang Section hosted an Industrial Talk aimed specifically at its student members. The focus of the event was on conflict management and resolutions, with Dato' Ts. Ong Seng Huat, DMPN, DSPN, DJN, PJM, JP, Chairman of the JP Mediation Bureau, Council of Justices of the Peace, State of Penang, serving as the speaker.

Approximately 80 students were in attendance, and they were able to gain valuable insights and knowledge from the speaker's professional experience. Dato' Ts. Ong Seng Huat, with his wealth of knowledge and experience in conflict management and resolutions, shared valuable tips and techniques for managing conflicts in the workplace.



The event was a great success, with the students actively engaging in the discussion and asking insightful questions to further their understanding of the topic. The speaker, Dato' Ts. Ong Seng Huat, encouraged the students to develop their conflict resolution skills and to always strive to improve their communication skills, as these are key to managing conflicts effectively.



The CILTM Penang Section is committed to providing its student members with opportunities to learn and grow in their respective fields. The Industrial Talk is just one of the many events that the CILTM Penang Section organizes to ensure that its members are kept up-to-date on the latest developments in their fields.

The event was a great platform for students to interact with experts in the field of conflict management and resolutions, allowing them to learn from their experiences and expertise. Overall, the Industrial Talk was a valuable learning experience for all attendees, and the CILTM Penang Section looks forward to hosting similar events in the future to continue providing its members with opportunities for growth and development.



Johor

CILT JOHOR HIGHLIGHTS YEARLY ACHIEVEMENTS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Johor was held on 1st April 2023 at Theatre Tanjung Puteri Unkl MITEC Bandar Seri Alam, Johor. The meeting was attended by a significant number of active members currently registered under Johor Section.

The Chairman, Ts. Dr. Nazry Bin Yahya, presided over the meeting, and the members discussed the approval of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, the presentation and adoption of the financial report statements for the year 2022, and the report from the Chairman and each committee section. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved by the members present.

During the meeting, the Chairman highlighted the organization's achievements in 2022, including various activities and programs such as the International Project Logistics Competition with Raffles University, CILT President's visit to Johor, IBF Pocketbook Talk, Hari Kecemerlangan Pelajar KPM Bandar Penawar, session with SCN Port in Batam on March 2023, session with Maldives Port on 22nd Feb 2022, 5 Minutes Powertalk NMUC, Courtesy visit to Pengangkutan Awam Johor (PAJ), and Horizon Logistics Rebranding and Appreciation Lunch.



The Chairman expressed his gratitude to the members for their continuous support and participation in the activities of CILT Johor. He also thanked all the Committee and CILT Johor members for their dedication towards achieving the goals of the organization.

In conclusion, the AGM was a success, and CILT Johor looks forward to another year of serving the members and making a positive impact in the community. The organization appreciates all the support and looks forward to the active participation of all members in the upcoming events and programs. The annual general meeting is an important event for CILT Johor to reflect on its achievements and plan for the future, ensuring that it continues to serve its members effectively and promotes the logistics and transport industry's growth and development in Johor.





Selangor

CILTM SELANGOR SECTION INSPIRES CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND GROWTH AT MOT'S MEET THE CUSTOMERS AND CAREER FAIR

On 6th and 7th May 2023, the Ministry of Transport (MOT) held a Meet the Customers and Career Fair at Sentral Station Kuala Lumpur. CILTM Selangor Section was invited to speak at the event, and they facilitated a Career talk on Striving for Excellence in the Workplace. The session aimed to inspire continuous learning and growth in the logistics and transport industry, highlighting the importance of communication, networking, and diversity and inclusion.

The event began with YBhg. Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan, the chief secretary of MOT, presenting his speech, followed by a visit to the exhibition booths with a delegation from MOT. In the afternoon, CILTM Selangor Section facilitated the Career talk, which was well-received by attendees.

Dato Dr Amin Kassim FCILT, the chairperson of CILTM Selangor Section, spoke about continuous learning and growth, introducing CILT and how it focuses on continuous learning and growth to ensure members remain relevant. This is crucial in the logistics and transport industry, which is constantly evolving, and employees must keep up with the latest developments to remain competitive.

Hj Omar Suhaimi FCILT, the vice-chairperson of CILTM Selangor Section, covered the topic of communication and networking. He touched on the importance of communication and networking in the industry and how CILT facilitates this. Networking is crucial in the logistics and transport industry as it enables professionals to build relationships, share knowledge and ideas, and collaborate on projects.



