

## Research Seminar

# **Green Port Development and Competitiveness**

## - Its driving forces and latest practices in shipping sectors

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#### **Abstract:**

Opportunities in greening the international supply chain of cargoes are widely discussed around the world now. Since the Earth Day Conference in 1970, the increasing worldwide environmental consciousness has dramatically changed the perspectives of consumers, manufacturers, retailers and the logistics industry towards a Green Supply Chain Management (GSCM). The green perspective shift creates a concept of gaining competitiveness through enhancing resources productivity and thus, saving costs in resources depletion and wastage. This concept has driven the shipping companies and container terminals to work more collaboratively on providing the greener sea transportation options for global shippers such as Wal-Mart. The presentation adopts the Five Forces Model by Michael Porter of Harvard Business School to evaluate the opportunities for container port terminals in gaining competitiveness through going green, by taking Pearl River Delta as an example. Latest green initiatives and practices in shipping sectors will be featured for a timely understanding of greening trend in sea transportation industry.

### About the Speaker:

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