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## **XICT and Haicang Branch of the Xiamen Customs Authority Launch New Inspection Procedures**

**[16 March 2007 – Hong Kong]** – On 9 March, Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) in conjunction with the Haicang Branch of the Xiamen Customs Authority launched a new set of inspection procedures for transshipment cargo moving through Xiamen Port. The new procedures include the acceptance of pre-arrival declarations that significantly reduce transshipment inspection rates from 100 per cent to five per cent and berthing turnaround time by 75 per cent.

Raymond Chan, General Manager of XICT, said, “With the support of the Customs Authority, XICT is able to facilitate swift inspection services to accommodate the late arrival of transshipment cargo. The new inspection procedures will attract more mega-vessels of 8,000 TEU-plus to call at XICT.”

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To mark the occasion Cheng Pei Xiong (third from right), Deputy General Manager of XICT presented Lu Jian Min (fourth from left), Director of Xiamen Haicang Customs Authority with a special commemorative plaque. Also in attendance at the yard side ceremony was Kam Ping Wing (left), AGM – Operations and Zeng Tian Bao (right), Assistant General Manager – Commercial.

### Notes to Editors:

Xiamen International Container Terminals (XICT) commenced operations in 1997 and is located in the coastal facility of Haicang Port in the Xiamen Special Economic Zone of Fujian province. XICT represents a joint venture between Hutchison Delta Ports (HDP) and Xiamen Haicang Port Company, comprising 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 23 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Today, HPH operates in a total of 45 ports together with a number of transportation related service companies.