

DHL expands its Indonesian operations

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DHL has announced the opening of two new offices in Manado and Palembang that will expand its operations in Indonesia

The expansion will help serve six new economic corridors under development and join the company's seven existing offices and 40 terminals that make up its Indonesian network.

"Indonesia is one of the four MIST countries – Mexico, Indonesia, South Korea and Turkey – identified as the next group of fast-growing economies by both economists and DHL alike," said DHL Global Forwarding Asia Pacific CEO Kelvin Leung, adding more offices are in the pipeline for 2014 and 2015.

The Indonesian government is pursuing its economic strategy and investments in infrastructure, which will see the country experience rapid growth.

"DHL is well-positioned to play a key role in the development of solutions for Indonesia's logistics industry and we are aligning our expansion to support the growth of Indonesia's economic corridors, its growing economic importance in the region and investment by major global companies," Leung says.

Manado is one of Indonesia's fastest growing areas. The Manado-Bitung Port has been designated an Integrated Economy Development Area (KAPET). Next year, they will open a new toll between the city and port that will boost trade in Indonesia's major commodities of fish, seafood, coffee, spices and mining.

This year, Manado saw a 7.3 percent growth in its economy, with exports valued at US\$63.2 million.

On the other hand, Palembang is the second largest city and the capital of Sumatra. Last year, its exports were almost US\$300 million and included major commodities such as coal, cocoa, spices, coffee, rubber

pulp and paper.

Palembang has slated a number of major infrastructure developments for toll roads, cargo terminals, power plants and integrated terminals for land, river and rail transport that will support growth of the economic corridors between Java and Sumatra.