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## HIGHLIGHTS

### GOBELINK GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2014 IN MACAO

The end of the year will not be complete without the Globelink Group Annual Conference attended by about 170 delegates from the Groups Offices, major Agents and members of Global consolidators Alliance (GCA) at the vibrant city Macao. The four -day event started on November 3 to 6 was held at The Venetian Resorts Hotel, Macao.

The conference is held annually to discuss cooperation's, developments and future plans of the group. This occasion aims to renew friendship and make new acquaintance. Most delegates have been coming for many years as this event has been always marked on each calendar as a major event. Meetings, socializing through dancing, food, drinks, games and prizes, and networking to strengthen ties with each other and who would not miss playing casino in the world of Casinos?

The annual conference is one of the two big events that are held annually, the other is the CEO's Summit that is happening in Singapore. Annual conference is usually held at difference locations around the globe to which Globelink Group office is present. On 2013, the event was graced in Barcelona, Spain.



Globelink Group Annual Conference 2014 commemorative photo (Macao)





Birthday celebrator for the month of November that includes our Beloved Chairman Mr. Choon Wei Tan and some delegates is celebrated with a cake. Wishing for good health and success to our wonderful big boss and all the November babies!



CWT Globelink Chairman Mr. C.W. Tan and Group Deputy CEO Mr. Daniel Tok speech during the event

## Industry News

### PORT CONGESTION STRIKES BACK

Port congestion has been the hot topic for in the shipping and logistics industry in the recent months that also affects economies of countries suffering from these. Port congestion generally results from factors like transport, structural and occasional congestion.

Transport congestion is what's happening right now in the Los Angeles – Long Beach (LA-LB). The busiest U.S. port complex, Los Angeles-Long Beach, which handles more than 14 million 20-foot container units of cargo each year, is experiencing its worst congestion in 10 years. Though there are 12 factors that affect the LA-LB congestion, as per the International Long shore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) the well- documented factor is the shortage of the chassis and track capacity crunch. (Source JOC 15 Nov 2014)

Structural congestion which is of perennial by nature and stems either from ill-adapted infrastructure, insufficient level of traffic within the physical and environmental constraints due to lack of technical compatibility. One patent example is the Philippine congestion to which the city of Manila's ordinance enforcing a daytime truck bans. This has cause the drop of the containers being pulled out of the port from 5000 per day to 2000 per day. Mombasa ports have also suffered the same feat where the productivity does not exceed 30 berth moves per hour, about a half of the benchmark for an efficient port. This is the result of the government's boldest attempt to get rid of the port red tape that cost Kenya billions of shillings in delayed clearance of shipments, damage and loss – during inland transits. (Source Trademark East Africa)

Occasional congestion usually happens during the whenever festivities such as Christmas seasons and Chinese New Year is on its way. However this issue has been mitigated by high resilience and great flexibility and therefore can be



Port Congestion at LA-LB

resolved. Another cause of occasional congestion may be due to unpredictable reasons such as sudden disruption of infrastructure. (E.g. Mont Blanc Tunnel damaged by a fire and closed for a couple of years).

The impact of the port congestion has its domino effect in the supply chain. Due to the long idling of the vessels- overhead cost on labor force, fuel and time shoots up- with the intention to pass down the burden through a surcharge to compensate the loss. For the shippers point of view, charges resulting from congestions are illegal as " fails to seen any justification of the charge " and claims that's the shipper should be compensated instead by the carriers as they fail to provide the basic services ", said Hong Kong Shippers Council ( HKSC ). The congestion also affects the sailing schedules changes thus deteriorating the carrier schedule reliability. (Source: the load star.co.uk) Overall, the congestions halt businesses and increases cost of commodities.

## ITS CHRISTMAS TIME !!

***Thank you to all who have been with us throughout the year!***

***Wishing for a blessed and meaningful Christmas to all!***





## HOLIDAYS around the globe



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## Holidays in December 2014

### Australia

25-Dec Christmas Day  
26-Dec Boxing Day

### Bulgaria

24 – 26 Dec Christmas Day

### Costa Rica

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Croatia

25-Dec Christmas Day  
26-Dec St. Stephen's Day

### Guatemala

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Hong Kong

25 – 26 Dec Christmas Day

### India

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Indonesia

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Korea

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Malaysia

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Pakistan

25-Dec Quaid-e-Azam's Birthday  
25-Dec Christmas Day

### Portugal

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Qatar

18-Dec National Day

### Romania

25 – 26 Dec Christmas

### Singapore

25-Dec Christmas Day

### Slovenia

25-Dec Christmas Day  
26-Dec Independence and Unity Day

### Spain

25-Dec Christmas Day  
26-Dec St. Stephen's Day\*

\* Regional holiday.

### Sri Lanka

6-Dec Unduvap Full Moon Poya Day  
25-Dec Christmas Day

### Thailand

5-Dec The King's Birthday  
10-Dec Constitution Day  
31-Dec New Year's Eve

### UAE

02 – 03 Dec UAE National Day

### UK

25-Dec Christmas Day  
26-Dec Boxing Day

### Disclaimer:

The exact date of the public holidays in some countries may change therefore subject for further confirmation.

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