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**STAR CRUISES WINS TTG ASIA'S "BEST CRUISE OPERATOR  
IN ASIA-PACIFIC" AWARD FOR A RECORD SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW.**

Star Cruises, "*The First Global Cruise Line*" and "*The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*" is pleased to announce that it has won the "Best Cruise Operator in Asia-Pacific" from TTG Asia for the year 2002 for a record six consecutive years.

Star Cruises' Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Chong Chee Tut received the award on behalf of Star Cruises in a ceremony attended by travel trade professionals and members of the Thailand media.

"This is the sixth straight year since 1997 that Star Cruises has been awarded with the highest honour for this category and we are extremely pleased and encouraged by the continuous industry recognition. It is certainly a tremendous honour whether winning it for the first or sixth time. I am sure that this recognition will motivate all of us at Star Cruises even more to strive for greater excellence while maintaining the high standards that Star Cruises is well known for," said Mr. Chong.

"I would also like to thank everyone in the travel trade, past cruisers, TTG Asia and loyal supporters of Star Cruises for their encouragement. Credit must also go to Star Cruises' management and employees who have made it possible for us to win this prestigious award again. Last but not least the tourism body, Ministry of Transport, local authorities and custom and immigration authorities."

"Star Cruises will continue to make new inroads in developing the cruise industry in Asia-Pacific further while improving on the quality of the existing itineraries as well as our onboard service. We will also continue with our resolve to venture further in Asia-Pacific by opening up the China market," added Mr. Chong

### **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, Hawaii, 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 delivery of Norwegian Dawn, 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.starcruises.com](http://www.starcruises.com) and [www.ncl.com](http://www.ncl.com)

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