



**COMPANY STATEMENT
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STAR CRUISES CLARIFIES MEDIA REPORTS

Star Cruises wishes to inform that two of its crew of Indian nationality have been placed under observation at hospitals in Singapore and Malaysia after displaying symptoms such as fever and coughing.

The first of the two crew was admitted to the Langkawi Hospital on Monday, 7th April 2003. Based on the latest available reports, the crew has responded positively to medication and the crew is expected to be discharged from the hospital in a day or two pending confirmation of further medical results.

The other crew was admitted to the Tan Tock Seng hospital in Singapore on 9th April 2003 for observation and treatment for high fever.

As an immediate voluntary precautionary measure, Star Cruises had quarantined 13 crew who are believed to have been in contact with the above crew onboard the cruise ship.

Star Cruises has taken every proactive and precautionary measure within its capacity since the onset of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in certain countries in this region. Such measures even include the wearing of surgical masks by all crew at all times and the suspension of crew shore leave in SARS-affected countries with effect from 29th March 2003. Any passenger or crew who displays symptoms related to SARS will be denied boarding the ship in compliance with directives issued by health authorities in Singapore and Malaysia. Any crew who displays such symptoms will be sent to a land-based hospital for further observation.

In view of this development, coupled with the unabated nature of SARS which have not helped consumer confidence in the domestic and international markets, as well as to further protect our passengers and crew, Star Cruises has taken the decisive step to cancel the next two cruises scheduled for SuperStar Virgo departing from Singapore. The affected cruises are the 3-Day/2-Night weekend cruise departing tonight and the longer 6-Day/5-Night cruise to Bangkok and Ko Samui departing on 13th April 2003. Star Cruises will also re-look and review its ships' present itinerary as the SARS situation unfolds.

As a gesture of goodwill, Star Cruises will offer a full refund on the cruise fare and hotel accommodation, wherever applicable to all passengers who have already booked a cruise on these two dates. Star Cruises' travel agents in the various countries have also been updated on the measures taken by the company to counter SARS.

Star Cruises is presently working very closely with the Ministries of Health, maritime and port health authorities of both Singapore and Malaysia and will extend its fullest cooperation in arresting the SARS situation.

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