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**STAR CRUISES CHAIRMAN TAN SRI LIM KOK THAY
APPOINTED AS HONORARY PROFESSOR
OF XIAMEN UNIVERSITY**

The Chairman of **Star Cruises Limited** Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay was presented honorary professorship by Xiamen University of China. The good news is accompanied by the announcement of Star Cruises on a HKD6 million donation to the Tourism Department of the university for the building of a property to be named after Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong, the late founder of the Group who passed away in October last year.

Anxi is the birthplace of Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong who left Fujian for Malaysia at 19 years old with just a bag and little money. With his great determination, hard work and courage, Genting Group was transformed from a small family business into an international conglomerate with global brands that are synonymous with resorts, entertainment and cruise operations around the world.

The donation and appointment ceremonies were held at the Xiamen University recently. To show the greatest respect for the occasion, Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay traveled with his mother Puan Sri Lee Kim Hua and brother Dato' Lim Chee Wah from Malaysia to China to present the donation to President Zhu Chong-Shi who received on behalf of the university.

The "Honorary Professorship of Xiamen University", with approval by the Education Department of China, is the highest honor presented by the university to people who have gained outstanding achievements. Since the establishment of the university, only about 10 honorary professorships have been presented and the appointees include distinguished scholars, entrepreneurs and social activists including 7 Nobel laureates and Mr Michael Dell, the President of Dell Inc. Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay said upon presentation of the honorary professorship, "It is with greatest honor and excitement that I received the important appointment from Xiamen University. Xiamen is the home city of my late father Tan Sri Lim Goh Tong while Xiamen University being a prestigious university, has nurtured numerous young talents for the betterment of the People Republic of China. Although my father was away from home since young, his heart had



never left Fujian. It has been his wish to contribute to the development of the country of his birth. The donation will be made to the Department of Tourism for the building of a property in the name of my late father to further enhance the facilities of the school. It is also a small token which my family hope will contribute to the development and growth of tourism industry of the city of Xiamen, and there on China. It is my desire and hope that this donation will be the first of many to come, to further develop and strengthen the continuing relationship between Genting Group and Xiamen University.”

Upon appointment, Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay delivered a lecture on the future development of the China cruise industry and shared with the professors and students his experience on tourism and entertainment.

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About Star Cruises

Star Cruises, the third largest cruise operator in the world, is a global cruise brand with a combined fleet of 21 ships with about 33,300 lower berths in service with an additional 2 ships and some 8,400 lower berths due to be delivered by 2010, cruising to destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean, Bermuda and the Antarctica under the Star Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line, NCL America, Orient Lines and Cruise Ferries brands.

About Xiamen University

Xiamen University, established in 1921, is one of the major universities in China. There are 18 schools comprising of 45 departments and more than 80 research institutes. The University has a strong team of more 2,000 teaching staff and now has a total enrollment of over 30,000 full-time students.



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1. Chairman of Star Cruises Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay (2nd on right), together with his mother Puan Sri Lee Kim Hua and brother Dato' Lim Chee Wah (1st on right) presented the HKD6 million donation to President Zhu Chong-Shi (3rd on left) for the development of the Tourism Development.



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2. President of Xiamen University Zhu Chong-Shi (left) presented appointment certificate of honorary professor to Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay.