

Blueprint unveiled for high-tech logistics hub – Toll City in Singapore

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L-R: TGL, Regional Director - South & South East Asia, Brian Warry; JTC Corporation, Eunice Koh; Japan Post Senior Executive Officer, Ryutaro Yamamoto; Divisional Director & CEO, Chris Pearce; Minister of State, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Teo Ser Luck; Japan Post Executive Vice President, Chikashi Isayama; Australian Adrian Lochrin; Development Board, Assistant Managing Director, Kelvin Wong and ST Logistics, Chief Executive Officer Vincent Phang.

CENTREViewing of Toll City
3D-Model.

On 27 July 2015, Toll Global Logistics unveiled its plans for a S\$228 million Toll City logistics hub in Singapore.

The development is a key part of Toll's strategy to strengthen its presence in the region and continue providing best-in-class supply chain solutions across different market sectors.

In what will be one of Toll's largest facility investments in Asia to date, the 100,000 square metre, five-level ramp-up facility will house state-of-the-art automation systems to improve productivity and operating efficiency for Toll and its customers in Singapore and in the region. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2017.

Groundbreaking

More than 120 guests including customers, delegations, partners, Japan Post representatives and employees attended a groundbreaking ceremony themed 'Celebrate the past, awaken the future.' Toll, the first logistics

company to introduce Super B Double Trailers into Singapore, also showcased one of these fleet at the event.

Singapore Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Teo Ser Luck, joined Toll Global Logistics Divisional Director, Chris Pearce, Japan Post executives and Australian High Commission Chargé d'Affaires, Adrian Lochrin, at the event.

"Toll City will redefine warehousing solution options for its customers through leading-edge technology and innovation in a world-class facility," Chris said.

"We will be ready to increase Toll's productivity and meet warehousing capacity demand in a region that is set to become one of the largest economic blocs in the world."

ST Logistics, TGL's Government Business Group, is targeting Toll City to be a healthcare hub for its Singapore customers and will be partnering TGL in developing this value proposition.



TGL Toll City Program Director, Marc Baumback, commented: "My team and I have been as much focused on the delivery of a worldclass building with high degrees of utility, as we have been on delivering the most customer centric organisation we can."

Some of the high-tech options being considered for the development include high-speed unit picking, voice picking and intelligent conveyor systems.



Singapore Economic Development Board Assistant Managing Director, Kelvin Wong, who also attended the ceremony, said the investment marks another significant milestone in Toll's presence in Singapore.

"The success of Singapore as a world-leading logistics hub stems from close collaboration with key industry players, such as Toll Group," Mr Wong said.

"Toll City demonstrates Singapore's position as a strategic base for regional supply chain operations, as well as Toll Group's commitment to set new benchmarks for Singapore's logistics industry by creating solutions that drive productivity growth."

JTC Corporation's Cluster Group Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Eunice Koh, said: "We congratulate Toll Group on the groundbreaking of its state-of-the-art logistics hub. Toll City represents next-generation warehousing facility that optimises land use and increases labour productivity. JTC will continue to work with industry players to

support the development of facilities that aim to improve operational efficiency, thereby catalysing industry transformation."

Toll City's proximity to road links to Malaysia and the growing Jurong region makes the facility an excellent land-sea interface for its customers.

It also coincides with the planned 2020 completion of the Tuas Port which will consolidate all of Singapore's container operations in one terminal and handle up to 65 million TEUs per year when fully operational.

Training for the future

In a program aligned with Singapore's vision for its country's workforce, Toll is focused on continuous improvement to achieve operational excellence and create opportunities for employees to upgrade their skills.

In collaboration with the Workforce Development Agency (WDA), Toll has developed core and advanced training segments to meet the demands of Singapore's 'Smart Nation' vision.

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As part of the move into Toll City, Toll will continue its work as a WDA in-house Approved Training Operation (ATO). This will provide a framework for reviewing the use of technology and automation to design the jobs of the future that attract more young and mature locals to the logistics industry.

A Chinese lion dance troupe performed as part of the Toll ceremony, signifying for the project.

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The closing ceremony concluded with a dynamic performance a troupe of eight drummers donned in Japanese cultural attire. It is a form of ensemble drumming with strictly movements, In medieval times, taiko found favour on the battlefield: to coordinate troop movements. Today drums are used in many cultures performance or to kick off a significant occasion with an