

World's Largest Container Vessel Calls at Westports Malaysia



KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Westports Malaysia has added another feather to its cap as the world largest container vessel, MV CSCL Globe, made its maiden call at the terminal today.

The vessel belonging to China Shipping Container Lines (CSCL) is 400 meters long, 60 meters wide and bigger than four standard

football fields, while known as the "A380 in the shipping industry", Westports said in a statement today.

Chief Executive Officer Ruben Emir Gnanalingam said the maiden call came at a perfect time, as the port recently completed its Container Terminal 7 (CT7), which increased terminal capacity to 11 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

"We have the world's tallest ship-to-shore cranes in our CT7 to handle the 19,000 TEU breed mega-sized vessels.

"Besides being the world's largest container vessel, MV CSCL Globe marked another milestone for our port in lifting the eight millionth TEU container," he added.



MV CSCL Globe, currently being deployed on the AEX1 service connecting Asia to Europe, is the first of five 19,100 TEU container vessels. CSCL is expected to take delivery of four vessels in stages towards the year-end and in early 2015.