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DEBUT OF CHENGDU-SHENZHEN-HONG KONG SCHEDULED RAIL-SEA SERVICE ENHANCING CHENGDU'S EXPORTS AND PROMOTING TRADE ACTIVITIES FOR THE THREE REGIONS

(Shenzhen, China, 4 June 2025) On the morning of 28 May, the inaugural "Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Scheduled Rail-sea Service" departed from Chengdu, fully loaded with goods, including electrical parts. Cargoes on this scheduled train will arrive at Hutchison Ports YANTIAN (YANTIAN) in Shenzhen within two days and reach Kwai Tsing Container Terminals in Hong Kong via barge connection within three days, facilitating exports to markets across the globe.

Following the successful launch of the "Chongqing-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Scheduled Rail-sea Service" last August, this new route provides the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Circle with another stable and efficient export route. It also marks the official activation of Chengdu Inland Port, YANTIAN's 18th inland port, further enhancing economic and trade linkages between the Chengdu-Chongqing region and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA).

As a key Belt and Road hub city, Chengdu's collaboration with YANTIAN and Kwai Tsing Container Terminals represents a strong strategic partnership. YANTIAN, one of the world's largest container terminals, offers an extensive international route network and collaborates closely with shipping lines, government departments, and port inspection authorities to provide frequent, diverse, efficient, and high-quality maritime services. It boasts the highest number of routes to Europe and the U.S. in the South China region and is the only port in Shenzhen with direct rail access to the terminal. Many international shipping lines designate YANTIAN as the final South China port of call for their Europe & U.S. services. Kwai Tsing Container Terminals, meanwhile, serves as a critical gateway to Asian and South American routes. Together, the two ports provide comprehensive global coverage, with daily barge connections ensuring seamless coordination and creating an express export channel for products to reach global markets efficiently.

At the inaugural ceremony, Lawrence Shum, Managing Director of YANTIAN, expressed gratitude to the Qingbaijiang District Government of Chengdu City, Chengdu Customs, Chengdu Port and Logistics Office, Chengdu Railway Bureau, Guangzhou Railway Bureau, Shenzhen Municipal Bureau of Transport, Hong Kong Transport and Logistics Bureau, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and the Shenzhen Port Group. He stated, "This inauguration of the 'Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Rail-sea Service' demonstrates YANTIAN's commitment to the national strategy of building a strong transportation network and advancing green rail-sea intermodal development. Supported by railway authorities, this scheduled train operates with a fixed schedule, route, and price, reducing transit time from Chengdu to Yantian from six days to two, and enabling three-day delivery to Kwai Tsing Container Terminals. This service allows goods to be shipped to over 200 countries and regions, providing a more stable, efficient, and low-carbon export channel for Chengdu's foreign trade enterprises and fostering shared benefits for Chengdu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong."

Wang Ping, Deputy Director of the Chengdu Port & Logistics Office and the representative of the Qingbaijiang District Government of Chengdu City attended the event and said, "YANTIAN's Chengdu Inland Port strengthens the connection creating synergy between the enhanced connectivity in operations, port resources and logistics

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data among Chengdu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong, thereby reducing costs, improving logistics efficiency and supporting the high-quality development of foreign trade in these three cities.”

Cai Xin, Deputy Director-General, Transportation Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality added, “The ‘Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Scheduled Service’ has established a key logistics channel linking the GBA with the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Circle. It unites Chengdu’s robust manufacturing sector, Shenzhen’s international shipping capacities, and Hong Kong’s financial and trade services, driving momentum for China’s new development model.”

Amy Chan, Deputy Secretary for Transport and Logistics of the HKSAR Government, remarked at the event, “The Kwai Tsing and Yantian ports are highly complementary in their shipping routes, with YANTIAN focusing on Europe and America, while Kwai Tsing concentrating on Asia, Africa and Latin America. By joining hands together, both ports are now connected to destinations around the globe and set a benchmark for port collaboration within the Greater Bay Area. The official launch of the ‘Chengdu–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Scheduled Rail-sea Service’ marks a new era in Hong Kong’s and Shenzhen’s efforts to promote high-quality foreign trade development. It also represents a significant milestone in fostering deeper cooperation among Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Sichuan.”

Yihong Zhang, Director of Railway Freight Department of China Railway Guangzhou Group said, “As a strategic partner of Shenzhen Port Group and YANTIAN, we are committed to building a reliable logistics corridor that connects Chengdu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong through a 2,100-kilometre railway network. The Chengdu Railway Bureau and China Railway Guangzhou Group have demonstrated exceptional decision-making and accountability in train operations. Through measures like fare discounts and route optimisation, we have reduced logistics costs effectively. We will collaborate closely with the Chengdu Railway Bureau to support the modernisation of China.”

