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THE decision on tariffs for the New Deep Water Terminal (NDWT) at Kuantan Port, here, will be known within a month, said Transport Minister Anthony Loke.

He said the matter was still in the consultation process and involved all stakeholders, including port users.

"In determining the tariff rates, we will have to take into account the facilities available and the views of the committee looking into the matter. The decision will ensure the tariffs are reasonable, competitive and avoid the impact of increasing costs.

"We want all ports in this country to be developed and play an important role in economic and trade development," he said after



Transport Minister Anthony Loke (centre) being briefed by Lembaga Pelabuhan Kuantan chief operating officer Mazlim Husin (second from left) during his visit to the New Deep Water Terminal in Kuantan Port yesterday.
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a survey of the NDWT Phase 1A project, here, yesterday.

Present were Kuantan Port Authority chairman Tan Sri Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar, general manager Datuk Khairul Anuar Abdul Rahman and East Coast Economic Region Development Council chief executive officer Datuk Seri Jebasingam Issace John.

Loke assured that his ministry would support the proposal to

make Kuantan Port a free trade zone and this was being considered by the Finance Ministry and Customs Department.

"We will give our support as this is one of the important ports in the peninsula with industrial areas being developed nearby. More land is available for industrial estate development near the port.

"Ports play an important role in generating economic development and this will be the push

factor for the industry players," he said.

Commenting on the NDWT Phase 1A project, Loke said the phase, which included the construction of a 1km wharf and breakwaters, had begun operating since last month.

Phase 1B was expected to be completed by the middle of next year, while Phase 2 development was expected to begin in 2039, he added. **Bernama**