



PRESS STATEMENT

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STAR CRUISES WELCOMES BIGGEST SINGLE MEXICAN CHARTER
IN PORT KLANG, MALAYSIA

Star Cruises, "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" welcomed and received the biggest single Mexican charter on board the **SuperStar Virgo** to Port Klang, Malaysia on **January 17th, 2000**. In conjunction with the *Visit Selangor Year 2000*, the State Tourism Committee has prepared a traditional Malaysian welcoming ceremony to the visitors, most of whom are on a first time visit to Malaysia.

The more than 1300 Mexicans onboard are currently on a 6-Day/5-Night cruise beginning from January 16th to 21st, 2000 to Port Klang, Langkawi and Phuket departing from Singapore.

Omnitrition, a company in Mexico, has chartered the **SuperStar Virgo** as part of their annual employee incentive programme. As a company's tradition and gesture of goodwill, the company has also included 50 underprivileged children in this cruise.

Star Cruises has one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Presently, Star Cruises' 9 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang (Malaysia), Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Kobe/Osaka (later this spring) 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, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand); Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Europe (Austria, Germany, Sweden and United Kingdom) and the United States of America. With a number of branches in some countries such as China, India and Australia, Star Cruises is represented in 23 locations worldwide.

Star Cruises' completely new web-site is at www.starcruiises.com or www.starcruiises.com.my which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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