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The EU and Finland visit Dar es Salaam Port

On 30th January 2014, Dar es Salaam: Prime Minister of Finland, H.E. Mr. Jyrki Katainen, and the Head of Delegation of the European Union (EU) in Tanzania, H.E. Ambassador Filiberto Ceriani Sebregondi have paid a visit to the Tanzania Port in Dar es Salaam where they were met by the Minister of Transport, Dr Harrison Mwakyembe and the Minister of Health and Social Welfare, Dr Seif Rashid.

H.E. Mr. Jyrki Katainen has travelled to Tanzania with a purpose to strengthen bilateral relations and trade and development links between the Tanzanian and Finnish governments; as well as promoting trade and business partnerships between Finnish and Tanzanian companies. As a keystone of Tanzania and East Africa's economic development, the visit of the Port of Dar es Salaam has been prioritised by the Finnish mission accompanied by the EU Delegation.

Within this framework the European Union has recalled its interest in boosting the EU-Tanzania Port Authority dialogue in matters related to trade and private sector development. It has also been an opportunity to reflect on the progress made in implementing regulatory and infrastructure measures.

"The President of Tanzania's Big Results Now Initiative places modernization of the port of Dar es Salaam at a central place of the country's reform agenda. The role of the private sector in this process is crucial and I am happy to find also Finnish investments in the companies working here in the port", says the Prime Minister of Finland, Mr Jyrki Katainen.

"The EU is committed to be an active partner for dialogue and support to the Port of Dar es Salaam's modernization process" says the EU Head of Delegation, Ambassador Filiberto Sebregondi.

During the visit, EU and Finland have commended on the Government's efforts in improving on the port's infrastructure and management to increase efficiency.

The visit was also attended by the Tanzania Port Authority (TPA), Tanzanian and Finnish governments' officials, Members from the European Union Delegation, Trademark East Africa and private companies from Finland and Tanzania.

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