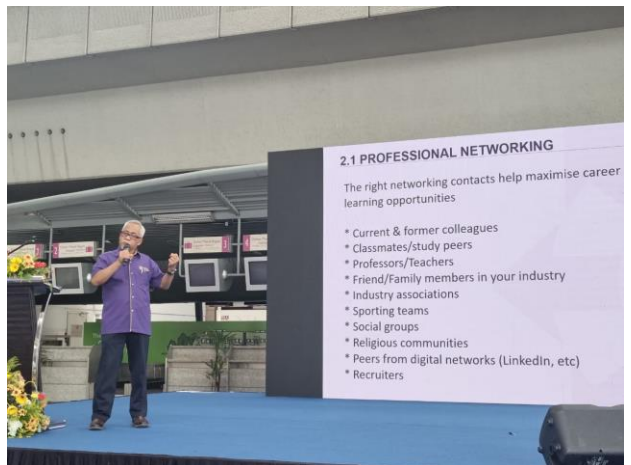


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The final speaker was Reshma Yousuf CMILT, the corporate communication chairperson of CILT Malaysia, who covered the topic of diversity and inclusion. She explained what diversity and inclusion meant and shared some examples and strategies for companies to adopt D&I into their organizational strategy. She also shared the benefits and potential pitfalls to avoid. Promoting diversity and inclusion in the logistics and transport industry is crucial as it can help companies to create a more inclusive and productive workplace, boost creativity and innovation, and enhance customer satisfaction.

Overall, the Career talk on Striving for Excellence in the Workplace was a success, and attendees left with a better understanding of the importance of continuous learning and growth, communication and networking, and diversity and inclusion in the logistics and transport industry. CILTM Selangor Section's commitment to inspiring excellence and promoting professional development is commendable and essential in the industry's growth and development. The event was a testament to CILTM Selangor Section's commitment to promoting the logistics and transport industry's growth and development while fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth.





Sabah

CILTM SABAH SECTION - SABAH MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SABAH LOGISTICS COUNCIL

On 6th April 2023, CILTM Sabah Section made a courtesy visit to YB Datuk Shahelmey Yahya, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Public Works Sabah, to discuss current issues and potentials of the logistics industry in Sabah. The visit was led by Dr Oh Ei Sun, Chairperson of CILTM Sabah Section, and aimed to introduce the roles of the professional body while reaffirming their commitment to contribute to the logistics and transport issues of the Sabah community



Dr Oh (fifth right) and CILTM Sabah Section delegation exchanging souvenir with YB Datuk Shahelmey (sixth left).

During the visit, Dr Oh Ei Sun introduced the initiatives taken by CILTM Sabah Section as a professional body in collaboration with logistics industry players and communities to help improve the logistics infrastructure in Sabah. CILTM Sabah Section believes that the formation of the Sabah Logistics Council is timely and will play an integral role in enhancing the competitiveness of Sabah's businesses, promoting economic growth and development, and improving the logistics industry in Sabah.

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CILTM Sabah Section strongly believes that industry associations and councils play a crucial role in promoting and developing the logistics industry in Sabah. Supporting these organizations through membership, collaboration, and sponsorship can help improve the logistics industry in Sabah, particularly the transportation network, which will help improve the efficient movement of goods and services. Additionally, investments in road, air, and sea transportation infrastructure will help connect Sabah with other regions and countries.

The visit to YB Datuk Shahelmey Yahya was an opportunity for CILTM Sabah Section to express their desire to be closely affiliated with the Ministry while thanking the minister for inviting them to participate in the Sabah Transport Masterplan task force. YB Datuk Shahelmey Yahya commended CILTM Sabah Section for their impressive initiatives thus far and looked forward to working even more closely with the professional body.



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In conclusion, the establishment of the Sabah Logistics Council is a significant development in the logistics industry's growth and development in Sabah. CILTM Sabah Section will play an integral role in promoting and developing the logistics industry in Sabah while enhancing professionalism through professional membership, grooming young workers and young leaders, and promoting inclusivity. By working closely with the Ministry and other industry players, CILTM Sabah Section is committed to contributing to the Sabah community's logistics and transport issues and positioning itself as the industry professional body that catalyzes the logistics and transport industry's growth and development.



