The Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies (LMS) and the C.Y. Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies (C.Y. Tung ICMS) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University are organising the 8th International Forum on Shipping, Ports and Airports (IFSPA) 2015 in Hong Kong, from 29 November to 2 December 2015.

Themed “Empowering Excellence in Maritime and Air Logistics: Innovation Management and Technology”, IFSPA 2015 is devoted to provide an interactive platform for a collaborative network of international universities, institutions, industry leaders, global stakeholders and related associations to discuss economics, environmental, technological, policy and management issues.

Innovation is about creating new businesses and is seen as something separate from the existing set of activities. The challenges facing all transport logistics sectors today are complex, and managing this tsunami of regulatory and compliance burdens has a real effect on time, resources and gross margin. New efficiencies to support green transport and marine conservation goals are also desired.

By applying new concepts, knowledge and technologies, companies and leaders around the world are generating multiple arenas to push forward growth and development.

In order to take the transport logistics industry a step further, towards improved learnability, executability and profitability in production and operation, the management should therefore pursue continuous reconfiguration, to forge strategic partnerships and encourage new, dynamic business models that leverage external resources and capabilities, development priorities and future thinking ideas, making transient competitiveness possible through the development of innovation proficiency and leadership agenda to satisfy the real needs of a turbulent business world at a granular level.

IFSPA is an annual international conference devoted to shipping, air, port, logistics, and supply chain management studies. Following the success of previous IFSPAs which attracted more than 700 participants from different countries and territories, we are expecting a wide range of attendees from the Asia-Pacific and overseas to this attractive event in the region.
Interested parties are cordially invited to submit academic papers in English to IFSPA 2015. All submitted papers will be peer-reviewed and accepted papers should have a clear theoretical base, supporting data, scientific analysis and be founded on sound knowledge on the topics concerned. Author(s) should have direct involvement in the study being reported and deliver a 15 - 20 minutes presentation during the Conference. We are looking for papers focusing on but not restricted to,

- Aviation; Airline Operation & Management; Low Cost Airlines; Airport Planning; Airport Congestion;
- International Trade; Bulk Shipping; Modelling of Shipping Market;
- Shipping Finance & Investment; Revenue Management; Maritime Education and Training; Maritime Law & Insurance;
- Maritime Safety, Security & Piracy;
- Marine Environment and Ecosystem; Coastal Policy & Management; Resource Management ; Marine Conservation and Fisheries; Marine Spatial Planning; Cross/trans-border Initiatives;
- Port Congestion; Port Reform and Governance; Port Competition; Ports growth strategy; Port Operation & Management;
- Cruise Market; Cruise Tourism; Cruise Hub; Cruise and Ferry Services;
- Intermodal Transport; Transport Connectivity and Collaboration;
- Environmental Impacts; Sustainable Management; Development & Social Responsibility;
- Green Shipping & Sustainability; Safety Technologies; Alternative Fuel Technologies; Renewable Energy;
- Supply Chain Management; Operations Management; Transportation Research;
- IT, Computing, Communications and Networking in Transport Management;

One-page abstract up to 400 words with full contact information and affiliation(s) of author(s) should be submitted by email to ifspa.2015@polyu.edu.hk.

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- KEY DATES -

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Full Paper Submission Due: 15 MAY 2015 (Thu)
Submission of Final Paper 15 OCT 2015 (Wed)
Author Registration Due 15 NOV 2015 (Sat)

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