



## **OOCL Contributes Green Flag Rebate to Charity**

Hong Kong-based Shipping Line Gives \$100,000-plus to Community

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HONG KONG -- Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL), which was recently honored by the Port of Long Beach with Green Flags and discounted dockage rates for improving air quality, announced today, June 11, that the company is donating its clean air rebates – estimated at more than \$140,000 -- to community groups in Long Beach.

“This is extremely generous of OOCL,” said Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, in Hong Kong on a trade mission with members of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. “OOCL is a leader in helping to clean the air and is taking the lead again by developing a philanthropic partnership.”

Guided by its Green Port Policy environmental ethic, the Port launched a Green Flag program to reward ocean carriers that slowed their speed within 20 miles of Long Beach Harbor to improve air quality. Based on compliance, the carriers were presented with Green Flags and discounted dockage rates. OOCL was the top Green Flag carrier in 2006, with a 100 percent compliance rate, the highest of the Port’s major container lines.

“At OOCL, we embrace community responsibility as one of our core values,” said Phillip Chow, the chief executive officer of OOCL. “That includes demonstrating our concern for protecting the environment. And it includes reinvesting in communities such as Long Beach, which have contributed so much to our success.”

Mr. Chow announced the donation at a meeting with Mayor Foster and a delegation from the Port of Long Beach that included Harbor Commissioners James Hankla, Mario Cordero and Dr. Mike Walter, as well as Port Executive Director Richard Steinke, Managing Director Chris Lytle, Trade Relations and Port Operations Director Don Snyder, Commission Executive Officer Gus Hein and Protocol Officer Diane Jacobus.

“OOCL is an example of the terrific corporate partnership we’ll need as we move forward with our Green Port Policy and our landmark Clean Air Action Plan to dramatically improve air quality,” said Commission President James Hankla. “They are partners with us in improving the environmental and in reinvesting in the community.”

Since 1986, OOCL has operated and its vessels have called at the Long Beach Container Terminal, repeatedly honored as the best container terminal in North America by its customers.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world’s premier seaports, a leading gateway for U.S.-Asia trade, a pioneer in goods movement, a trailblazer as an environmental steward and a committed community partner.

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