

PORTS

MARITIME FUN FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Over 700 visitors had the opportunity to discover and explore Hong Kong's maritime history and development, courtesy of Hutchison Ports HIT on the occasion of their 50th anniversary. The Hong Kong Maritime Museum picked 1 December 2019 for their "HIT 50th Anniversary Fun Day". Here's to the next 50!

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WORLD PORT DAYS

Last September saw ECT organise the World Port Days in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The event introduced ECT's terminals and operations to staff, customers, and the public. Interesting programmes included a terminal tour, a landside operations demonstration, a straddle carrier and reach stacker ride, a rail crane visit and a demonstration of automated guided vehicles in action.



Man Oman! High-tech cranes crowned

Hutchison Ports Sohar received new remote-controlled cranes, the first of their kind in the Sultanate of Oman and the Middle East. Two of them are remote-controlled quay cranes, with an outreach of 24 rows. Another eight automated rubber-tyred gantry cranes are contributing to the high-tech upgrade.

PAPERLESS PORTS

In July 2019, Hutchison Ports Yantian officially launched Mobile CMS, a system that allows paperless and data-oriented information handling for external tractors. Efficiency is good for the environment as the system saves paper and reduces the port's carbon footprint.

CHOO CHOO! THE PULP TRAIN'S IN TOWN

A new container rail haulage service operated by Myanmar Railways started operation at Hutchison Ports MITT, debuting with a freight train loaded with raw materials bound for the pulp factory at Yeni, north of Yangon. This regular service will bring pulp for export through MITT.



RETAIL

Watsons China celebrates 3,800 stores

Kunming, China, is host to Watsons China's 3,800th store. Shoppers can experience Watson's cutting-edge and fully integrated digital experience with one-on-one beauty services. This landmark location in the largest city in Yunnan Province marks an important milestone for the company's market leadership in Mainland China.



CORPORATE

LIGHTS! DRAMA! ACTION!

Birthday celebrations for the elderly at the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals hit a new high with a short drama and singing with the CKHH Volunteers Team.



THE POWER OF YOUTH

Mae Sot, Thailand witnessed the convening of ASW's new Global Millennials CSR Committee. Fourteen young colleagues from 11 markets in Asia and Europe have been selected to help enhance the retail group's social responsibilities roadmap. The Committee met during the "Give a Smile" medical mission, an initiative that has funded surgeries for around 1,500 children with cleft palates or cleft lips, giving them new smiles and hope.



RETAIL TECHNOLOGY

Shenzhen is China's main tech city and now A.S. Watson Group (ASW) has launched TECHLab, a technology experience centre, in the city of 14 million plus. New architecture development and new customer experience technology will be tested here before heading out into mainstream operations. Visitors can see unmanned stores, smart shelves, a store entrance with facial recognition and seamless payment systems on display.



GREAT, TASTEY NEW STORES FOR PARKnSHOP FANS

PARKnSHOP Hong Kong opened a new TASTE store in Tsuen Wan, featuring elements of traditional Hong Kong culture. GREAT Food Hall also recently unveiled its brand-new look; it showcases over 12,000 delicacies from all over the globe. Mmm! TASTEy local, and GREAT international, treats!

TELECOMS

EXPANDING WIND TRE'S COVERAGE IN ITALY

Wind Tre, together with Open Fiber, extended its fibre-to-the-home (FTTH) coverage to reach several more locations in Italy, including Rome, Macerata, and Bologna. Equipped with FTTH connection and mobile data traffic capabilities, the ultra-fast line is accessible inside both residential homes and industrial buildings.



TAKING CHARGE WITH SOLAR POWER

The headquarters of 3 Austria (Drei) launched their solar panel system last October. In the future Drei will rely on in-house green electricity to power the telecommunications headquarters.

AMAZON MUSIC IN AUSTRIA

Amazon Music Unlimited has been brought to Austria exclusively through 3 Austria. Customers will get streaming perks and a deal to purchase an Amazon Echo at a reduced price. Drei will make this a seamless change by rolling the price into the mobile phone bill.

4G FOR HUTCH SRI LANKA

In 2019, HUTCH Sri Lanka unrolled its nationwide 4G network and opened a fully modernised data centre. In addition, its newly established converged billing system is able to simultaneously run post-paid and prepaid billing systems on one platform.



