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**MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OPENS THE FIRST FULL-MISSION  
SHIP SIMULATOR IN THE REGION, THE STAR CRUISES SHIP  
SIMULATOR CENTRE AT STAR CRUISES TERMINAL, PULAU  
INDAH, KLANG**

18 March, 1999 - Star Cruises opens world-class ship simulator in Malaysia. Star Cruises has invested RM20 million in Asia's first ship simulator centre, the Star Cruises Ship Simulator ("SCSS") which features state-of-the-art equipment and is the most modern in the world in its Port Klang operational headquarters. "The main objective of establishing the Star Cruises Ship Simulator is to assist Port Klang to become a major maritime centre for training of officers for all types of sea-going vessels. It will also provide an inhouse facility that is specifically designed for crew training and familiarisation and for developing skills in managing emergency situations as well as for bridge resource management purposes," says Dato' KT Lim, Chairman of Star Cruises.

Star Cruises is the first shipping company in the world to own and operate its own ship simulator. "Star Cruises selection of Port Klang to locate its Ship Simulator will be good for the Malaysian Maritime Industry as it is a technology-driven industry and will attract many ship companies to train their officers here", says Dato' Seri Ling Liong Sik, the Minister of Transport of Malaysia. "The Ship Simulator is a good contribution of Star Cruises to Malaysia in addition to about 500 jobs created in Port Klang and the 250,000 cruise passengers brought to Malaysia every year". "One of the primary objectives of establishing the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre, is to help fulfill Port Klang's need to be the training and services hub as part

of the overall national plan to transform Port Klang into a cruise and transportation hub complete with back-up maritime services and facilities. Thus the need for a ship simulator in Asia to train Asian officers and to attract international officers", added Dato' Lim.

Rigorous training courses in realistic scenarios will enhance Star Cruises' officers' efficiency and be better equipped in dealing with all kinds of sea situations to reduce the possibilities of accidents which might lead to loss of life, damage to vessels and fixed installations, or environmental pollution. This training investment will in the end benefit Star Cruises' passengers in terms of ship efficiency and safety measures.

Added Dato' Lim, " Star Cruises' goal is to be the best safety-minded cruise line in the world with the best trained people, equipment, operational and emergency procedures. Passengers who choose to take their vacation with Star Cruises, would have done so with safety being the foremost consideration of their choice". Simulator training is regarded as a key element in managing crisis. It helps to prepare captains and officers to handle unforeseen events in the worst circumstances and enhance their skills in managing them. The Star Cruises' Ship Simulator developed and manufactured in Germany has equipment which project real-life situation. In addition, various audio effects and communication traffic related to a particular port-of-call will be projected as virtual-realistic a scenario as possible. With the ship simulator, officers can visualise. the Straits of Malacca, Port Klang, Langkawi, Kuantan, Singapore, Phuket, Hong Kong, Xiamen and Keelung, Taiwan. More ports such as New York, Dover, Alexandra, Stockholm and some Australian ports will soon be incorporated into the database for training of international officers from other shipping lines. Besides training its own officers, the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre also offers first-class training programmes to other shipping companies, maritime academies and port authorities.

A.P. Moller, Singapore, also known as Maersk of Denmark and part of the world's largest private owned shipping company has already sent officers to the Star Cruises Ship Simulator Centre for training. The Danish Maritime Institute ("DMI"), a well-established and reputable organisation with 30 years experience in the field of maritime simulators is providing the technical experience. The simulation centre is compatible with five other DMI simulator facilities in Denmark, enabling transfers of training concepts, ship models and port data. The SCSS can provide data from Asian ports and DMI will give Star Cruises access to its extensive ship and port databases.

Star Cruises "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific", is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2002, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 10 vessels with a lower berth capacity of about 12,000 with annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has also one of the youngest cruise fleets in the world with ships based throughout Asia with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Okinawa and Osaka/Kobe as ports of embarkation by early 2000. Star Cruises has offices in Australia, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and United States of America.

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