

STAR CRUISES' FLEET OBTAINED ISM CERTIFICATION

18 June, 1998 - Star Cruises, The Leading Cruise Line in Asia, is pleased to announce that Star Cruises' fleet - Star Aquarius, Star Pisces, SuperStar Gemini, SuperStar Capricorn, SuperStar Sagittarius, MegaStar Aries, MegaStar Taurus and SuperStar Express have been issued with ISM Certification before the scheduled dateline of 1st July 1998.

In compliance with the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, Star Cruises have been issued with a "Document of Compliance certification" for the offices in Singapore, Port Klang and Stockholm, and the "Safety Management Certification" for its vessels by the flag states for ISM.

According to the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the ISM Code aims to ensure safety at sea, prevent human injury or loss of life, and avoid damage to the sea and property. It spells out the procedures ship owners must follow in areas such as maintenance of the ship and its equipment, its emergency arrangements and setting up an environment protection policy. Shipowners unable to meet with the requirements of ISM by the dateline would be breaching international and national law.

According to Mr Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises, "Since the beginning of 1998, our offices and vessels have been audited by the Third Party Audit and we are very pleased that Star Cruises has obtain the ISM certification for its fleet and offices before the mandatory dateline." Mr Au added, "Star Cruises has a high Safety Management System (SMS) in place to fulfill all the regulations required by the ISM Code.

Our ships are equipped with computerized radar systems and the latest in navigational technologies to ensure the safety of all passengers on board as well as other vessels plying within the vicinity of our ships. In addition, Star Cruises also has an emergency response team available 24 hours to assist the ships at all times"

Star Cruises is "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia" and one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. Star Cruises is currently operating 7 vessels with 5 more vessels to be delivered in the next 4 years. The fleet will have a total lower berth capacity of about 14,000 with growth 25% per year for the corresponding period. Star Cruises is also one of the youngest cruise fleet in the world with an average age of less than 5 years by the year 2000.

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