Policy and Practice

The Development of China's Port Industry

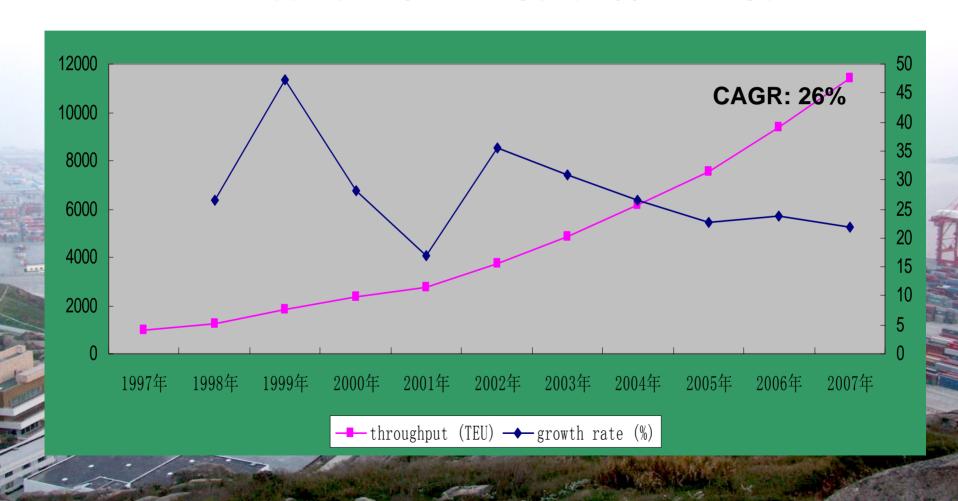
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Rapid Development of China's Container Port Industry

Container throughput (1997-2007) rise from 10 mil TEUs to 100 mil TEUs



Overview of China's Port Industry

- > 90% of China's foreign trade is carried by sea;
- set up coal, oil, iron ore and container transport systems;
- port throughput in 2007 over 100 mil TEUs;
- Six ports have become the top 20 world container ports;
- China's port handling efficiency set world records;
- Ensuring smooth traffic without any port congestion

Top Priority Given to Transport Development

- Strive to establish an expeditious, smooth, efficient & and safe integrated transport system;
- Further improve the layout of ports;
- Expand the handling capacity of ports;
- Improve the navigation condition of inland waterways to promote the combined sea-river transport;
- Enhance the efficiency of port logistics and multimodal link between road, rail and ports.

Experience in China's Port Development

- Commit to reform and opening-up and ride the tide of economic globalization for win-win cooperation;
- Be demand-oriented, plan first and plan ahead;
- Bring into full play the role of seaports as link for the sound economic interaction between coastal and inland regions;
- Be guided by the concept of scientific development for the sustainable development of port and shipping industries.

Commit to Reform and Opening-up Against Economic Globalization

- China emerged as "the world factory";
- Establish a port financing and administrative system with Chinese characteristics;
- Encourage private & foreign investment in port construction;
- Fulfilling WTO commitments & continuous opening-up
 - ❖Foreign businesses participated in the funding and running of 60% coastal container terminals;
 - **❖20 liners offering service to Chinese ports**;
 - **❖80%** market share by overseas liners.

Demand-Oriented, Plan First and Plan Ahead

- Develop the national plan for port layout
- Focus on the development of the eastern coast and the Yangtze River;
- Adopt the approach of Developing city through port & promoting port development by city;
- Harmonize port development with regional economy.

The Role of Seaports for the Economic Interaction Between Coastal and Inland Regions

- Develop 5 coastal port groups: the Yangtze River Delta, the Pearl River Delta, the Bohai Rim, the Southeastern Coast and the Southwestern Coast
- Establish 8 transport systems: coal, oil, iron ore, container, grain, car, ro-ro ferry and passenger.

Pursue the Concept of Scientific Development for the Sustainable Development of Port and Shipping

- Encourage use of energy conservation & emission reduction technology
- Encourage application of advanced science & technology in ports
- Achieve state-of-the-art technology in the manufacture of port handling equipment;
- Improve working conditions by technological innovation;
- Implement IMO Conventions for safe and environmentally sound operation of ports.

International Cooperation in the Fields of Port and Shipping

- Maintain sound maritime cooperation with major nations and regions:
 - **❖over 60 bilateral maritime transport treaties signed**
 - ❖China-EU maritime transport agreement entering into force
 - **❖**substantive maritime cooperation with Greece in the areas of shipping, port investment, shipbuilding and ship survey.
- ➤ International cooperation to meet challenges from climate change, slowdown of world economic growth and the shrunk global financial assets.

