
Press Release

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Mersin International Port employees collected half a ton of waste as part of the traditional "Go Green" campaign

100 MIP employees carried out a coastal cleanup in Mersin's Adanaliođlu district, collecting more than 500 kilograms of waste. Nearly 200 MIP employees also participated in a training program on how to raise environmental awareness. Both activities were part of the Blue Climate Ambassadors project organized in cooperation with TURMEPA and Turkish Port Operators Association (TÜRKLİM). These activities carried out by MIP employees were also part of the annual "Go Green" campaign organized by PSA International, the main shareholder of MIP, to raise awareness of environmental issues.

The Blue Climate Ambassadors project, of which MIP is one of the project partners, aims to raise awareness on the effects of global warming in Turkey, while also drawing attention to women seafarers who contribute to developing sustainable solutions to environmental problems. Within the scope of the Blue Climate Ambassadors project, three female MIP employees participated in the training provided by TURMEPA to develop business solutions on zero waste and climate change mitigation as well as conducting awareness-raising activities at the port. A recent coastal cleanup event and trainings in Adanaliođlu were also part of this project. The 181 MIP employees who participated in the trainings will be responsible for providing environmental training to all port employees throughout the coming year.

MIP's coastal cleanup and train-the-trainer program is also part of PSA International's annual 'Go Green' campaign. As part of this campaign, which has been running at MIP since 2017 to raise employee awareness about the environment, MIP not only participated in the Blue Climate Ambassadors project this year, but also offered 1374 vegetarian menus in its cafeteria. The vegetarian menus aimed to draw attention to the environmental impact of meat products and the carbon footprint they create.

MIP General Manager Johan Van Daele expressed his excitement about the MIP team's participation in the "Go Green" campaign: *"I would like to thank everyone involved in our sustainability initiatives. The more than half a ton of waste collected as a result of our environmental cleanup activity shows us that we can only make a difference if we stand together. At MIP, our sustainability efforts go far beyond our "Go Green" campaign. We see sustainability as an issue that we need to consider in everything we do every day. Because in the end, we only have one world."*

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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