

## **News Release**

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### **Swire Shipping enhances North Asia-Pacific multipurpose liner service**

- *Direct calls to Qingdao and Nuku'alofa*
- *Connects Qingdao, Busan and Yokohama to the South Pacific*

1 Swire Shipping will be enhancing its North Asia to Pacific service from January 2016, becoming the only multipurpose liner operator to connect mainland China to the South Pacific.

2 Jeremy Sutton, Swire Shipping's General Manager for Liner Trades, said, "The Pacific Rim is a key market to Swire Shipping. With the additional port calls, we are now the only multipurpose liner operator connecting China to the South Pacific. We will be boosting our services by increasing our carrying capacity for both breakbulk and containerised cargo."

3 The upgraded service connects mainland China to the South Pacific with direct port calls to Suva and Lautoka. In addition, it offers fast transit times to the South Pacific ports of Majuro, Tarawa, Pago Pago, Apia, Nuku'alofa and Santo.

4 To complement the service, Swire Shipping will be increasing the carrying capacity on these routes to cater to breakbulk, project and containerised cargo.

5 The enhanced port rotation will include direct calls to Qingdao (China) and Nuku'alofa (Tonga). The port rotation will be Shimizu (Japan), Qingdao, Busan (South Korea), Yokohama (Japan), Majuro (Marshall Islands), Tarawa (Kiribati), Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Samoa), Nuku'alofa, Suva (Fiji), Lautoka (Fiji), Santo (Vanuatu), Honiara (Solomon Islands), Tarawa (Kiribati), Majuro (Marshall Islands) and Shimizu (Japan).

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## **About Swire Shipping**

Swire Shipping is the liner shipping division of The China Navigation Company (CNCo), the deep-sea shipping arm of the multinational Swire Group. CNCo has provided regional shipping services between Australia and the Asia-Pacific region since 1883.

Swire Shipping operates multiple liner trades in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, North America and the island nations of the South Pacific, in addition to providing services to India, the Middle-East and Europe. Swire Shipping operates a versatile fleet of multipurpose ships capable of carrying a wide range of cargoes including containerised, refrigerated, project, breakbulk and heavylift cargoes.

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