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STAR CRUISES SHIP SIMULATOR HOSTS PILOTS
FROM PORT KLANG, MALAYSIA

Star Cruises, "*The First Global Cruise Line*" and "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" recently hosted a batch of three pilots from Port Klang, Malaysia who were attending a three-day ship-handling course as part of their training programme to be full-fledge licensed pilots. The pilots will return to the simulator within six months to complete the final two days of training before being awarded with a certificate.

"Port Klang Authority is the first port authority in Malaysia to introduce simulator training in the syllabus. The simulator training is aimed at exposing the pilots to more scenarios which are not possible under normal training circumstances, for instance close calls and collision-avoiding," said Capt. David Padman, Chairman of the Pilotage Committee and Assistant General Manager (Regulatory) of Port Klang Authority.

"The simulator training which can compensate actual training on the ship will also reduced the actual training period by six months, without compromising on quality. To date the Port Klang Authority, which is a regulatory and licensing body for aspiring pilots has approved simulator training for both North Port and West Port pilots," added Capt. David Padman.

"We are encouraged by the increasing awareness of the importance of simulator training to be included in the pilot training syllabus and are pleased to be able to play a role in providing a state-of-the-art facility and experienced trainers to facilitate this training," said Capt. Gustaf Gronberg, Vice President of Nautical and Fleet Captain of Star Cruises.

"The Star Cruises Ship Simulator is able to provide comprehensive simulator training for a variety of climactic conditions. Courses offered by the simulator includes Crew Resource Management or Bridge Resource Management, amongst others, which deals with human factor issues and are suitable for all categories of officers and maritime pilots as well as shore maritime operational staff," added Capt. Gustaf Gronberg.

ABOUT THE STAR CRUISES SHIP SIMULATOR

The Star Cruises Ship Simulator is located within the Star Cruises Terminal, Port Klang complex. Completed in 1998 at a cost of US\$5 million, the simulator is the only one of its kind in the world owned by a shipping company. The operation of the simulator is a joint-business agreement with the Danish Maritime Institute.

The simulator is able to simulate the environments of the various ports of call and climactic conditions. Combining audio and video effects, the simulator provides virtual-realistic scenarios of actual port scenes in Port Klang, Straits of Malacca, Langkawi, Kuantan, Kemaman, Singapore, Hong Kong, Xiamen, Phuket, Keelung, Saigon River and Ishigaki and many more. The training centre also conducts training programmes for officers from other shipping companies and has to date hosted pilots and officers from AP Moller, Singapore, MISC (Malaysia International Shipping Corporation Berhad), NSSPL (Neptune Ship Management Services Pte Ltd), Singapore, Hyundai, Korea and UNOCAL Thailand Ltd. Pilots from Xiamen (China), Saigon (Vietnam), Laem Chabang (Thailand), Hong Kong and Sydney, Brisbane, Freemantle and Melbourne (Australia) have also trained at the simulator.

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world operating a combined fleet of 19 ships with over 24,000 lower berths, with cruises to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and Antarctica. By end 2002, with the one ship currently on order, Star Cruises with Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL) will have over 26,000 lower berths. Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices in Australia, New Zealand, China, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and

the United States of America. For more information on Star Cruises and NCL, please visit www.starcruiises.com and www.ncl.com



The three pilots from West Port undergoing simulator training at the Star Cruises Ship Simulator



File picture of the Star Cruises Ship Simulator

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