

Port Klang Authority plans two capacity expansion projects

PORT KLANG (Dec 19): The Port Klang Authority (PKA) said it plans to embark on two projects to increase Port Klang's capacity in stages to meet growing demand.

PKA general manager Capt K Subramaniam said Port Klang has reached 70 percent of its capacity and needs to expand in order to maintain its 12th spot in the World Container League this year.

"Port Klang's current container handling capacity is 19.5 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), and between January and November we had reached 12.3 million TEUs.

"According to our statistics, by the end of this year, this is expected to reach 13.5 million TEUs, so we see the need for port capacity expansion projects, including one at Carey Island and one at Westport," he said at a media conference together with PKA chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah here today.

Subramaniam said for the Westport project, the terminal design is awaiting Government approval before construction is expected to begin in 2021.

The project will be in stages and is expected to be completed within 25 years, he said. For the Carey Island project, a port effectiveness study has been going on since August and will take 18 months to complete, he said.

"It is a long-term project, and our aim is to develop Westport first," he said.