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STAR CRUISES ANNOUNCES THE
POSITIONING OF SUPERSTAR LEO IN YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

Star Cruises, "***The First Global Cruise Line***" and the Mayor of the City of Yokohama, in a joint announcement, is pleased to announce **Yokohama** as a future homeport for **SuperStar Leo** in **April 2002** to coincide with the completion of the **new Yokohama International Passenger Terminal**. Star Cruises has reached an agreement with Yokohama Port and Harbour Bureau to homeport a vessel in Yokohama Port.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to homeport **SuperStar Leo, the first and largest megaship in Asia-Pacific** in Yokohama, to serve Tokyo and the Kanto region and Japan. With the positioning of **SuperStar Taurus** which arrived in Kobe yesterday, Star Cruises has generated tremendous consumer interest and it is only natural to position a bigger ship in Japan by 2002," says Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

"The scheduled homeporting of **SuperStar Leo** in Yokohama couldn't have come at a better time as Japan and Korea will host the 2002 FIFA World Cup with the final game in Yokohama. The world-class **SuperStar Leo** cruising in and out of Yokohama to Korea is a fitting complement to the World Cup as it is the most watched sporting event in the world," he added.

"We commend Yokohama Port for their foresight to construct a world-class terminal. We are equally impressed by its extraordinary architecture which will certainly place the

Yokohama International Passenger Terminal as the best in the world," Mr. Au added further.

Mr Hidenobu Takahide, the Mayor of the City of Yokohama said, "We welcome Star Cruises, a leading player in the cruise industry to position a ship in Yokohama Port. We look forward to the arrival of the SuperStar Leo in 2002".

SuperStar Leo is expected to have 3-, 4-, 5- and 7-day cruises from Japan to Korea and China. The itineraries will be published by the end of year 2000.

About SuperStar Leo

SuperStar Leo is a first newbuilding built specifically for the Asian region incorporating Asian tastes and influences aboard. Her excellent design has won her 3 out of 8 possible Shippax awards for her **outstanding saloons, sundecks and cabins** conferred by the internationally recognized magazine, *Cruise & Ferry Info*. She is also on the cover of the authoritative *Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising & Cruise Ships 2000*.

Comprising 13 decks, **SuperStar Leo** was delivered in 1998. She has 1000 cabins with a lower berth capacity of 2000. She measures 268 metres in length and 32.2 metres in width. **SuperStar Leo** offers cruisers a wide choice of **more than 25 restaurants, bars and entertainment outlets**. Her restaurants range from Japanese, Chinese to western and Southeast Asian cuisine.

A spectacular feature is her **7-deck high atrium lobby**, *Grand Centrum* with 3 panoramic glass bubble lifts. The **wide range of outdoor and indoor sports, health and recreation facilities** include an outdoor swimming pool, jacuzzis, sports deck with golf driving range, basketball, tennis facilities and a spa and fitness center with a jet-current exercise pool and a well-equipped gymnasium. The variety of entertainment onboard include a 950-seat showroom, Moulin Rouge, a cinema, a discotheque and a live music/dance lounge, *Galaxy of the Stars*.

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 20

ships and over 21,000 lower berths. By 2004, with the five ships currently on order, Star/NCL will have 25 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' 11 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 ships, 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.starcruises.com or www.starcruises.com.my which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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