Benefits of joining the International Association of Ports & Harbors (IAPH)
As a short summary, here are some of the main membership benefits for you and your port:

- Insights on and access to providing input on regulatory policy impacting ports. IAPH is the world port’s representative at the IMO on all policy and regulatory developments impacting and influencing the industry’s future. This includes submissions to and interventions at the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) which covers all policies on emissions, decarbonization, ballast water management, anti-fouling systems, ship recycling, pollution preparedness and response. Submissions are also made to the IMO FAL Convention Committee which focuses on trade facilitation, and deals with matters related to the facilitation of international maritime traffic, including the arrival, stay and departure of ships, persons and cargo from ports. This crucially includes digitalization and electronic business given the global requirement for all member states to implement maritime single window systems by January 2024. IAPH also plays an active role on the IMO Maritime Safety Committee on issues related to cybersecurity and automation. The recent IAPH Cybersecurity Guidelines for ports and port facilities received recognition from the committee and has been accepted and officially circulated among member states.

- Access to the work of and your participation in our Technical Committees, covering strategic focus areas relevant to each and every port in the world. Climate and energy, data collaboration and risk and resilience. IAPH members get the chance to participate with experts in Working groups on numerous topics of relevance to global ports. Members can also actively participate with relevant experts on our cruise committee, our legal committee and our Planning Operations and Finance Committee.

- Access to the Clean Marine Energy Hubs joint initiative with the International Chamber of Shipping which joins efforts of national governments, NGOs, shippers, ports and the private investment community in de-risking investments in production and storage infrastructure for green hydrogen and conversion into low and zero carbon fuels for export by ship.

- Access to the our joint call to accelerate digitalization in the maritime transport chain, including our port-focused focus on the Maritime Single Window, innovation, automation and future of work, World Customs Organization collaboration, Port Community Systems implementation and cybersecurity initiatives.

- Access to and membership as port incentive provider of the IAPH Environmental Ship Index, the leading global standard measurement index for shipowners aiming to improve energy efficiencies in their fleets to reduce emissions. Ports who are members of IAPH have immediate access as an incentive provider.
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