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CSCL maiden call at the AGCT launches Ocean 3 in Rijeka

China Shipping Container Line's (CSCL) Xin Qin Huang Dao recently made its maiden call at the Adriatic Gate Container Terminal (AGCT), International Container Terminal Services, Inc.'s (ICTSI) container handling facility in the Port of Rijeka, Croatia, which marked the launch of a service of the Ocean 3 alliance, connecting Rijeka and other European ports to Asia and North America.

The vessel arrived at the AGCT last 18 February and is deployed to Ocean 3's Phoex / AMX8 / AMC4 weekly service. In September 2014, shipping lines CMA CGM, CSCL and United Arab Shipping Co. formed the Ocean 3 alliance to optimize and consolidate several of their services routes between Asia and Europe, and Asia and North America.

The Phoex / AMX8 / AMC4 service allows Rijeka to be linked to the Far East, connecting strategic ports on the route from Shanghai to Rijeka, and follows this rotation: Shanghai – Busan – Ningbo – Chiwan – Port Kelang – Malta – Kopar – Trieste – Rijeka – Venice – Kopar – Malta – Port Kelang – Chiwan – Shanghai.

Ten container vessels are deployed in the route, with each vessel having an average length of 280 meters and a capacity of 5,700 TEUs.

AGCT is a subsidiary of ICTSI, operator, manager and developer of container terminals in over 20 countries across the Asia-Pacific, the Americas, and Europe, Middle East, and Africa. Established in 1987 and headquartered in the Philippines, ICTSI has built a solid portfolio of successful port privatization partnerships with governments, and offers shipping line clients the advantage of high standards of service.



Phillip Marsham (left), former AGCT CEO, and Alessandro Becce (right), AGCT CEO, presented the welcome crest to Tu Jianlin, Xin Qin Huang Dao Vessel Master, during the vessel's maiden call at the AGCT.