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**At 30<sup>TH</sup> IAPH World Ports Conference in Bali, Ten IAPH Members Were  
Recognized For Their Excellence  
In Port Management And Operations**

**TOKYO, May 29, 2017** – At the Annual General Meeting held on the last day of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) World Ports Conference in Bali, Indonesia, 7-12 May 2017, IAPH recognized and honored two individuals for writing a distinctive essay on their home port operations and eight ports for presenting their innovative and exemplary port projects

Originally started almost four decades ago with IAPH Essay Contest where personnel of IAPH developing member ports competed to write an essay on the subject of port efficiency and productivity, IAPH's biennial awards program has gradually been expanded and now includes five award categories to compete for excellence achieved in port communications, environment and IT. This traditional and prestigious award program has long been appreciated by the IAPH members as a means to enhance human resource development and, more importantly, share best practices. The recipients of the 2017 awards were as follows:

**1. Akiyama Award – an essay contest named after the late Toru Akiyama (IAPH Secretary General (1967-1993))**

Mr. Pramithodha Chiranthaka Halpe, Junior Manager (Terminal Systems), Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Sri Lanka

Entry: *“Sri Lanka Ports Authority: Moving towards an exemplary green environmental footprint of the South Asian region”*

## **2. Bali Open Award – an essay contest commemorating the Bali Conference**

Mr. Giyeul Jang, Manager, Port Engineering, Incheon Port Authority, Korea

Entry: *“STEP-CAR, Easier and Faster walking down from the Cruise ship”*

## **3. Port Communications Awards**

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Port of Rotterdam Authority, Netherlands

Entry: *“Havenkrant”* - the Port's Newspaper that has been delivered to the residents in the Port of Rotterdam area four times a year since 2009

<Silver plaque>

Adani Petronet Dahej Port Pvt. Ltd, India

Entry: *“Effective Stakeholder (Community) Engagement - What are the greatest communication challenges your organization has faced when trying to garner support from community stakeholders?”*

## **4. Information Technology Awards**

<Gold plaque>

MGI and Port of Marseilles, France

Entry: *“Marseilles-Fos : The SMART Port 2.0”* - “Port Spirit” attitude for more collaboration and communication to improve the port's competitiveness and productivity

<Silver plaque>

National Ports Agency, Morocco

Entry: *“Safety and Security Management System (SM 25)”*

<Bronze plaque>

Israel Ports Company, Israel

Entry: *“Digitalization of containerized dangerous goods declaration process”*

## **5. Port Environment Awards**

<Gold plaque>

Port of Los Angeles, USA

Entry: *“San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan”*

<Silver plaque>

bremenports GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

Entry: "LUNEPLATE – A unique natural paradise and valuable green port infrastructure"

<Bronze plaque>

Hamburg Port Authority, Germany

Entry: "Virtual Depot"

To see the winning entries for the above, visit the IAPH website at:  
<http://www.iaphworldports.org/2017AwardsWinners>

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### **About IAPH**

***Founded in 1955, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) is a nonprofit global alliance of roughly 180 ports and 150 maritime companies and institutes representing about 90 countries. The IAPH is dedicated to fostering cooperation among ports and harbors and promoting the vital role they play in creating a peaceful, more prosperous world. Based in Tokyo and recognized as the only voice speaking for ports around the globe, the IAPH has Consultative NGO Status from the United Nations and is active in developing international trade and maritime policy. IAPH member ports handle about 80 percent of world container traffic and more than 60 percent of all international maritime trade.***

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