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STAR CRUISES SPONSORS AND HOSTS PILOTS FROM THAILAND

Star Cruises, "The First Global Cruise Line" and "The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific" is pleased to announce that the Star Cruises Ship Simulator ("SCSS) located in Port Klang, Malaysia recently hosted six Thai pilots selected by the Port Authority of Thailand for a training programme conducted at the SCSS.

The three-day ship handling course for the pilots was conducted from 10-13 April 2002 by Captain Hans Hederstrom, SCSS' Manager and Principal Instructor.

The six scholarships were offered to the Port Authority of Thailand in conjunction with the official opening of the Star Cruises Terminal, Laem Chabang in May this year.

"Thailand is an important cruise hub and market in which Star Cruises has made substantial investments to develop cruise tourism and its supporting infrastructure. We recognise the importance of training and development and towards this we are pleased to be able to share our knowledge and expertise with the Port Authority of Thailand," said Mr. Chong Chee Tut, Star Cruises' Chief Operating Officer.

ABOUT THE STAR CRUISES SHIP SIMULATOR

The state-of-the-art Star Cruises Ship Simulator located within the Star Cruises Terminal, Port Klang complex is a joint venture with the world-renowned Danish Maritime Institute ("DMI"). Completed in 1998 at a cost of US\$5 million, the SCSS is the only one of its kind in the world owned by a shipping company. Today the SCSS is managed by Star Cruises and supported by DMI.

The SCSS 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 scenario 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 port studies training programmes for officers from other shipping companies.

Todate the SCSS has conducted training programmes for AP Moller (Singapore), NOL (Singapore), Malaysia International Shipping Corporation Berhad (MISC) Hyundai (Korea), UNOCAL (Thailand) and numerous other maritime pilots organisations in the region.



From left to right: Star Cruises' Vice President of Port Operations, Cmdr. Ku Yuen Mun, Lt. Kamheangridhirong Janeyuth, Lt. Puangmanee Chalee, Lt. Jg. Uboldejpracharak Piyachai, L. Cdr. Sangkhapreechar Yuttana, Sub. Lt. Karnsomlarp Narintorn, Mr. Xaowixarat Pinit and Capt. Hans Hederstrom, SCSS Manager and Principal Instructor



The Star Cruises Ship Simulator ("SCSS")

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises is the fourth largest cruise line in the world presently 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 under the Star Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, Orient Lines and Cruise Ferries brands. By end 2002, with the one ship currently on order, Star Cruises 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.starcruias.com and www.ncl.com

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