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STAR CRUISES BAGS SIX MEDALS IN SALON CULINAIRE 2000

Star Cruises, “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*” is pleased to announce that its chefs from **SuperStar Virgo** has emerged victorious winning six medals at the **12th FHA International Salon Culinaire** held in April, 2000 in Singapore recently.

First held in 1978, Salon Culinaire has grown in stature and reputation as the region’s leading culinary event, attracting participation from world-class chefs from all over the world within the food and beverage industry.

A special award presentation-cum-dinner was organised on board the **SuperStar Virgo** on her recent regular 4-Day/3-Night Songkhla and Kapas Island Cruise in recognition of the chefs’ achievements.

The winners and their respective categories are as follow:

Winner:

Categories:

Rommel Espinosa and

Camilo Canlas (*Philippines*)

Tay Kok Wei (*Malaysia*)

Mohamad Long Abdul Rahman and

Lee Choon Wak (*Malaysia*)

Shane Reick (*Australia*)

Victor Valenzuela (*Philippines*)

(Gold Medal, Pastry Showpiece)

(Gold Medal with Distinction, Pastry Showpiece)

(Silver Medal, Ice-carving)

(Silver Medal for Pastry Showpiece)

(Bronze Medal, Pastry Showpiece)

(Bronze Medal, Ice-carving)

“We are very pleased with the outstanding achievement as it reflects the artistic skills of our chefs. Winning six medals out of eight entries highlights the quality and talent of Star Cruises’ chefs,” said Mr. Graham Cadman, Senior Vice President of Hotel Operations, Star Cruises.

“Cruisers on board **SuperStar Virgo** will be able to view the award-winning showpieces in the various alternative restaurants on board the ship,” added Mr. Cadman.

MORE ON STAR CRUISES

Following the acquisition of NCL Holdings this year, Star Cruises “*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*” has a combined fleet of 20 ships and over 21,000 lower berths. 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. Star Cruises is the winner of the Third Annual “Salute to Youth and Training 2000” awarded by Lloyd’s List and International Maritime Industry in London in March, 2000.

Presently, Star Cruises’ 12 ships are based throughout Asia-Pacific and Middle East 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 (Germany, Norway, 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 which provides more information on the cruise line and the itineraries.

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