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**SUPERSTAR LEO DEPARTS SINGAPORE WITH THE MOST NUMBER OF  
CRUISE PASSENGERS ON A RELOCATION CRUISE TO HONG KONG**

Star Cruises, "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce the departure of the US\$360 million mega cruise liner, **SuperStar Leo** from Singapore on a relocation cruise from September 3<sup>rd</sup> –10<sup>th</sup>, 1999 to Hong Kong.

About 2,000 passengers, mainly from Australia sailed on her relocation cruise. Other cruise passengers on board were from the United Kingdom, Europe, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and Japan.

As she leaves Singapore with the most number of multi-nation cruise passengers, **SuperStar Leo** will call at the port of Laem Chabang, the gateway to Bangkok in Thailand where she will be showcased. Enroute, she will make maiden calls to Ho Chi Minh City and Nha Trang in Vietnam, before arriving in Hong Kong where she will be based for the 1999/2000 winter and summer cruise seasons.

**SuperStar Leo** bids farewell after being based in Singapore for more than 10 months where thousands have enjoyed memorable cruises on board one of the most powerful cruise ships built in modern time. During her stint in Singapore, **SuperStar Leo** had attracted more than 150,000 cruise passengers from all over the world into Singapore.

According to President & Chief Executive of Star Cruises, Mr Colin Au, **SuperStar Leo** has enabled Star Cruises to further develop the cruise market in Asia-Pacific given the excellent air/sea link available in Singapore. **SuperStar Leo** will be replaced by her twin sister ship **SuperStar Virgo**.

**SuperStar Leo** is the winner of 3 out of 8 design awards conferred by “*Cruise and Ferry Info*”, the leading cruise magazine in Europe triumphing in categories for “Outstanding Cruise Saloons”, “Outstanding Cruise Cabins” and “Outstanding Cruise Sundeck.

Star Cruises, “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*”, is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2005, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 12 vessels with lower berth capacity of about 18,000 and an annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has also one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Its ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe (early 2000) as ports of embarkation. Star Cruises’ award-winning fleet has the best services afloat with the highest crew-to-passenger ratio reflecting the high standards of the hospitality industry in Asia-Pacific.

Star Cruises has offices in Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. New offices will be established in the Philippines and Korea by the end of this year.

Star Cruises’ completely new web-site is at [www.starcruises.com](http://www.starcruises.com) or [www.starcruises.com.my](http://www.starcruises.com.my) which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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