

STAR CRUISES TERMINAL VOTED "MOST IMPROVED PORT FACILITIES"

18 June, 1998 - Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia", has recently been awarded the "Most improved port facilities" for Star Cruises Terminal at Port Klang, Malaysia. In a poll of cruise line managers' and executives' opinions, Star Cruises Terminal, Port Klang was voted the winner in the "Most improved port facilities" category by Dream World Cruise Destinations - a subsidiary of UK-based Euromoney Publications, beating runner-ups like St Denis, Reunion & Vancouver.

"We are indeed very honoured and pleased to receive this award from Dream World Cruise Destinations as it shows that our investment in building the cruise industry in this region has won international recognition. The award affirms the fact that Asia is beginning to get noticed by cruise operators worldwide and we hope to see more international cruise ships plying this region," said Mr Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises. Star Cruises has invested over US\$50 million in building the Star Cruises Terminal building and jetty in Port Klang, and it is one of the few dedicated cruise terminals in this region that specially caters to cruise travellers. Star Cruises Terminal boasts the longest dedicated cruise berth in Asia Pacific. It is equipped with a T-shaped jetty comprising three berths, providing a total berthing space of 665 metres.

The berths at the terminal are capable of handling up to four passenger cruise ships at any one time, and can even accommodate the cruise ships up to 100,000 gross tonnage, including the new 75,000 grt SuperStar Leo which Star Cruises is currently building in Germany.

Facilities at the Terminal include an immigration office, customs, baggage check-in, waiting hall, duty-free shop, VIP lounge, fully covered link bridges and link ways connecting the Terminal to the ships, and parking facilities for 500 cars and 24 buses.

Amongst other facilities at the Terminal, there is also a training centre with the latest state of the art Star Cruises Ship Simulator (SCSS) to be used for basic and advanced navigation, manoeuvring, ship handling and training and qualification assessment of experienced navigators. SCSS can also be used for advanced engineering evaluation of design of ships and waterways and research and development within the marine industry.

With the completion of the new Kuala Lumpur International Airport, the Star Cruises Terminal at Port Klang will be further developed as a fly/cruise hub, encouraging more international travellers to cruise in Asia.

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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