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**"K" Line Chairman Presented Port Pilot Award**

The Port of Long Beach has presented its highest honor - the Honorary Port Pilot Award - to Isao Shintani, chairman of Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd. ("K" Line), for his significant contributions to the shipping industry and the advancement of international trade.

"During a distinguished 42-year career, Mr. Shintani has provided the leadership and vision that has kept "K" Line among the world's premier shipping lines," Dr. John E. Kashiwabara, Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners president, said in presenting the award. "I am particularly pleased to honor Mr. Shintani because of our very long, and very special relationship with "K" Line."

"K" Line vessels have called in Long Beach for decades, and its subsidiary, International Transportation Service Inc., has operated a shipping terminal at the port since 1971. ITS' facility was the first container terminal in Southern California to operate an on-dock rail yard, revolutionizing the intermodal cargo system.

"It is my sincere hope that both the business and personal relationships that our customers and "K" Line have developed with the Port of Long Beach and the entire Long Beach community will continue to grow and strengthen even further," said Shintani in accepting the award.

"I hope that we will enjoy increasing success and prosperity as we jointly work together in meeting the challenges of the new 21st Century."

The port honored Shintani at a gala reception, presentation and dinner on Oct. 20 at the Hilton Long Beach hotel. The event was attended by more than 200 people.

Shintani is Long Beach's 68th Port Pilot honoree. The award is named for the harbor port pilots who are entrusted to safely guide cargo ships in and out of the port. Since 1954, the port has honored individuals for their leadership and achievements in international trade. The port has presented the

award to CEOs of leading corporations, prime ministers, ambassadors, members of Congress, Cabinet officials and presidents, including President Ronald Reagan.

Previous "K" Line recipients have included Shiro Nagumo, Hiroshige Matsunari, Kiyoshi Itoh, Kiyoshi Kumagai, Kosuke Okada and Motozo Hattori.