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**STAR CRUISES WINS LLOYD'S LIST AND THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME
INDUSTRY THIRD ANNUAL "SALUTE TO YOUTH AND TRAINING, 2000" AWARD**

Star Cruises with NCL, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific", is pleased to announce that it has won **the Lloyd's List** and the **International Maritime Industry Third Annual "Salute to Youth and Training, 2000"** award.

On hand to receive the award, presented in London, was Mr. Nils Nordh, *Executive Vice President, Marine Operations and Newbuilding*, Star Cruises.

Star Cruises is the first cruise company to receive this award in recognition of its pioneering and leadership achievement in developing world-class vocational and specialist training and safety policies.

"Star Cruises is very pleased to have won this prestigious award conferred by two leading organisations in the shipping industry. The award is a clear indication of the quality and depth of Star Cruises' training programme, given the fact that the competition attracted entries from all over the world," said Mr. Colin Au, President and Chief Executive of Star Cruises.

"It will certainly spur us to intensify our commitment and focus on the development of human resources, not only within Star Cruises, but also for the maritime industry," added Mr. Au.

MORE ON STAR CRUISES

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings this year, Star Cruises became "*The First Global Cruise Line*" in addition to "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" with a fleet of 20 ships and over 21,000 lower berths. Star Cruises with NCL is the joint-third largest cruise line in the world. By 2004, with the five ships currently on order, Star Cruises with NCL will have 25 vessels with about 35,000 lower berths.

Star Cruises also has one of the youngest and most modern cruise fleets in the world with the highest safety standards. Star Cruises is the only cruise line to own a US\$5 million world-class ship simulator in its operational headquarters in Malaysia and together with the Danish Maritime Institute, trains all Star Cruises' officers in addition to a further 500 officers for Maersk Sealand and other shipping lines each year.

Presently, Star Cruises' 12 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific with Singapore, Port Klang (Malaysia), Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Kobe, Fukuoka, Pusan and Dubai 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 eight ships under two 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.

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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