

Regional Container Lines (RCL)

Unveils State-of-the-Art Vessel 7,080 TEUs



Regional Container Lines Public Company Limited (RCL), a leading Thai global shipping company, proudly announced the launch of its newest vessel at a distinguished vessel-naming ceremony “GURU BHUM” in Shanghai on 18 April 2024. The event was graced by Mr Sumate Tanthuanit, Chairman of the Executive Committee of RCL; Dr Twinchok Tanthuanit, President of RCL, alongside prominent figures such as esteemed VIPs, industry leaders, and stakeholders, including Mr Sirichai Manoch, Guest of Honor and Vice President of Mining Industry Council; Dr Phortchana Manoch, Lady Sponsor; Mr Apirag Vanich, President of Univanich Palm Oil PCL; and Mr Wu Lin, Senior Executive Vice President of Bank of China (Thailand).

Built by Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding Company Limited, a major shipbuilding company in China, the vessel marks a significant milestone in RCL's commitment in providing efficient and reliable shipping solutions. It boasts a nominal capacity of 7,080 TEUs, which includes provisions for 800 reefer TEUs. The vessel meets top-tier standards for nitrogen oxide (NOx), Tier III emissions in Emission Control Areas (ECAs) and is sulfur oxide (SOx) compliant.

Its innovative design integrates S-BOW technology for enhanced operational efficiency and is fully equipped to handle dangerous goods safely. The vessel's eco-friendly features include the capability to supply electrical power for reefers at 5kW per FEU. With a cruising speed of 21.0 knots and adherence to the latest Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) standards, it sets a new benchmark for energy efficiency. Additional sustainable technologies such as Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for seawater pumps, LED lighting, and a twisted rudder further underscore RCL's commitment to environmental stewardship.



Chartered out to Pacific International Lines (PIL) for approximately three years under the name KOTA TEMA, the vessel is set to commence its inaugural journey, serving PIL in its SWS service, linking crucial ports such as Xingang, Qingdao, Pusan New Port, Shanghai, Ningbo, Nansha, Singapore, Tema, Lome, Apapa, Onne, Lome (2nd call), Port Kelang West Port, Singapore, and Xingang, with additional ad-hoc calls to ports including Abidjan, Cotonou, and Cape Town.

Dr Twinchok Tanthuanit, President of RCL, expressed his excitement, stating, "The introduction of this state-of-the-art vessel marks a significant milestone for RCL as we continue to strengthen our presence in the global shipping industry. This vessel accentuates our commitment to delivering efficient and sustainable solutions to our customers."