

CONNECTING CAYMAN TO THE WORLD



From a bag of apples to a brand-new BMW, from clothing to construction material — if you see it in a store, on the street or for sale anywhere on-island, it most likely made its way into the country via the facilities of the Port Authority of the Cayman Islands.

Every year on average, the Cayman Port accommodates more than 400,000 tons of cargo. That's about seven tons of cargo for every man, woman and child living in Cayman.

Annually, the Cayman Port unloads an average of more than 22,500 twenty-foot-equivalent containers per year, more than 4,400 vehicles and nearly 6,900 refrigerated cargo containers.

In addition, the Cayman Port oversees annually the importation of nearly 55 million imperial gallons of fuel (diesel, gasoline, jet fuel and propane).

The primary connecting ports for cargo entering and leaving Grand Cayman are in Florida and Jamaica. However, cargo ports of origin are as far-flung as Bahamas, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Japan, Mexico, Panama and Puerto Rico.

The Cayman Port is more than a vital piece of infrastructure connecting Cayman to the rest of the world; it is the international lifeline for the country's commerce and economy.

The modern history of the Cayman Port began in July 1977, when then-Governor Thomas Russell officially opened the George Town Port facility. At the time, the capacity of the dock was 50,000 tons of cargo per year.



In 1992, the inland Berkley Bush Cargo Distribution Centre at Airport Industrial Park was completed. The Cargo Distribution Centre was named after Berkley Bush, the former Executive Council Member for Communications and Works, who was a leading figure in establishing the George Town Port in the '70s.

In 2018, the Cargo Distribution Centre completed a multimillion-dollar transformation, including the addition of a pair of immense Boxhunter cranes from Finland's Konecranes, that allowed the Cayman Port to stack shipping containers seven stories high, multiplying the Cargo Distribution Centre's storage capacity enough to meet Grand Cayman's needs for the next 10 years.

The Cayman Port is a statutory authority owned by the government of the Cayman Islands and run by an appointed Board of Directors.

As it has grown up along with the country, the Cayman Port continues to strive to fulfill

its mission: "To foster a culture of excellence in service and care coupled with collaborative efforts that focus on sustainability through the provision of innovative, safe, efficient solutions which will stimulate and facilitate waterborne commerce, trade and leisure travel resulting in the continued economic development of the Cayman Islands." ♥



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