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OOCL Honored For Community Partnerships

Commission recognizes ocean carrier for parks, educational donations

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Orient Overseas Container Line (OOCL), a major Port of Long Beach shipping firm, was recognized by the Harbor Commission on Monday, February 4, 2008, for recent donations to parks and educational causes in Long Beach.

Last month OOCL donated \$100,000 to the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine for the development of the city's first universally accessible playground. The company also gave \$40,000 to the Long Beach Education Foundation, to be divided between the Elizabeth Hudson K-8 Academy for its middle-school computer lab and Poly High School's Pac Rim language laboratory.

"OOCL is a great corporate citizen," said Mayor Bob Foster, who attended Monday's Commission meeting. "I wanted to come here personally and let you know how much we respect this company and how much we appreciate its being a good corporate citizen. This is what it means to be a part of the community, this is what it means to be involved, and this is what it means to work for the betterment of this entire city."

OOCL's donations are from savings awarded to the shipping line on dockage fees for its exceptional compliance with the Port's "Green Flag" environmental program. The voluntary program asks vessel operators to slow down their speeds within 20 miles of Long Beach Harbor to improve air quality. OOCL was the top ocean carrier in the Green Flag program in 2006, with 100 percent compliance, the highest of the Port's major shipping lines.

"OOCL has always been a strong environmental partner in our Green Port programs, and with these gifts it has shown an impressive commitment to the Long Beach community as well," said Mario Cordero, president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

“OOCL is fully committed to reducing its air emissions as part of our environmental protection campaign,” said Peter Leng, president of OOCL (USA). “We welcome the opportunity to work together with the Port of Long Beach on [the Clean Trucks] program, which will have long-term benefits for the environment and the community in Southern California.”

The company’s \$100,000 donation to Long Beach parks will help fund a playground at El Dorado Park, inspired by an organization called Shane’s Inspiration, which aims to bring disabled children and their able-bodied peers together in an integrated play environment.

“Long Beach has been a great home for us, and we want to help make this an even better place for all children to live and play,” said Anthony Otto, vice president of OOCL’s wholly-owned subsidiary, Long Beach Container Terminals Inc (LBCTI). “We want to be a responsible community and business partner. International transportation has become a key part of the Long Beach economy, and is slowly becoming part of the city’s social fabric and future. OOCL and LBCTI are very pleased to be able to give something back to the local community, which contribute so much to our company’s success.”

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