

## Krishnapatnam Port marks a new milestone with Hanjin's First Service Call

Hanjin Shipping India Pvt Ltd, the South Korean shipping conglomerate, made its maiden call at KPCT on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2016. Vessel MV Hanjin Florida had exchanged 553 TEU out of which 109 TEU are imports and 444 TEU are exports. Krishnapatnam Port Container Terminal, whose volume during Apr'15 - Jan'16 has already surpassed FY 2014-15 container volume, offers immense opportunities for new service calls to tap its huge hinterland.

The Port Rotation for this service is: Krishnapatnam – Tanjung Pelepas - Singapore – Qingdao – Xingang – Busan – Shanghai – Nansha.

This service will cater to all import/export businesses ex INKRI (Port Code of Krishnapatnam Port) to Far East, USEC, USWC, Latin America, Europe and Inter Asia.

The KPCT team conducted a formal inaugural ceremony of this maiden call with Mr Hoon Park, Managing Director of M/s Hanjin Shipping (India) Pvt Ltd launching the service from KPCT. Mr Jithendra, Chief Operating Officer of Krishnapatnam Port Container Terminal welcomed the vessel by presenting the memento to the captain of the vessel, Capt Tuvindra Chaterjee. Mr V K Sasidharan, Regional General Manager of Hanjin Shipping and his team along with KPCT team were part of this memorable inaugural event.

This direct container shipping service will open several trade opportunities for exporters and importers between these countries and is expected to give a filling to the trade on the East Coast particularly for exports of granites, tobacco, shrimps, cotton yarn, linters, along with imports of automotive parts, furniture, tiles, news print, coffee powder, fruit juices, etc.

This new service reflects Krishnapatnam Port's commitment in providing varied options to the growing EXIM trade in its hinterland of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Northern Tamil Nadu. Krishnapatnam Port will continue to explore and tap new opportunities for the benefit of Lines and the EXIM trade by providing superior services and facilities.

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