During the ceremony, representatives from Chengdu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong signed two strategic cooperation agreements: “Chengdu-Shenzhen Inland Port Strategic Cooperation Agreement” and the “Chengdu–Shenzhen-Hong Kong Rail-Sea Corridor Strategic Cooperation Agreement”. These agreements highlight mutual trust and resource sharing among the three cities, laying a solid foundation for helping importers and exporters navigate the challenges of a volatile global market.

Mr. Shum concluded, “Closer cooperation between YANTIAN and Kwai Tsing ports allows us to leverage the advantages of both ports and fulfill our vision of ‘internal connectivity, external reach’. It integrates the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Circle and other inland regions with the GBA, fostering mutual growth. We will continue to support efficient outbound trade for inland goods through 32 rail-sea intermodal routes, a dense barge network, reliable shipping services. By coordinating with government, Customs, and enterprises, we not only strengthen Shenzhen as a global logistics hub and reinforce Hong Kong’s role as an international maritime centre but also enhance the overall international competitiveness of the GBA. We are proud to contribute to the national ‘dual carbon’ goals and the high-quality development of foreign trade.”

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YANTIAN has a dense network of services, with nearly 100 weekly services reaching global destinations. As one of the preferred ports for mega vessels worldwide, 100% of the world's largest container ships calling at the Greater Bay Area dock at YANTIAN. In 2024, YANTIAN added 18 new services covering North America, South America, the Mediterranean, Australia, and Asia. As a crucial node in the global supply chain, YANTIAN handles over one-third of Guangdong Province's foreign trade import and export volume and more than a quarter of the nation's exports to the U.S.

YANTIAN boasts 20 large deep-water container berths and has outstanding natural advantages as a deep-water port. It features the only near-18-meter-deep, 475-meter-wide natural channel in the Greater Bay Area that remains unfrozen and silt-free year-round, allowing 200,000-ton-class ships to navigate in both directions around the clock. With "zero-time difference" and "zero tidal difference," it meets the high-efficiency berthing needs of mega vessels. Many liner companies designate YANTIAN as their last port-of-call in South China for Europe and America services, as well as a port-of-call for intra-Asia routes. Goods shipped from YANTIAN can reach destination ports in record time—for example, the U.S. West Coast in just over 12.5 days, and Australia in around 11 days.

As of now, YANTIAN has launched 18 inland ports, 32 rail-sea intermodal routes, 14 barge partner ports, and 17 feeder barge lines, with service coverage extending across the Greater Bay Area, southwest, and central China.

From an environmental perspective, rail freight emits only about one-eleventh the carbon emissions of road freight. Each fully loaded Yantian-bound rail-sea train can replace the equivalent of 100 heavy-duty trucks in carbon output. This inland port model, replacing traditional road freight with rail-sea intermodal trains, significantly contributes to reducing environmental pollution and safety risks, lowering energy consumption costs, easing road congestion, optimising transportation structures, and advancing China's "dual carbon" goals.

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<p>Photo 1 The debut of the Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Scheduled Rail-sea Service and the unveiling of YANTIAN's Chengdu Inland Port successfully took place in Chengdu.</p>		<p>Download link: https://www.yict.com.cn/UserFiles/memberDownload/1748487349973.jpg</p>
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Photo 2

On the morning of 28 May, the maiden “Chengdu-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Scheduled Rail-sea Service” departed from the Chengdu, YANTIAN’s 18th inland port.



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Photo 3

The Chengdu terminal, YANTIAN’s 18th inland port has commenced operations.



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Photo 4

Witnessed by Government representatives, corporate leaders from Chengdu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong signed the strategic cooperation agreements.



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Photo 5

As the only port in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area with a natural channel that boasts a depth of nearly 18 metres and a width of 475 metres – remaining ice-free and silt-free year-round – YANTIAN enables 24/7 two-way navigation for vessels up to 200,000 tons. Equipped with 20 large-scale deep-water container berths, YANTIAN stands out as one of the few ports in the region capable of accommodating the world's largest mega container vessels around the clock.



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Kwai Tsing Port, Hong Kong



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Hutchison Ports YANTIAN is the leading gateway serving import and export container traffic. Characterised by its natural deep-water berths and unparalleled mega-vessel handling capabilities, YANTIAN is the preferred port-of-call for mega-vessels in South China and one of the busiest container terminals in the world. Hutchison Ports YANTIAN is a member of HPH Trust, the world's first container port business trust listed in Singapore. Hutchison Ports YANTIAN is also a part of Hutchison Ports' global network of port and logistics operations, and continues to have access to services and resources enjoyed by companies within the Hutchison Ports Group. Hutchison Ports is the ports and related services division of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited. Hutchison Ports is the world's leading port investor, developer and operator.

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