

# Westports Set to Hit Eight Million TEUs This Year



Excellent progress: Sultan Sharafuddin talking to Ruben (right) after the launch of CT 7 and the Westports 20th anniversary celebration in Port Klang. Looking on is Port Klang Authority chairman Tan Sri Kong Cho Ha (centre).

PORT KLANG: With the launch of Container Terminal 7 (CT 7), Westports Holding Bhd is expecting to achieve its eight millionth twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) by this year.

Citing 7.5 million TEUs the previous year, Westports chief executive officer Ruben Emir Gnanalingam said its container market share in Port Klang also grew from 73% in 2013 to 78%.

“In total, we have grown our volume by 374% from 2001 to 2013 while ensuring that Port Klang grew by 166% from 2001 to reach 10 million TEUs in 2013, thereby propelling it to become the 12th largest port in the world,” Ruben said at Westports Bhd 20th anniversary celebration yesterday.

“Throughout these changes, we have consistently increased our productivity to manage these increases in vessel sizes, from being able to handle 140 moves in one hour in 1997, to reach 456 in an hour in 2006.

“We took our maximum move in an hour to 793 earlier this year.”

The ceremony was officiated by Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Ruben also said that as part of CT 7, four new quay cranes had been added and another three were expected to be brought in later this year.