

duisport intensifies its cooperation with Chongqing

Trade via Chinese trains to be strengthened

Duisburg, 26.04.2019 - Duisburger Hafen AG (duisport) is intensifying its cooperation with Chongqing, a Chinese metropolis of 30 million people. During a multi-day trip to China made by North-Rhine Westphalia Transportation Minister Hendrik Wüst and duisport Chief Executive Officer Erich Staake, a cooperation agreement was signed with the Chinese company YuXinOu. Already in the past year, duisport and the mayor of Chongqing had agreed to enter into closer collaboration during the latter's visit to the Port of Duisburg.

YuXinOu organizes the rail freight of Chinese trains to and from Chongqing. The connection to the Port of Duisburg, which was started in 2011, is the oldest within the Silk Road initiative "Belt & Road". Of the 1,400 trains destined for Europe, about 80% came through the Port of Duisburg in 2018. Overall, 30% of the trade between China and Europe transported by freight train is now already processed through the Port of Duisburg. By now, around 40 trains already travel between duisport and various destinations in China every week.

Mainly electrical appliances and components made by locally based, globally active electrical engineering companies are imported from Chongqing, one of the largest industrial locations around the world.

The governments of China and Singapore are working together intensively to promote Chongqing's development into one of China's major logistics hubs. Singaporean terminal operator PSA is playing a crucial role in this process. duisport has also signed a cooperation agreement with PSA to develop multimodal logistics platforms together. This collaboration brings together their expertise in the development of inland and maritime hubs.

North-Rhine Westphalia Transportation Minister Hendrik Wüst: "I am very pleased that duisport and the logistics platform YuXinOu signed a mutual cooperation agreement during my visit here in Chongqing. This will further consolidate the excellent relations between the two logistics hubs of the Rhein-Ruhr region and Chongqing. Binding international partnerships are good for the economy of North-Rhine Westphalia.

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“Duisburg and Chongqing are, respectively, the most important logistics hubs in Europe and China. This way, we’re creating ideal conditions for growth in the exchange of goods between central China and Central Europe,” says Erich Staake.



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