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 providing an interactive platform for international universities, institutions, industry leaders, global stakeholders and related associations to collaborate and discuss economic, environmental, 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 deluge of regulatory and compliance burdens has a real effect on time, resources and the profit 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. This will 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 agendas to satisfy the real needs of a turbulent business world at a granular level.

IFSPA is an annual international conference devoted to airport, shipping, 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 region and further afield to this attractive event.
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 minute 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;
- Marine Environment and Ecosystem; Marine Conservation and Fisheries;
- Coastal Policy & Management; Marine Resource Management; Marine Spatial Planning; Cross/Trans-border Initiatives;
- Green Shipping; Environmental Impacts; Sustainable Management; Development & Social Responsibility;
- Alternative Fuel Technologies; Renewable Energy; Safety Technologies;
- Cruise Market; Cruise Tourism; Cruise Hub; Cruise and Ferry Services;
- Maritime Safety, Security & Piracy;
- Maritime Law & Insurance;
- Shipping Finance & Investment; Revenue Management;
- International Trade; Bulk Shipping; Modelling of Shipping Market;
- Port Congestion; Port Reform and Governance; Port Competition; Ports growth strategy; Port Operation & Management;
- Intermodal Transport; Transport Connectivity and Collaboration; Transport Management;
- Maritime Education and Training;
- Supply Chain Management; Operations Management; Transportation Research;

A one-page abstract of 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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Accepted papers will be included in the Conference Proceedings (with ISSN code) after the event. Previous IFSPA proceedings have been indexed in Compendex and SCOPUS. Selected quality papers will also be included in Special Issues of *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice* (TR-A), *Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment* (TR-D) and *Journal of Air Transport Management* (JATM) which are SSCI indexed.

**SPECIAL ISSUES**

**- KEY DATES -**

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 15 MAY 2015 (Fri)
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** 15 JUL 2015 (Wed)
- **Submission of Final Paper:** 15 OCT 2015 (Wed)
- **Author Registration Due:** 15 NOV 2015 (Sun)

**BEST PAPER AWARD**

The Best Paper Award is presented to the author(s) judged by the IFSPA committee to have written the best paper appearing in the conference proceedings.

**BEST STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

For a paper to qualify for the Best Student Paper Award, a student must be the lead author and the student should be a full-time student at the time of submission. The author should declare their eligibility and indicate for the competition during the paper submission. The nominated papers will be reviewed by IFSPA 2015 Committee. A certificate will be presented to the student(s) during the conference.