

# **Supply Chain & Transport Awards 2009**

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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Supply Chain & Transport Awards were presented at a lavish ceremony at Mina A'Salam, Dubai on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009.**

Organised by ITP Business Publishing the lavish awards ceremony took place at the Mina A'Salam, Dubai and gathered more than 200 top executives from the Middle East transportation and logistics industries.

The SCATAs set out to raise the profile of the industry and reward and recognize those that have made significant contributions to the progression and development of the region's supply chain industry. The awards acknowledge the leaders as well as the newcomers who have invested in technology, implemented winning strategies and invested both time and resources to ensure the local industry not only meets international standards but often exceeds them.

17 awards were presented at the ceremony with categories covering the logistics, sea freight and air cargo sectors. The winners were judged by a prestigious panel of industry figureheads, selected from within the Middle East logistics industry.

This year's independent judging panel included:

**Issa Baluch**, founder of Swift Freight International and author of Transport Logistics – Past, Present and Predictions,

**Captain Mansoor Ghafoor**, CEO of STALCO Group and president of the National Association of Freight Logistics,

**Doctor Kanak Madrecha**, senior manager of DP World and founding member of the Supply Chain & Logistics Group,

**Doctor Cedwyn Fernandes**, MBA programme coordinator at Middlesex University Dubai, and

**Sebastian Thomas**, logistics manager of Al-Futtaim's retail division and winner of the Logistics Manager of the Year award at the inaugural SCATA ceremony.

Also joining the panel this year were industry leaders **Ali Al Jallaf**, vice-president of Dubai Airports Cargo Unit, and **Salma Hareb**, CEO of Economic Zones World.

Walid Akawi CEO of ITP Publishing Group said "We are proud to hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Supply Chain & Transport Awards and are delighted with the level of interest and participation that the industry has shown this year. The awards reflect *Logistics Middle East's* standing in the Middle East's supply chain industry and it is our pleasure to give something back. The winners were well deserved and our congratulations go out to them all."

Highlights of the night included the surprise victory of Ras Al Khaimah Free trade Zone in Industrial Area of the Year award. Another surprise but well-deserved victory was in the Port Authority & Terminal Operator of the Year for Sharjah-based Gulftainer.

In the hotly contested, Outstanding Achievement Award, Gulf Agency Company outdid all. The judges felt the winner has undoubtedly become a name to reckon with in the Middle East and throughout the world, often used as a case study for its successful operations.

The evening ended with His Excellency Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Chairman of Dubai World being honoured with the Hall of Fame Award. New this year, the Hall of Fame Award was introduced following a large number of requests from the logistics industry. The short-list for this category was actually decided by the prestigious judging panel and included five of the biggest names from the industry.

Listed below are the winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Supply Chain & Transport Awards:

**Shipping Agent of the Year**

Rais Hassan Saadi (RHS) Group

**Shipping Company of the Year**

Maersk Line

**Shipyard of the Year**

Drydocks World-Dubai

**Port Authority & Terminal Operator of the Year**

Gulftainer

**Express Logistics Provider of the Year**

TNT Express

**3PL Service Provider of the Year**

Gulf Agency Company (GAC)

**FMCG Supply Chain of the Year**

Unilever

**Material Handling Provider of the Year**

SPAN Group

**Air Cargo Hub of the Year**

Dubai Cargo Village

**Cargo Operator of the Year**

**(Cargo Airline)**

Cargolux

**Cargo Operator of the Year**

**(Commercial Airline)**

Emirates Sky Cargo

**Industrial Area of the Year**

Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone

**Training & Education Provider**

SP Jain Center of Management

**CSR Award**

Gulf Agency Company (GAC)

**Technology Provider of the Year**

Ehrhardt + Partner Solutions

**Outstanding Achievement Award**

Gulf Agency Company (GAC)

**Hall of Fame Award**

H.E. Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem – Dubai World

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