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**LOS ANGELES HARBOR COMMISSIONER KAYLYNN L. KIM TO
HEAD ASIA TRADE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION**

Asia Trip Includes Calls in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Seoul and Busan



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SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Los Angeles Harbor Commissioner Kaylynn L. Kim begins a 15-day trade- and environmental-focused mission to several Asian cities beginning April 10. The Board of Harbor Commissioners last night approved the mission aim at highlighting the Port of Los Angeles' commitment to exchanging ideas and discussing critical environmental and security programs; boosting trade between the Pacific Rim and the Port of Los Angeles; and strengthening ties with existing customers.

Cities included in the visit are: Shanghai, China; Hong Kong, China; Seoul, South Korea; and Busan, South Korea.

"It is crucial for the Port of Los Angeles to maintain good and productive relationships with our trading partners in the Pacific Rim," said Commissioner Kim. "They are important to us – for their knowledge as well as their business – and we must keep the ties with these important allies strong. I am very happy to represent the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners and Port of Los Angeles on this trip."

Joining Commissioner Kim on delegation are Dr. Ralph Appy, Director of Environmental Management and Jim MacLellan, Director of Marketing.

In Shanghai, Commissioner Kim will take part in an event hosted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) highlighting the environmental partnership between the ports of Los Angeles and Shanghai. The ports originally signed a Green Ports Agreement in 2002, outlining a cooperative program of sharing information on environmental programs, such as the Port of Los Angeles' Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) program. In 2005, the two ports strengthened this agreement by becoming part of a bilateral agreement between the United States and China's State EPA.

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Talks to bring similar environmental sharing programs to the other ports on the visit will be a priority.

Also a priority on this trip will be establishing ties to strengthen small and medium sized businesses in Los Angeles through meetings with officials at the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, Busan International Affairs Office, the Korean International Trade Association and other business organizations.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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