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MAERSK MEGA VESSEL CALLS AT PTP

Upgrades ensure port can host latest generation of Triple-E vessels, keep up with industry requirements

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MMC Corp Bhd's Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) became the first port in Southeast Asia to welcome a mega vessel — Madrid Maersk, owned by Maersk Line, the world's largest

container shipping company.

The vessel, which was previously berthed at Yantian, China, is scheduled to make the next port of call at Port of Algeciras, Spain.

PTP chairman Datuk Seri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh said PTP had the capacity and capability to accommodate mega vessels be-

cause it was fitted out with the right facilities and equipment.

"The port is designed for the latest generation of container vessels and can handle huge volumes.

"We are proud to host the Madrid Maersk as not many ports in the world can handle

such mega vessels," he said.

"Strategic investments in our equipment and facilities are continuing. Our equipment upgrading and expansion programme will ensure that PTP can keep up with the rapid changes in the port and shipping industry and meet the demands of our customers," he said.

The Madrid Maersk is the first in a series of Maersk Line's second generation Triple-E vessels.

Its nominal capacity is 20,568 20-foot containers, nearly 2,000 more than the prior generation.

The Madrid Maersk reportedly measures 399m in length and a width of 58.6m.