

**American Institute in Taiwan (AIT) – Taipei Economic and Cultural  
Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)  
Port Air Quality Partnership Declaration  
On the occasion of a Port Air Quality Partnership Conference  
Hosted by their designated representatives  
The Port of Tacoma, Washington  
And the Harbor Bureaus of Kaohsiung, Taipei, and Keelung  
November 18-20, 2008**

AIT and TECRO:

Acknowledging that ports, a crucial part of the world economy, can significantly contribute to emission reductions for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment, and sustaining the port's prosperity;

Noting that cleaner air quality can be effectively achieved through collaboration among public and private sectors of ocean-going shipping, terminal operations, logistic arrangements, energy savings and renewables in port areas locally and internationally;

Recognizing the goal of PAN-PACIFIC CLEANER PORT PARTNERSHIP can be fulfilled among ports and their stakeholders through sharing best practices and information, developing practical guidelines and promoting application of innovative approaches among Asian Ports and the territories represented by AIT and TECRO;

Therefore, AIT and TECRO agree to work through their designated representatives, the port of Tacoma for AIT and the Harbor Bureaus of Kaohsiung, Taipei and Keelung for TECRO, in cooperation with the public and private sector and within their respective internal requirements as follows:

- Reducing emissions from ocean-going vessels, including SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and other pollutants listed and regulated by MARPOL Annex VI.
- Reducing air pollutant emissions from port operations and cargo handling equipment.
- Reducing emissions of land-based transportation serving marine ports,

including rail, trucks, and vehicles.

- Promoting the use of renewable and cleaner energies.

With this declaration, AIT and TECRO agree on behalf of their designated representatives to cooperate in efforts to achieve cleaner ports by sharing information on best practices and cooperating in the development of improved technologies and methods that can achieve air quality improvements in the territories represented by AIT and TECRO and the rest of Asia. This cooperation will further a joint vision for sustainable and healthy shipping and ports.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized, have signed this Declaration.

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