Sarawak

CILTM SARAWAK SECTION SHOWS COMMITMENT TO ROAD SAFETY IN SARAWAK

On 11th April 2023, CILTM Sarawak Section led by Chairman Dr Morris Abraham Enjan and advisor Ts Dr Kuddus b Haji Ramlee attended a visit by Sarawak Transport Minister Datuk Seri Lee Kim Sin at SHELL Traffic Game in Bintulu. The purpose of the visit was to review the potential of its reopening as part of Sarawak Road Safety plans. CILTM Sarawak Section pledged their support for the activities promoting road safety in Sarawak, specifically in upgrading the six traffic parks in Kuching, Sri Aman, Sibul, Bintulu, Miri, and Sarikei, to support the Sarawak Traffic Games agenda.

The Sarawak Traffic Games agenda is focused on educating youngsters and creating awareness among the public about the importance of road safety. The SHELL Traffic Game in Bintulu is an excellent example of this initiative as it provides a safe and fun environment for children to learn about road safety. The CILTM Sarawak Section recognizes the importance of such initiatives and is committed to supporting them.

During the visit, representatives from the Bintulu Lorry Drivers Association were also present. This is a significant development as it shows that all stakeholders in the logistics and transport industry are committed to promoting road safety. The logistics and transport industry is a crucial component of the economy in Sarawak, and it is essential to ensure that all players in the industry prioritize road safety.

CILTM Sarawak Section plays a crucial role in promoting road safety in Sarawak. The upgrading of the traffic parks is just one of the initiatives CILTM Sarawak Section is also working with the Sarawak Transport Ministry to provide training and education programs for transport operators and drivers. These programs will focus on enhancing their knowledge and skills in road safety, ensuring that they can operate their vehicles safely on the roads. that the professional body is committed to supporting.



Furthermore, CILTM Sarawak Section is committed to working with industry players to ensure that road safety is a top priority. By working closely with the logistics and transport industry, the professional body can provide informed decisions and advice in facilitating the growth of the industry while promoting road safety. The CILTM Sarawak Section's efforts are crucial in ensuring that the logistics and transport industry in Sarawak continues to grow and develop in a safe and sustainable manner.

In conclusion, the visit by Sarawak Transport Minister Datuk Seri Lee Kim Sin at SHELL Traffic Game in Bintulu was a significant development in promoting road safety in Sarawak. CILTM Sarawak Section's commitment to supporting the activities in promoting road safety in Sarawak is commendable. The upgrading of the six traffic parks is just one of the initiatives that the professional body is committed to supporting. CILTM Sarawak Section's efforts, along with the collaboration of all stakeholders in the logistics and transport industry, are crucial in promoting road safety in Sarawak while ensuring that the industry continues to grow and develop in a safe and sustainable manner.



CILTM strengthening Sabah's logistics industry

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Malaysia (CILTM) is aiming to strengthen Sabah's logistics industry by promoting collaborations among industry players and the government. CILTM is focusing on increasing awareness of the importance of logistics and transportation in the state, as well as providing training and education to individuals in the industry. The organization is also advocating for policies that support the growth of the logistics industry in Sabah, such as infrastructure improvements and streamlining regulations. These efforts are expected to boost the competitiveness of Sabah's logistics sector and contribute to the state's economic development.

Read the full article here

<https://www.dailyexpress.com.my/news/211061/ciltm-strengthening-sabah-s-logistics-industry/>

New logistics park set to transform MCKIP into premier industrial hub

A new logistics park is set to transform the Malaysia-China Kuantan Industrial Park (MCKIP) into a premier industrial hub. The park will cover an area of 148 acres and offer comprehensive logistics solutions to support the growth of industries in the region. It will feature a multi-user warehouse, a container yard, and other facilities to cater to the needs of various industries, including petrochemicals, automotive, and food and beverage. The logistics park is expected to attract more investors to MCKIP and further enhance its position as a leading industrial hub in Malaysia.

Read the full article here

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/business/2023/04/07/new-logistics-park-set-to-transform-mckip-into-premier-industrial-hub/>

Lack of bus drivers as some think job has no future, says transport group

CILT Malaysia has stated that the shortage of bus drivers in the country is due to negative perceptions about the industry's future. The industry is facing challenges such as low salaries and long working hours. According to the Institute, more needs to be done to promote the benefits of working as a bus driver and to improve their working conditions. The group has called on the government to take action to address the issue, such as by increasing the minimum wage for drivers and providing better training opportunities.

