

# One-stop agency for PKA

## Operations at Port Klang set to be enhanced

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PORT Klang Authority (PKA) plans to set up a one-stop agency within the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) to serve investors who wanted to set up business there.

New PKA chairman Datuk Chor Chee Heung said in Beijing that the one-stop agency would include representatives from government agencies that were responsible for issuing various approvals.

PKFZ, he said, would help enhance the operations of Port Klang and improve its world ranking. Currently the port is ranked 16th in terms of container throughput.

"We handle seven million TEUs (20-ft equivalent units) a year. We'll continue to ensure that the volume of containers that are transhipped through Port Klang continue to climb," Chor told *StarBiz*.

He said Port Klang had the potential of being among the world's top five ports.

Chor was in Beijing for the opening of the Awana Beijing restaurant, which is partially owned by Pempena Sdn Bhd, the investment arm of Tourism Malaysia. Chor is Pempena chairman. With the assistance given by the Government, Westports and Northport had become very competitive, Chor said.

"To make our ports very competitive," he said, "the authority has to ensure containers within the region be sent to Port Klang for transhipment.

"On top of this, we are vigorously marketing the free zone."

Chor said Port Klang had synergy with nearby ports in Indonesia and Myanmar.

"We are enticing the shipping lines to come and this will increase the volume," he said.

According to Chor, PKA has proposed to organise study tours encompassing visits to fast growing ports like Tianjing in China to improve Port Klang's world ranking.

"It's amazing to see the ports in China developing so fast recently. But we are not standing

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still," he said.

PKFZ is an integrated 400ha international cargo distribution and consolidation centre adjacent to Westports.

It is managed by JAFZA International, which also manages the world's leading free zone, Jebel Ali in Dubai.



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