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Survey on China's transportation industry

According to a report by China Logistics & Purchasing Network, China's express delivery industry saw a 5.8% increase in Q1, with 47.73 billion parcels handled, and improved profitability in many regions due to price increases amid a reversal of market competition. Oil transport prices rose, supported by geopolitical factors and supply gaps. Air passenger traffic increased by 6.5% in Q1, despite high oil prices impacting the profitability of airlines across the board. **(Sina Finance)**

Over 90% of the world's VLCC orders flowing to China

In the first quarter of 2026, China received orders for 67 new very large crude carriers (VLCCs), accounting for 92% of the global total. Shipyards have project schedules extending to 2030. China has mastered methanol and liquid ammonia dual-fuel technology and delivered the world's first methanol dual-fuel intelligent tanker, the "Kaituo," last year. **(Sina Finance)**

World's largest LNG-powered container ship launches in Shanghai

On May 22, the world's largest liquefied natural gas (LNG) powered container ship "CMA CGM Notre Dame" debuted at Shanghai Yangshan Port. The 400 meter long and 62 meter wide vessel, with a container capacity of 24,212 TEU (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit) is the lead of 10 sister ships, advancing shipping decarbonization. **(China Daily)**

Dalian launches first direct container route to Middle East

A new direct container route from Dalian, Liaoning province, to the Middle East opened on May 26, becoming the first direct container route between the two regions. The new route will provide direct access to major ports in India, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and other Middle Eastern nations, shortening the voyage by at least 10 days compared with conventional routes. **(China Daily)**

China key to MSC Air Cargo growth

Viewing Shanghai as a strategic cornerstone of its global network, MSC Air Cargo is well positioned to serve its strategy of growing alongside the Chinese market following the establishment of a cargo station in Shanghai and the rapid expansion of its operations in China. MSC Air Cargo has five major gateways, which are Hong Kong, Shanghai, Malpensa of Italy, Liege in Belgium and Mexico City. **(China Daily)**

