



Port, City Officials Celebrate Hanjin Dallas Maiden Call
Ceremonies Mark First Long Beach Visit For New Hanjin Container Ship

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Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'Neill, Long Beach Harbor Commissioners and Dallas city council members on Wednesday celebrated the maiden call of the Hanjin Dallas, the Hanjin Shipping Co.'s newest 8,000-TEU container ship, at the Port of Long Beach.

The Hanjin Dallas is the fifth of five 8,000-TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container) vessels deployed in Hanjin's Pacific Express Service (PSX), which calls in Yantian (China), Hong Kong, Kaohsiung (Taiwan), Gwangyang and Busan (South Korea), Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle, Busan and back to Yantian.

Long Beach and Dallas officials said the naming of the Hanjin Dallas signifies the growing role of Dallas, Texas as a major hub in U.S. shipping and international trade routes. Of the five state-of-the-art vessels in the PSX line, the Dallas is the only ship named by Hanjin for an inland city.

"More trade comes through our port complex than anywhere in the United States, but getting it across the United States is yet another challenge," said O'Neill. "This is where Dallas plays a prominent role. It is clear that Dallas will become one of the most important hubs for goods movement in the United States."

During a ceremony to welcome the Hanjin Dallas on its maiden call, Long Beach Harbor Commissioners James Hankla and Mario Cordero noted that newer, larger vessels such as the Dallas deliver goods more efficiently, generating less pollution than previous container ships.

With the Hanjin Dallas and its sister ships, "emissions and fuel consumption are about 20 percent less than the previous generation of ships," Hankla said.

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