INFRASTRUCTURE

H21 wins funding for second phase

A UK gas industry programme called H21, dedicated to converting the network to one that carries 100% hydrogen, has received a £6.8 million award from the regulator Ofgem. The funding will go towards executing the second phase of the programme's research and development, which will include testing operational and maintenance procedures on the network. Northern Gas Networks is the lead partner in the collaborative project.

SHOWCASING TALENT THROUGH SCHOOL OUTREACH

The "3 Goes To School" programme, a 3 Indonesia initiative, took place last July to October. It aimed to promote educational opportunities for Indonesia's youth through increased accessibility and holding events like the H3Y STAR talent competition. A total of 10,000 students from 725 schools participated in this outreach and the H3Y STAR Festival was hosted by 48 different schools.



5G SPEEDS COMING TO 3 HONG KONG

3 Hong Kong announced its 2020 preparations to implement 5G data for smartphones in the low-to-high range of forthcoming models. To deliver the best user experience, monthly plans are likely to include at least 100GB of data entitlement, with the 5G plan pricing expected to be set much lower per GB compared with 4G plans.

HONG KONG ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2020

At the Hong Kong Economic Summit 2020 co-organised by Metro Radio, Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings (HCHKH) Executive Director and CEO Kenny Koo presented his insights on innovation technologies. He emphasised the ways in which 5G and big data will reinvent business models and provide fresh opportunities, showing HCHKH's commitment to making Hong Kong a world-class smart city.



INFRASTRUCTURE

PAVING THE WAY WITH PLASTIC WASTE

The first trial of using recycled plastic waste in roads and pavements has been completed in Surrey, UK. This joint project, led by UK Power Networks and Stanmore Quality Surfacing (SQS) in collaboration with the county councils of Surrey and Kent, will save thousands of plastic bags and bottles from being incinerated or sent to landfill. If the new road surface passes the next tests, SQS will work with asphalt suppliers to bring this product to wider use.

MICROGRID, MACRO IMPACT

In 2019, EDL completed the first phase of one of Australia’s largest hybrid renewable microgrid projects. It uses a 23MW power station that combines solar with gas and diesel generation to power Gold Fields’ Agnew Gold Mine. The second phase will include wind generation and an advanced microgrid control system that is set to be completed in mid-2020.

WET WAYS TO WIN

Northumbrian Water received two prizes recently at national award ceremonies. It won in the Digital Construction category at the national Constructing Excellence Awards for its Building Information Modelling Project which captured digital information about the company’s infrastructure and assets. Its award at the Intelligent Asset Management Global Awards recognised Northumbrian Water’s use of artificial intelligence to access electrical documents, such as technical drawings and locations of treatment works and pipes.

OTHERS

Chi-Med takes great strides for oncology treatment

Chi-Med’s first home-grown drug, Elunate, has helped thousands of patients in China since its launch in late 2018. In November 2019, it was added to the updated National Reimbursement Drug List, which will increase the accessibility and affordability of the treatment.

The company’s second in-house innovative oncology drug, Surufatinib, has completed its phase III clinical trial for non-pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumours (NET) a year ahead of schedule. Its new drug application has been accepted for review and granted Priority Review status in the Mainland. Additionally, Surufatinib was granted Orphan Drug designation by the US Food and Drug Administration for treatment of pancreatic NET.



MILESTONE DATA PRESENTED IN VACCINE USE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

CK Life Sciences’ Polynoma LLC presented encouraging interim clinical data from their Melanoma Antigen Vaccine Immunotherapy Study at the 2019 Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Annual Meeting in Maryland, United States. The presentation of these results marks an important milestone for the company’s R&D.



LIBRARIES FOR HAINAN SCHOOLS

The Shanghai Hutchison Pharmaceuticals Limited volunteer team began the school year by building libraries in three primary schools located in the town of Wanquan in Qionghai, Hainan, China’s southernmost point.



BIG WINS IN 2019 FOR ESDLIFE

ESDlife’s digital solutions team took home a grand total of 14 awards in 2019. Four of the prestigious awards received include the “Digital Insurance Initiative of the Year – Hong Kong” in the Insurance Asia Awards and the “Best Mobile/APP eCommerce – Gold Award”, “Best User Experience – Gold Award” and “Best eCommerce – Financial Services – Silver Award” in the Asia eCommerce Awards.