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## **XICT Welcomes the Trial Call from IRISL**

**[24 May 2008 – Hong Kong]** – On 19 May, Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) welcomed the MV Iran Bushehr, a 2,188-TEU vessel deployed by Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) on a trial run before the start of regular transoceanic service at XICT. IRISL's upcoming service will offer an express channel connecting Xiamen with the Persian Gulf, the Mediterranean, North Africa and Europe. It was the first time an IRISL vessel called at Xiamen, so an onboard celebration was held.

Congratulating the successful trial call, Raymond Chan, General Manager of XICT, commented, "Our leading productivity, advanced facilities, and proactive customer service distinguish us from other terminals in the region, and attract a continued influx of new trade services. We are very glad to see the materialisation of this direct shipping link between Xiamen and Persian Gulf."

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Kam Ping-wing (left), AGM – Operations of XICT, presents a souvenir to Master Captain Hashemi Seyed Asghar at the celebration party.

**Notes to Editors:**

Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) coastal port is a joint venture between Hutchison Delta Ports (HDP) and Xiamen Haicang Port Company situated at Haicang in the Xiamen Special Economic Zone in Fujian. It has been in operation since 1997 and is part of the HDP network which comprises three coastal and three river ports in Southern China.

XICT is a member of the Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH) Group, a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Limited (HWL). HPH is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator with interests in 24 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, the Americas and Australasia. Today, HPH operates in 47 ports and owns a number of transportation-related service companies.