

PRESS RELEASE

Direct weekly container ship service to China and Korea

The first ship of the weekly Far East container ship service connecting Cochin with ports in China and Korea called at ICTT Vallarpadam on 20th November 2015.

The service handled 872 containers at ICTT in its first call itself. The ship on its east bound route will call at ports at Shanghai, Ningbo, Chiwan (all China) Busan (Korea), Singapore and Port Klang (Malaysia). The service will be a big help to exporters from Pollachi, Dindigul and suburbs who exports Coir Fibre and related products to destinations near intermediate ports like Ningbo and Chiwan. The direct sailing ensures savings of 4 days of transit time and savings in overall cost of transport and gives the much needed logistic competitiveness to the emerging EXIM sector of Pollachi.

One special feature of the service is that it calls at Ports like Ningbo and Chiwan in China and therefore, Inland movement to the ultimate manufacturing destinations in China are reduced compared to the usual services which calls at only the major Port of Shanghai

Thanks to the efforts taken by the Govt of Kerala at the level of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Minister for Ports and Chief Secretary the procedural delays at Walayar check post have been eased and the exporters in Coimbatore, Tirupur and Pollachi have started sending more containers to Cochin. The increase in container flow will give more business to the container trailer operators in Cochin and increase the commerce activities related to the Port.

Galex (GLX) is a consortium of four vessel operators – Emirates Shipping Line, KMTC, RCL and Hanjin. It was launched with seven large vessels of average 6,500 TEUs each, providing weekly connection to the dynamic markets in Asia, India Sub-continent and Middle East.

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