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## Maiden Call of World's Largest Container Vessel at HIT



**(Hong Kong, 14 November 2012)**—The world's largest container vessel, *CMA CGM Marco Polo*, made its maiden call at Hongkong International Terminals (HIT) yesterday. Capable of carrying up to 16,020 TEU, it is the largest container vessel to ever call in Hong Kong. Its decision to berth at HIT is testament to the terminal's world-class efficiency and capability in handling mega-vessels, further cementing its position as an industry leader.

The *Marco Polo* belongs to French transport giant CMA CGM and is the largest container vessel in the world. It is 396 metres long (approximately the length of four standard soccer fields) and 53.6 metres wide. The vessel will operate on the French Asia Line connecting Asia and Northern Europe. After departing HIT, it will call at Chiwan, Yantian, Port Kelang, Tangerang, Southampton, Hamburg, Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Zeebrugge, Le Havre, Malta, Khor Al Fakkan, Jebel Ali and Ningbo.

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### **Photo captions:**

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Photo 2: Mr. Gerry Yim, Managing Director of HIT (first from the right), Mr. Rodolphe Saadé, Executive Officer of CMA CGM (third from the left), together with other senior executives took a photo on the world's largest container vessel, *CMA CGM Marco Polo*, which made its maiden voyage to HIT yesterday.

**Notes to Editors:**

Hongkong International Terminals (HIT) is the largest container terminal in Hong Kong. With a strong emphasis on productivity and efficiency, HIT is committed to the development and implementation of forward-looking, service-enhancing technology.

HIT is a member of HPH Trust, the world's first container port business trust listed in Singapore. HIT is also a part of HPH's global network of port and logistics operations, and continues to have access to services and resources enjoyed by companies within the HPH Group.

HPH, a subsidiary of the multinational conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Limited, is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator.