



LOGISTICS INDUSTRY UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT IN ISTANBUL

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Key players in the **logistics industry** gathered at a conference in Istanbul on Thursday October 8 discussing their roles and educating students and potential logistics managers of the future.

The International Transport and logistics Conference was co-hosted by Pegasus Airlines Cargo and Bahcesehir University, and took place the university's Besiktas Campus.

The event brought together education and high-level industry experience from air, sea and road freight for students looking to start a career in the sector.

It was hosted by Pegasus Cargo vice president, Aydin Alpa, and vice dean of Bahcesehir University's Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences Professor Dr. Yavuz Gunalay.

Pegasus Airlines chief financial officer, Serhan Ulga, and operational control center (OCC) manager, Umit Kula, were among the managers sharing their know-how.

Emphasising the importance of the conference as a platform for bringing together industry leaders, as well as providing an environment for students looking to join the sector, Pegasus Cargo vice president, Aydin Alpa, explains: "Turkey is a vital logistics hub in the region due to its geographical location, hence we anticipate further growth and expansion in the sector in the near future.

"At Pegasus Airlines Cargo, we currently carry air cargo across 37 countries and 94 different

locations. We continue to invest in and further prepare for the expansion of our flight network as fast as we can obtain traffic rights from the Civil Aviation Authority.”

Conference speakers included Etihad Cargo vice president, David Hugh Kerr, Dusseldorf Airport Cargo managing director, Gerton Hulsman, ABDA Cargo Services regional manager of Middle East, Europe and Africa, Nilan Gunatilaka, and Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport cargo operations and marketing manager, Harun Ay.

Others giving presentations were Lufthansa Cargo Turkey general manager, Hasan Hatipoglu, UPS president of freight forwarding for the Europe region, Jens Poggensee, and Ekol logistics general manager of freight, Murat Bog.

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