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STAR CRUISES AND PORT AUTHORITY OF THAILAND
EXCHANGE CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP BANGKOK CRUISE TERMINAL
ON BOARD SUPERSTAR ARIES

Star Cruises, “*The First Global Cruise Line*” is pleased to announce that an **exchange of contracts ceremony** was held on board the **SuperStar Aries** between the **Port Authority of Thailand** and **Star Cruises** on **February 27th, 2000**. Star Cruises has been awarded the contract to construct and operate the **Star Cruises Terminal, Bangkok, Laem Chabang, Thailand.**

Deputy Minister of Transport and Communications, Mr. Chaiya Sasomsap witnessed the exchange ceremony between Managing Director of Laem Chabang Port, Peraphol Triwattana and Star Cruises’ President and Chief Executive, Mr. Colin Au.

Star Cruises had earlier signed the Agreement with the Port Authority of Thailand on Monday, February 14th, 2000 in Bangkok to construct and operate the proposed Cruise Passenger Terminal. The agreement is for a 30-year lease with extension for additional periods of 10 years each.

The berth will be 365 metres long and will be capable of docking the largest cruise ship afloat or planned in the future. About USD15 million will be spent on a cruise passenger terminal that will be among the best in the world.

“There can be no better venue than **SuperStar Aries** to host this important milestone in Thailand’s port and cruising history as **SuperStar Aries** has redefined cruising

standards in the Indo-China waters since her arrival in Bangkok last October 1999,” said Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

“The Star Cruises Terminal Bangkok will augur well for the positioning of Laem Chabang as an international gateway to Bangkok. With a world-class cruise infrastructure at bay, Bangkok can expect to receive even more cruise tourists than ever before,”

“Bangkok will now be one of the few cruise capitals in the world worthy of receiving world-class cruise ships,” he added.

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings, Star Cruises is now “*The First Global Cruise Line*” and the equal-third largest cruise group (with P&O/Princess), with a fleet of 18 ships and over 21,000 lower berths. By 2004, with the five ships currently on order, Star/NCL will have 23 vessels with about 34,000 lower berths.

Star Cruises also 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 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 25 locations worldwide.

The NCL Group operates a fleet of nine ships under three brands. ***Norwegian Cruise Line*** with six ship, offers mainstream cruises in the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Bermuda, and the Exotics. ***Orient Line***, with two ships, offers destination-oriented cruises in Europe in the summer months and worldwide, as far as Antarctica, in the fall-through-spring. Both NCL and Orient Lines market primarily in North America but also extensively in the UK, Europe, South America, and Asia. ***Norwegian Capricorn Line***

with one ship, is an Australian-based joint-venture offering South Pacific cruising to the Australian market.

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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