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Singapore Retains Position as World's Leading Maritime Centre for 13th Consecutive Year

Singapore retained its position as the world's leading maritime centre in the 2026 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development (ISCD) Index for the 13th consecutive year.

2. This recognition is significant as the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) marks its 30th anniversary this year. It reflects three decades of close partnership between MPA and the maritime community to strengthen Maritime Singapore's ecosystem, underpinned by strong connectivity, a comprehensive range of maritime services, and Singapore's role as a trusted platform for the global maritime community to connect and collaborate.

3. Jointly published by the Baltic Exchange and China's Xinhua News Agency, the Xinhua-Baltic ISCD Index is an internationally recognised benchmark of leading maritime centres. The Index assesses maritime hubs across a range of indicators, including port performance, maritime business services, and the overall business environment.

4. In 2025, the Port of Singapore handled a record 44.66 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in container throughput and 3.22 billion gross tonnage in vessel arrivals. The Port of Singapore also remained the world's largest bunkering port, supplying a record 56.77 million tonnes of marine fuel, including growing volumes of alternative marine fuels. Today, Singapore is connected to more than 600 ports worldwide and is home to over 200 international shipping groups.

5. Mr Ang Wee Keong, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, said, "We are honoured that Singapore has once again been recognised as the world's leading maritime centre. This reflects the strong commitment and collective efforts of our industry partners and the wider maritime community. As the industry continues to evolve, we will continue working closely with our partners to strengthen Maritime Singapore's competitiveness and create value for the global maritime community."

6. For more information on the 2026 Xinhua-Baltic International Shipping Centre Development Index, please visit the Baltic Exchange website¹.

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established in 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA takes on multiple roles as Singapore's maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and champion of maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand multi-domain capabilities, and support the cluster of maritime services and manpower development.

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¹ <https://www.balticexchange.com/en/news-and-events/news/press-releases-/2026/Shanghai-climbs-to-second-place-in-latest-Xinhua-Baltic-International-Shipping-Centre-Index-as-Singapore-retains-top-spot.html>