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Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran (PMO)

Ports and Maritime Organization of Iran (PMO) has published a progress report (March 2018) delineating its major achievements in the past four years.

International Cooperation

- Maintaining Iran’s position on STCW’s White List for the third consecutive year and for the next four years
- Being positioned on Paris MOU’s White List
- Submitting 14 technical documents to International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- I.R. Iran’s various achievements and PMO’s participatory efforts recognized by IMO’s Secretary-General
- Joining one international maritime convention, acceding to two accession documents, coming into force of three maritime conventions
- Honoring the Late Captain, Amir Janbod, for Bravery in a Letter of Commendation by IMO’s Secretary-General
- Holding a total of 65 specialized international meetings and seminars in Iran
- Holding a meeting for ECO member countries’ heads of maritime transport
- Hosting Caspian Sea port directors’ conference in Tehran
- Tehran Convention’s regional meeting for the representatives of Caspian Sea countries
- Holding a joint meeting between Iran and Germany in ports and maritime
- Holding the 14th Trans Middle East conference on maritime transport and logistics in Tehran
- Holding two rounds of ICOPMAS conferences (International Conference on Coasts, Ports and Marine Structures) in Iran
- Holding joint committee of economic cooperation with Pakistan, Kuwait, Ghana, Nigeria, Russia, Kazakhstan, India, Oman, and Turkmenistan
- Signing two MOUs between Iranian and Italian officials in ports and maritime cooperation
- Signing MOUs on sister port partnerships between the ports of Shahid Rajaii and Karachi, as well as between Chabahar and Gwadar Ports
- Signing MOUs on strengthening ports cooperation between Iran and Oman
- Acting as coordinator for international marine mapping and electronic charts in the “I” hydrographic region, as the representative of the government of I.R. Iran

### Port Capacity

- 21 percent increase in the nominal capacity of ports affiliated with PMO (from 180 to 217 million tons)
- 13 percent increase in the container capacity of ports affiliated with PMO (from 4.6 to 5.2 TEUs)
- 54 percent increase in the passenger capacity of passenger-ports and multipurpose ports (from 14 to 21.5 million persons)
- Stabilized capacity of the maritime fleet at 7 million tons (incl. commercial ocean-and-seagoing vessels, small boats and traditional fishing boats)
- 28 percent increase in the capacity of oil tanker fleet (from 12 to 15.4 million tons)
- 12 percent increase in the length of wharfs in ports affiliated with PMO (from 33 to 37 kilometers)
- 9 percent increase in the area of lands in ports affiliated with PMO (from 17,675 to 19,200 hectares)
- 12 percent increase in the area of indoor warehouses in ports affiliated with PMO (from 113 to 126 hectares)
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- 42 percent increase in the number of active companies in port and maritime transport

**Post-JCPOA Developments**

- I.R. Iran flag-bearing fleet's access to foreign markets and ports
- 18 international shipping companies back in operation in Iran's ports
- Reviving the global network of Iran shipping companies’ representatives
- 9 international companies from 8 countries (China, Singapore, Denmark, France, South Korea, Switzerland, Germany and Philippines) eager to invest in Iran's ports
- Holding tenders for investment and developing Shahid Rajaii and Imam Khomeini container ports through domestic-foreign partnerships
- Lifting sanctions on fleet insurance and lifting restrictions of rankings’ institutions
- Access to international financial markets
- Signing of MOU for cooperation between IRISL, Kazakhstan's KTZ and Trieste Port in Italy
- Re-establishing links with Japan’s JICA
- Return cargo in Iran's port terminals for the first time