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PRESS RELEASE

WCA Conference Week moves to Hong Kong

The world's largest freight forwarding event has moved to a new venue in Hong Kong, following the postponement of the conference that was due to be staged in Bangkok in March.

Political unrest, culminating in sporadic violent incidents between government supporters and opposition protestors had prompted WCA management to take the difficult decision to postpone the conference, as the safety of all participants could not be guaranteed.

WCA President, David Yokeum, said: "Although there was no direct threat to foreign visitors, there was a fatal incident adjacent to our main conference hotel in the days leading up to the event. There is never a doubt that the safety of our members is paramount and the decision to postpone the event has received the full backing of the attendees."

WCA Conference Week, comprising the 16th WCA First Conference, the 6th WCA Worldwide Conference and the 2nd WCA Relocations Conference, will now take place from 11–18 May at AsiaWorld Expo, adjacent to Hong Kong International Airport, and a record-breaking attendance is anticipated.

With over 2,500 logistics executives having confirmed their participation at the original event and over 160 meeting booths booked, the challenge of rearranging the event at a new location in such a short timescale was significant. However, the conference venue, high-quality hotel options and local government support are all in place.

"The WCA staff has worked tirelessly to ensure the switch has been completed smoothly and that, if anything, the event will be even better

than before. We have ensured that no participant will be out of pocket on their travel arrangements due to the switch and we look forward to hosting over 70,000 individual meetings that will see the independent freight forwarding sector generate millions of dollars in new business,” said Yokeum.

For further information and conference details please visit:
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