
Press Release

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14th International Citrus Congress was Held with MIP Gold Sponsorship

The 14th International Citrus Congress, organized under the Gold sponsorship of Mersin International Port Management (MIP), brought together more than 400 industry representatives from 60 countries.

The congress, which stands out as the most prestigious organization of the citrus sector worldwide and is held every 4 years in different countries of the world in order to increase the international interaction of the sector stakeholders and expand their trade networks, was held in Mersin Yenişehir Atatürk Culture and Congress Center between 6-11 November 2022 this year. Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Prof. Dr. Vahit Kirişci, former Minister of Treasury and Finance Lütfi Elvan, Mersin Governor Ali Hamza Pehlivan, National Citrus Council Vice President Kemal Kaçmaz, as well as many exporters, academicians, protocol members and stakeholders of the citrus sector attended the congress.

Johan Van Daele, General Manager of MIP, said: *"We are delighted to support this event, which is organized for the first time in Mersin and creates value for the citrus sector, as a Gold Sponsor. As MIP, every day we witness the intercontinental journey of the products of local producers and local entrepreneurs with great devotion and labor. Citrus fruits produced in the fertile lands of Anatolia are exported to all corners of the world from Mersin Port. In addition to the excitement of our producers, we also carry the sense of responsibility at the highest level. With this sense of responsibility, we always make the investments required by the conditions of the day for the sustainability of trade at Mersin Port. In order to expand our commercial activities and meet the current trade volume and increasing demand, we have converted a suitable warehouse in our facilities into a refrigerated storage facility with an area of 1240 m2 and a capacity of 1350 pallets and a refrigerated storage facility where we can serve product types such as pharmaceuticals, fruits and vegetables that we offer 24/7 service. In addition, with our Capacity Expansion Project with a budget of 375 million US dollars, we will increase the current capacity of the port by 1 million TEU, we will be able to serve two mega ships, the largest ships in the*

world, at the same time and we will add value to the economic development of the region. As MIP, we will continue to develop investment projects that support our exporters and importers."

About Mersin International Port Management Inc.

Mersin International Port Management Inc. (MIP=, which was established in partnership with Akfen Holding and PSA International, took over the Turkish State Railways Mersin Port Management on May 11, 2007 for 36 years. Mersin International Port (MIP), of which the Australian Fund Company IFM joined in 2017, is connected to industrialized cities of Turkey such as Ankara, Gaziantep, Kayseri, Kahramanmaraş, Konya and neighboring countries such as Syria, Iraq and Commonwealth of Independent States by rail and road.

It is one of the main container ports in the Mediterranean Region with its transshipment and hinterland connections with the Middle East and the Black Sea. Mersin International Port (MIP) constitutes an important part of Turkey's import and export volume with its wide hinterland, accessible transportation opportunities and successful personnel. MIP is Turkey's largest port with the annual total amount of cargo handled and its current area.

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