

17th INAP Conference Report from Mokpo Newport

First of all, Mokpo Newport would like to express our hearty thanks to all member ports about their superb participation in the 17th INAP Mokpo Conference.

The 17th International Network of Affiliated Ports ("INAP") Conference with the theme "The Eco Port Policy of INAP" was held in Mokpo City from 1-2 September 2015.

As you know, INAP was organized in 1998 as a group of sister ports in order to expand exchange and activities among its members and currently, there are 8 ports, with the Port of Kochi, Japan, the Port of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the port of Qingdao in China, the ports of Subic Bay and Cebu in the Philippines, the Port of Tanjung Perak, Indonesia and the Port of Dangjin and Mokpo Newport in Korea.

This year marks the 17th Annual INAP Conference and it's the second time that Mokpo Newport has hosted the INAP Conference. Mokpo Newport is also pleased to let all the member ports know the Conference was a resounding success and marked another milestone in the history of this organization, becoming bigger and bigger.

About 300 guests from the Maritime Industry, government agency officials and local business people gathered in the Conference (the General Assembly, the Symposium and the Reception) and this included a total of 56 delegates from the member port with six ports (the Port of Kochi, Japan, the port of Subic Bay and Cebu, Philippines, the Port of Tanjung Perak, Indonesia and Dangjin Port and Mokpo Newport, Korea).

Day #1, September 1, 2015 saw the delegates take on the welcome dinner as the first event of the Conference and it is for taking a relax time from the fatigue of long journey of the delegates and enjoying the time by exchanging greetings with each other. During the dinner, there was a Korean traditional music performance, followed by watching the Dancing sea fountain to celebrate the first day of the INAP Mokpo Conference.

At the second day of the conference (Day #2, September 2, 2015), there were several events, the General Assembly, Opening Ceremony, Symposium, Cruise tour and Reception. The General Assembly held at the sky lounge of Shinhan Beach Hotel where Administrator Roberto V. Garcia of the port of Subic Bay formally turned over the chairmanship of INAP to Heungman Chung, CEO of Mokpo Newport. The succeeding event or Opening Ceremony saw many local business people as well as government officials attended in and congratulated the 17th INAP Conference. At the symposium, presentations and keynote speech were given in English. Each attendant INAP member delivered its respective presentation on idea of the conference them, "The Eco Port Policy

of INAP” and introduced its experience. While these events were happening, a separated official meeting between Mokpo City and Kochi Prefecture also took place. In the afternoon of the same day, all delegates of member ports enjoyed the Cruise tour, seeing many beautiful sceneries in Mokpo. The reception (Farewell Dinner) was the last event of the Conference and each head of INAP Delegation exchanged formal tokens and enjoyed a perfect cultural performance of Korean Art during the dinner.

The next INAP Conference will be held at Cebu in the Philippines and we promise that we will do our best to improve the INAP organization and wish that INAP will continue to serve as the foundation for economic exchange between member ports.

We are looking forward to seeing all INAP members in Cebu, Philippines next year and we ask for your continued support and cooperation, again.

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