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New air cargo service center launched in Shanghai

Eastern Air Logistics Co launched on Friday an air cargo service center at the Waigaoqiao bonded area of the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone.

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Jointly run by the administration committee of the China (Shanghai) Pilot Free Trade Zone, Shanghai Customs and Eastern Air Logistics, the new air cargo service center will serve as an important channel for dealing with products that are slated to be exhibited at the upcoming China International Import Expo (CIIE) in November.



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The center has also allowed Eastern Air Logistics (EAL), the freight unit under parent company China Eastern Air Holding Co, to extend its service from the existing cargo station at the airport to the bonded area, according to Li Jiupeng, general manager of Eastern Air Logistics.

Since the extension was completed in July, EAL has managed to integrate and optimize cargo delivery processing and logistics operations, resulting in a 30 percent boost in efficiency.

Currently, up to 80 percent of air cargo at the Waigaoqiao bonded area is processed by EAL.

According to Bai Jiarong, a general manager from EAL's cargo station business, customers prefer to transport high-value and temperature-sensitive items, including pharmaceutical products, biopharmaceuticals and electronics, by air.

"Such a demand provides us with many business opportunities," Bai said. "In the future we look to expand the cargo service to areas beyond the Waigaoqiao bonded area."



Changsha New Port to launch ro-ro service in October

The first automobile ro-ro terminal in Hunan province will become operational at Changsha New Port in October. It will allow cars to be transported on a roller ship, reducing transportation costs.

As one of the 28 major inland ports in China, Changsha New Port, located in the core economic zone of Hunan province, has enjoyed rapid development in recent years. The port's foreign trade export containers accounted for more than 60 percent of the province's total, and it has undertaken more than 60 percent of internal feeder container transport in central Hunan.



In the past eight months, Changsha New Port has achieved a container volume of 105,900 teus, with foreign trade accounting for over 90 percent. Hunan products, such as fireworks, agricultural products, automobiles, and construction machinery, have been shipped to countries all over the world.

Tang Zhongliang, chairman of Hunan Changsha New Port Co, said that fireworks are one of Hunan's main exports, and also his company's primary product.

Thanks to the Belt and Road Initiative, Changsha Port has reached a record high throughput in the last three months. In August, the throughput of miscellaneous goods reached 580,000 tons, the highest since the port's inception.

Tang also said that containers, the automobile ro-ro service, and steel will be the main focuses of the port in the future. After completion, Changsha New Port will become a public service platform for Changsha and Hunan province, and will have the most comprehensive functions and facilities.

Roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) ships are vessels designed to carry wheeled cargo, such as cars, trucks, semi-trucks, trailers, and railroad cars that are transported on and off the ship using either their own wheels or a platform vehicle, such as a self-propelled modular transporter. This is in contrast to lift-on/lift-off (LoLo) vessels, which use a crane to load and unload cargo.

Ro-ro ships have either built-in or shore-based ramps that allow cargo to be efficiently rolled on and off the vessel when in port. The ramps and doors may be located in the stern, bow, or sides, or any combination thereof.

Typhoon wreaks havoc on Japan airport

The typhoon that struck Japan on Tuesday has killed 11 people and left hundreds injured, Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Wednesday.

The powerful Typhoon Jebi, the strongest to hit Japan in at least 25 years, has shut down Kansai International Airport in Kobe indefinitely.

Jebi caused high tides that flooded the airport's two runways and the ground floor of a terminal building. The airport, built on a man-made island in 1994, is a gateway for flights from overseas, especially China and other Asian countries.

A rescue operation was underway on Wednesday to extract around 5,000 people - including 3,000 passengers and 2,000 airport staff - who were stranded at the airport on Tuesday night. The bridge linking the airport to the city of Izumisano in Osaka was severely damaged, leaving the gateway an isolated island.



A bridge connecting Kansai airport is seen on Wednesday after being struck by a 2,591-ton tanker during powerful winds caused by Typhoon Jebi. The typhoon is the strongest to hit Japan in 25 years. Kyodo News Via Reuters.

Many chip plants operate in the Kansai region. Toshiba Memory, the world's second-largest maker of flash memory chips, was monitoring developments closely and may need to ship products from other airports if Kansai remains closed, a spokeswoman said.

Typhoon Jebi also caused blackouts and shuttered shops, factories and amusement parks. More than 2 million people were told to evacuate on Tuesday. Hundreds of thousands of households are still without power in the Kansai region. In Osaka, some 2,000 traffic lights are not working.

Although Jebi disrupted transportation, many shinkansen bullet train services are now back to regular schedules. But some local trains are still experiencing delays. Still, the typhoon ravaged some cultural assets such as ancient temples in Kyoto, Nara and Shiga.

Jebi triggered a historic storm surge of 3.29 meters in Osaka prefecture on Tuesday, surpassing the previous high of 2.93 meters recorded in 1961 due to Typhoon Nancy, which killed 194 people.

Japan has been hit by a series of typhoons recently, with western parts of the country devastated by massive flooding and landslides that left more than 220 people dead in July.

How does National day impact global supply china?

After the festive celebrations of National day in the China, it's easy to think that by the first a week of October , normality resumes to China business until the same time next year.

One national holiday many businesses fail to take in to account is the holiday.

If your business is dependent on exports from China, the importance of pre-planning your shipments in anticipation of National day cannot be overestimated.

National day falls on October 7th this year, with festivities taking place for 1 week. For those reliant on the logistics and transportation industry, the holiday has a huge impact on global supply chains originating in China. During this time, shippers are strained to find available space on container vessels sailing out of Asia, and typically must pay sizeable increases in freight rates to meet their capacity. The impact of National day does not affect supply chain transportation during the period of festivities alone, but can start to have an effect a couple of weeks before, and extend to 2 to 4 weeks after as carriers attempt to deal with the backlog.



If you are able to manufacture and ship stock across to the China in advance of requirements, storing products in a customs bonded warehouse enables you to defer the payment of tax and VAT until the products are sold, ensuring the effect of the holiday period has minimal effect on your product. If you have not **pre-planned** your shipments in advance, then it may be necessary to consider alternative transportation methods for urgent shipments. For example, air freight instead of ocean freight.

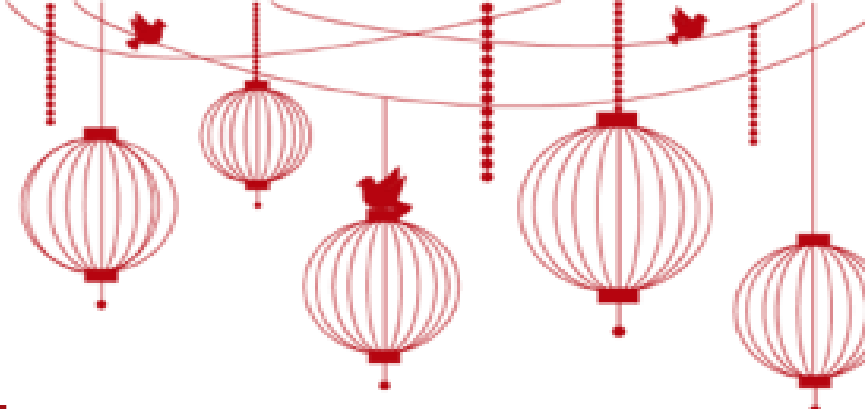


Due to the coming National day, the following offices will be closed during holiday.

Mainland China : 1 to 7 Oct (29 & 30 Sep will be adjusted to work)

Hong Kong: 1 Oct (17 Oct is Chung Yeung Festival)

Taiwan: 10 Oct



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