VIETNAM PORT SYSTEM TO SERVE THE BLUE ECONOMY

OVERVIEW OF POTENTIALS AND CHALLENGES

Vietnam Seaports Association (VPA)
Topics of Discussion

1. Prospects of the Port Industry & Blue Economy
2. Int’l Conventions and Industry Initiatives
3. Government Policy and Regulations
4. Areas of Port Business Contribution to Blue Economy
5. Issues/Roadmap towards Greener Port Business
Vietnam Ports System

Population: ~91 million,
GDP growth: +6% (~2,200 USD pc)
3,200 km of coastlines

Port areas: 6
Maritime centers: HCMC, HP, BR-VT

Cargo throughput (2014):
201 million MTs (excl. crude oil…) (+5%)
~10 million TEUs (+15%)
Area 5 (HCMC+BRVT): 59% volume (container 72%)
Deep water ports capable of handling container mother vessels (14,000 TEU)

VPA: 69 member ports
Volume and Scope of Port Businesses in Vietnam

Average size ~ 3 million Tons / 200,000 TEU/year
Prospects & Challenges for Blue Economy

- **Prospects**: high potential growth, deep water ports, government policy on green development (IMO, legislation), regional/international integration, cooperation, potential market for consultancy services/products, technology transfer

- **Challenges**: river ports, lack of port authority system, low per capita income, inadequate transport infrastructure, high pollution, inadequate waste treatment & disposal, low elevation, port state control (old ships, waste collection/disposal) with limited power to impose greener shipping activities while local conditions are still far from green economy standards.
Climate Change and Pollution in Ports

Ports and air pollution
Port-related emissions account for about 10% of the smog-forming emissions in the South Coast air basin. Some of the top pollution sources in the region:

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NOx emissions from port-related sources

506.22 tons
51.22 tons

Source: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Average Contributions of Various Port Related Sources to Total Nitrous Oxide (NOx) and Particulate Matter (PM10) Emissions from a Container Port

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<td>Cargo Handling Equipment</td>
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<td>Heavy Trucks</td>
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Contribution to reducing Climate Change and Pollution

Int’l Conventions & Industry Initiatives

- IMO Conventions
- ISO 14001 on Environmental Management Certification
- IAPH
- WPCI (Carbon footprinting, Onshore power supply, Environmental ship index, Sharing world port community, etc.)
- APA’s PSHEMS project with GIZ, PEMSEA Partnership ...
Government Policy and Regulations

- Legislation (sea borne economic development strategy) [Link]
- IMO Conventions [Link]
- Government Incentives, Action Plans
- Role of MoT & Vinamarine
- Other relevant Authorities/Parties
Areas of Port Business Contribution to Blue Economy

- **Collaboration/cooperation** in oil spill preparedness, emergency response [*Port state control*], climate change adaptation etc.

- **Reduction of pollution, green house gas emissions**
  - **Ship side**: waste, oily ballast water collection/disposal, supply of electricity + [*Port state control regulations/enforcement*]
  - **Land side**: Transport (trucks, trains, cars, motorbikes); Sewage...
  - **Port area**: power, equipment (cranes, STS, RTG, FLT, RS), trucks, reefer, handling activities for containers, bulk cargo; waste collection/disposal, IMO IMDG, reception facilities, security/safety systems, green air promotional activities etc.

- **Port design** (elevation, lighting...) **and construction**: landside, waterside, reclamation, dredging, etc.

- **Procurement**: handling equipment, transport equipment

- **Management systems** (ISPS, MIS), incentive measures?

- **Human resources**, training

- **CSR** for a greener port community ...
**Issues/Roadmap towards Greener Port Business**

- **Policy & regulations** for sustainable development (economic, social, environmental), land lord port system reform with port authority model, PPP for greener port development
- **Transport infrastructure development**, seaside ports, greener energy for transport (fuel, engine, refrigeration)
- **Leading role** of Government, local municipality, relevant authorities (port state control, police)
- **Awareness** (...)
- **Capacity building** (investment and support for human resources, equipment, systems, training)
- **Promotion of stakeholders’ initiatives** (commercially driven)
- **Incentives** (performance indexes, tax/economic incentives)
- **Collaboration and joint effort** with port users, community, authorities for higher overall efficiency, paying attention also to low cost best practices and subsidized common user facilities (port waste reception/disposal facilities...)
- **Regional/international cooperation** (consultancy, technical assistances, training)
Conclusions

- **Vietnam** is having excellent demographic and market conditions for maritime and port development and operations in the coming era. However, there should be comprehensive and integrated system and action plans for sustainable development toward the Blue Economy.

- It is however challenging to effectively regulate and manage the changes to ensure the best development planning and implementation to minimize the adverse effect contributed to climate change and to be on par with developed countries in respect of greener port business where every stakeholder should take their own initiatives, not to relay to future generations environmental problems which should be tackled and minimized soonest and to the extent possible.

- **VPA** will play its active part in promoting awareness, capacity building and cooperation partnership for greener port business and hence for the Blue Economic development of the country.
Thank you

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