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**ARRIVAL OF SUPERSTAR LEO, THE FIRST WORLD CLASS MEGA SHIP IN ASIA  
TO KUANTAN**

Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia Pacific", is proud to announce the maiden arrival of the first world-class megaship in Asia Pacific, the **SuperStar Leo**, to Kuantan on 8<sup>th</sup> April 1999. "It is the first time that a passenger cruise vessel of this size and magnitude has called at a port on the east coast of Malaysia bringing with her a significant number of tourists to experience the many enchanting destinations that the east coast has to offer," said Dato' KT Lim, Chairman of Star Cruises.

**SuperStar Leo's** South China Sea itinerary has met with tremendous response. On her maiden call to Songkhla, Thailand on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1999, more than 60% of **SuperStar Leo's** 2,000 passengers were tourists from Australia, Europe, India, Hong Kong, New Zealand and United States of America. Such response augurs well for her new itineraries around the South China Sea, in particular in exposing Kuantan to more international tourists.

Measuring 268m long , 32.2m wide with a gross tonnage of 76,800, SuperStar Leo is the biggest and most powerful cruise ship built in modern time, at just under 59 megawatts of installed power, delivering a trial speed of 25.3 knots. She has 1,000 cabins, 1,100 crew and can carry up to 2,800 passengers. She features a spectacular 7-storey atrium, 1,000-seat showroom, 16 food and beverage outlets, Tivoli Pool Deck and all the facilities of a world-class cruise ship.

**SuperStar Leo** made her debut in Asia in October 1998 calling at the Star Cruises Terminal, Port Klang on 15<sup>th</sup> October and the Singapore Cruise Centre on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1998.

She has till March this year been operating weekly cruises in the Straits of Malacca/Andaman Sea calling at Singapore, Phuket in Thailand, Langkawi Island, Malacca and Port Klang (Kuala Lumpur) in Malaysia.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> September 1999, **SuperStar Leo** offers two new exciting fulfilled South China Sea cruise itineraries with a 3-night cruise departing every Sunday from Singapore to Songkhla (Hatyai) in Thailand and Pulau Perhentian in Malaysia and a 2-night cruise departing every Wednesday from Singapore to Awana Kijal and Kuantan in Malaysia.

Passengers can experience the luxurious Awana Kijal Golf & Beach Resort situated on the longest and most beautiful beach on the East Coast of Malaysia; a visit to Kuantan town, famous for its dried seafood products, the crystal clear waters and brightly coloured coral reefs of Perhentian Island; scenic beaches of Songkhla, as well as an exciting shopping escapade in Hatyai, Thailand.

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 capacity berth 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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