Read the full article here

<https://www.freemalaysiatoday.com/category/nation/2023/04/12/lack-of-bus-drivers-as-some-think-it-has-no-future-says-transport-group/>

Shanghai, Thai, Malaysia airport stocks have strong potential: analysts

Shares of Shanghai International Airport, Airports of Thailand, and Malaysia Airports Holdings have strong potential, according to analysts. Shanghai's airport is expected to benefit from a rebound in domestic travel in China, while Airports of Thailand is expected to benefit from a recovery in international tourism. Malaysia Airports Holdings is seen as a good investment due to its exposure to the strong growth potential of the Asia-Pacific region. However, uncertainties remain due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and geopolitical tensions.

To Read the full article:

<https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/companies-markets/transport-logistics/shanghai-thai-malaysia-airport-stocks-have-strong-potential>



Saudi Arabia ramps up infrastructure to become a global logistics hub

Saudi Arabia aims to become a global logistics hub for Asia, Africa and Europe, leveraging its strategic location. The Ministry of Transport and Logistic Services has launched effective plans to connect far-flung regions and shorten distances between cities, facilitating the movement of visitors, tourists and pilgrims to the two holy mosques. The ministry has also inspected bridges and tunnels to ensure infrastructure safety. The country is consolidating its network of 72,000km of roads, including 3,690 bridges and 76 tunnels, and bolstering its air and rail networks, with plans to link the North and East networks, Jubail inner network and Al-Qurayyat passenger train.

Read the full article here

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2295291/business-economy>

CMA CGM takeover of Bollore Logistics could create top five airfreight forwarder

Shipping company CMA CGM's potential acquisition of Bollore Logistics could create one of the top five airfreight forwarders in the world. The deal, which is still under negotiation, would allow CMA CGM to expand its logistics division, which has seen growth in recent years. Bollore Logistics would also bring expertise in key sectors such as aerospace, oil and gas, and luxury goods. If the acquisition is successful, it would strengthen CMA CGM's position in the global logistics market and provide greater competition to other major players in the industry.

Read the full article here

<https://www.aircargonews.net/freight-forwarder/a-cma-cgm-takeover-of-bollore-logistics-could-create-top-five-airfreight-forwarder/>

Global Logistics 2023: Supply chains under pressure

The article predicts that global supply chains will continue to face pressure in 2023 due to several factors, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, increasing demand for e-commerce and same-day delivery, geopolitical risks, and sustainability concerns. To address these challenges, companies are expected to invest in new technologies, such as artificial intelligence and blockchain, and focus on diversifying their sourcing and manufacturing locations. Collaboration and flexibility will also be key to navigating the changing landscape of global logistics.

Read the full article here

https://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/global_logistics_2023_supply_chains_under_pressure

A.P. Moller - Maersk launches new US-China air cargo link

Maersk, the world's largest container shipping company, has launched a new air cargo link between the United States and China. The service, which is being operated in partnership with a Chinese airline, will initially run twice a week, carrying electronics, e-commerce goods, and other high-value cargo. Maersk hopes the new route will help meet growing demand for air freight services and provide a faster, more reliable option for customers shipping goods between the two countries. The move comes as supply chain disruptions continue to impact global trade, highlighting the importance of resilient logistics networks.

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<https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2023/04/04/maersk-launches-new-us-china-air-cargo-link>



Passengers to continue paying for higher airfares till mid-2024?

Abstract

According to industry experts, passengers should expect to continue paying high airfares until mid-2024 due to ongoing pandemic-related challenges faced by the aviation industry. Airlines have been forced to reduce the number of flights and seats available due to travel restrictions and lower demand, leading to higher ticket prices. In addition, the increase in the cost of fuel and aircraft leases, coupled with the need to maintain social distancing on planes, has resulted in airlines being unable to lower ticket prices.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) predicts that it may take until 2024 for passenger traffic to return to pre-pandemic levels. This suggests that airlines will continue to face financial challenges, which will result in passengers paying higher fares for some time to come. However, with the widespread availability of vaccines, the situation is expected to improve gradually, leading to a recovery in the aviation industry.

Read the full article here

<https://www.nst.com.my/business/2023/04/898019/passengers-continue-paying-higher-airfares-till-mid-2024>



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