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Green Port Fest '09 Set for Saturday, Oct. 3 Annual event showcases Port operations, eco-programs

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Get a behind-the-scenes look at one of the busiest seaports in the world at the 5th annual Green Port Fest, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 3, 2009, at the Port of Long Beach.

The free event features tours of the Port by boat and train, as well as dozens of interactive exhibits, a showcase of Port cargo-handling machinery, family-friendly entertainment and children's activities.

"At Green Port Fest we open our doors to the community and show residents what we are doing to improve the environment, support the economy and create jobs," said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke.

Green Port Fest attendees will learn about environmental programs such as shore power, which allows docked ships to use less polluting land-based electricity instead of diesel powered engines, and the Port's Clean Trucks Program, which will decrease truck-related pollution 80 percent by 2012. Engineering displays will show how Port infrastructure developments are creating new jobs while reducing air pollution.

Last year about 10,000 people attended Green Port Fest, making it one of Long Beach's largest public events.

Free parking is available at the Long Beach Convention Center in the lot at Shoreline Drive and Linden Avenue. In the spirit of the "green" event, the Port is encouraging attendees to carpool, hop aboard a Long Beach Transit bus or ride their bicycles. Visitors can obtain free bus passes by calling the Port at (562) 590-4121 before Sept. 25. For those who ride their bicycles, there will be a bike valet service.

To learn more, visit www.polb.com/portfest.
or view a video clip: http://longbeach.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=636.



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