
MALAYSIA EYES TRADE BOOST WITH CHINA AND THAILAND VIA NEW INLAND PORT AND RAIL LINKS

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Malaysia is building a new RM492 million (US\$148 million) inland port in northern Perlis state with the aim of boosting trade with China and Thailand, as part of its broader ambitions to expand regional connectivity via railway.

When completed by the third quarter of 2025, the Perlis Inland Port (PIP) is expected to handle up to 300,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of cargo annually, shoring up the 150,000 TEU capacity of the existing terminal at Padang Besar, a township that sits on the border with southern Thailand and has both road and rail checkpoints.

The plan is to align the new inland port with two rail lines, one of them the existing Padang Besar-to-Penang Port link.

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