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The Hong Kong container port throughput has recorded an average annual growth rate of 2.5% over the past 10 years, with 17.5 million TEUs handled by the Kwai Tsing container terminals in 2013. The increasing growth however comes from both international ship-to-ship transshipment and barge traffic from the PRD which account for over 70% of the throughput. Such substantial increase in transshipment and barge traffic, together with the deployment of mega vessels by mega alliances, have created problems and challenges for terminals.

Ms. Jessie Chung, Chairperson of the Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association, will elaborate the complexity of terminal operations caused by mega vessels and mega alliances, and the related issues which need to be addressed in order to alleviate port congestion and position the port to compete effectively with regional competition.

Ms. Chung will also map out a number of industry wide solutions to accommodate the need of terminals for enhancing the efficiency and competitiveness of the overall port of Hong Kong.