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### PORT OF LOS ANGELES SIGNS AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR FAR-EAST PORTS



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – The Port of Los Angeles recently signed environmental-related collaboration agreements with the ports of Guangzhou, China; Nagoya, Japan; and Tokyo, Japan. In addition, the Port of Los Angeles signed a Sister-Port agreement with the Port of Busan, South Korea. The agreement-signings took place during the far-east trade mission by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Port executives.

While a Sister-City agreement between Los Angeles and Busan has been in place since 1976, it was not until the Busan Port came under the direction of the new Busan Port Authority, which is 100% financed by the Korean government, that a Sister-Port agreement was possible. This took place in 2004, and the agreement was finally signed last month, with Mayor Villaraigosa looking on. Present for the Port of Los Angeles at this historic signing was Commissioner Kaylynn L. Kim, Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, and Marketing Director Jim MacLellan. Signing for the Busan Port Authority was the President of the Authority, Mr. June-Suk Choo.

The agreement between the ports of Los Angeles and Guangzhou calls for collaboration on air quality issues, including the formation of a Pacific Ports Air Quality Collaborative. The agreement was signed by Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director for the Port of Los Angeles, and Mr. Chang Min, Director General of the Guangzhou Port Authority.

The agreement between the ports of Los Angeles and Nagoya calls for the ports to address and share information on the conservation of natural resources including air quality, water quality, dredged soil and wildlife. The

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## **Agreements Signed**

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agreement was signed by Commissioner Kaylynn L. Kim for the Port of Los Angeles and Executive Vice President Mr. Takashi Yamada for the Nagoya Port Authority.

The agreement between the ports of Los Angeles and Tokyo also addresses the commitment to collaborate on natural conservation issues such as air, water, soil and wildlife. The agreement was signed by Executive Director Geraldine Knatz for the Port of Los Angeles and Mr. Ryuichi Tsushima, Director General, Bureau of Port and Harbor, Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port and a recipient of two Environmental Protection Agency awards in 2006. 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. A proprietary department of the City of Los Angeles, the Port is self-supporting and does not receive taxpayer dollars. High priority is placed on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles - A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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