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CEO spells out future plan for PTP

The Port of Tanjung Pelepas, which was officially opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about two months ago, has attracted a lot of attention from shipping lines, port operators and shippers. In fact since last year, the port has been busy with meetings and marketing itself with various potential users. The port's chief executive officer, Encik Mohd Sidik Shaik Osman, in an interview with Business Times outlines the plan the port has for the near future.

Q. THE Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) has secured its first mainliner - Mitsui OSK Lines. I understand that a few more such mainliners will start regular service to PTP soon. Can you confirm this?

A: Mitsui OSK Lines has the honour of having its first fixed weekly call to PTP. PTP will be ready to make a major announcement regarding the services in mid-June this year. This will definitely give PTP the jump start that is needed for a new port. We believe that downstream benefits will also come in at this stage and generate more cargo for additional services and shipping lines.