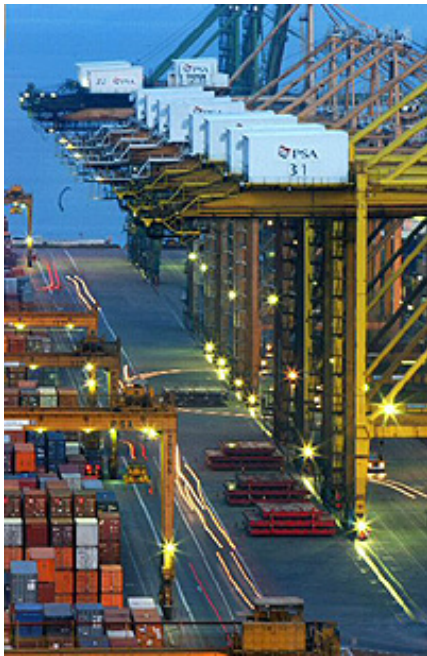


## Singapore books strong 2011

Singapore's port has surpassed a number of records last year, despite the parlous state of the global shipping industry.



Singapore's container volumes hit a new high in 2011

Container throughput in 2011 totalled 29.9mteu, a 5.3% increase over the 28.4mteu recorded in 2010.

This is the highest ever recorded for the Port of Singapore, marginally surpassing the previous record set in 2008.

Total cargo throughput also increased by 5.4% to 530.5mt from 503.3mt in the previous year, also a new record for the port.

Bunkers sales grew 5.6% to register another record high of 43.2m tonnes, compared to 40.9m tonnes in 2010, preliminary figures show.

The Singapore Registry of Ships grew by 17.6%, or 8.6mgt, in 2011 with the tonnage of ships under the Singapore flag at 57.4mgt.

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The good growth propelled the 2011 performance in all of the four port indicators to all time high levels for the Port of Singapore.

In particular, Singapore cemented its global leading position in terms of annual vessel arrival tonnage and bunker sales.

Annual vessel arrival tonnage crossed the 2bn gt mark for the first time in 2011, while bunker sales reached a new record high.

Singapore is home to more than 120 international shipping groups. The maritime cluster employs over 170,000 people and contributes 7% of GDP.

Annual vessel arrival tonnage reached 2.12bn gt in 2011, an increase of 10.5% from the 1.9bn gt achieved in 2010.

Container ships and tankers were the top contributors, accounting for 31% and 30.8% of the total vessel arrival tonnage respectively.