



Press Release

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“The Place to Play”
Soft Opening of Resorts World at Manila

Star Cruises Group is pleased to announce the soft opening of Resorts World at Manila, its first foray in a land-based attraction which opened its doors to the public on 28 August 2009. This project marks the placing of the Philippines in the fast expanding tourism pie in the leisure, entertainment and hospitality industry in the region.

Located on the 25-hectare Newport City, opposite the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in Pasay City, Resorts World at Manila when completed is expected to be the newest leisure, entertainment and hospitality facility in Asia featuring:

- a 342-room five-star Marriott Hotel and 172 all-suites Maxims Hotel;
- four high-end cinemas and a 1,200-seat theatre for the performing arts showcasing internationally renowned entertainers;
- 30,000 square meters of retail and dining floor including four-levels of luxury brand stores and over 200 retail and food & beverage outlets; and
- 30,000 square meters of gaming floor, the largest in the Philippines.

The soft opening was officiated by Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay, Chairman and Chief Executive of Genting Group, Mr. Andrew Tan, Chairman of Alliance Global Group, Inc., the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR), Mr. Efraim C. Genuino and Commissioner Marcelino C. Libanan of the Bureau of Immigration, accompanied by Mr. David Chua, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Travellers International Hotel Group, Inc. (Travellers), Mr. Kingson Sian, President of Travellers, Mr. Rafael A. Francisco, President and Chief Operating Officer of PAGCOR, and senior management of the respective organisations.

Resorts World at Manila has tapped the local talent pool and created employment opportunities for local Filipinos by hiring up to 3,000 staff across various operations at the property. Star Cruises itself has also shifted and relocated its entire surveillance and call centre operations to Star Cruises Centre which is situated at the Newport City site. Travellers for the past 5 months has been training locally hired staff at the Genting-Star Training Academy on site and intends to send candidates abroad to other Genting Group and/or Star Cruises establishments to gain overseas working experience with the view of the candidates returning to the Philippines with an in-demand skills set.

This project is a reflection of PAGCOR's vision in boosting the country's tourism industry and in employment creation. The opening of this project marks the realization of PAGCOR Chairman's vision.

ABOUT RESORTS WORLD AT MANILA

Resorts World at Manila, one of the premier leisure, hospitality and entertainment brands under the Genting Group is the entity that encompasses both Maxims Hotel and the gaming component of Newport City. Resorts World at Manila will ensure that guests receive only the best experience, with special events that include fine dining, gourmet evenings, wine tasting, live music and special performances, and casino evenings. For a fun evening with your loved ones, friends, work colleagues or perhaps business clients, Resorts World at Manila has been designed to create the perfect evening with great gaming, enjoyable entertainment and superb food to satisfy your every whim. With over 60,000 square meters of floor area, it is the largest leisure, entertainment and hospitality facility ever operated in the Philippines.

ABOUT TRAVELLERS

A joint venture between AGI and Star Cruises raises the bar of luxury Lifestyle and Entertainment in the country. The first project of the company is the Newport Entertainment and Commercial Centre located in Newport City, a luxurious entertainment destination located across the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3. The Lifestyle Center houses Resorts World at Manila, Maxims Hotel, Marriot Hotel Manila and the Newport Mall.

ABOUT STAR CRUISES

Star Cruises, together with its jointly controlled entity, Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL), is the third largest cruise operator in the world with a combined fleet of 16 ships cruising to over 200 destinations in the world, offering close to 30,000 lower berths while NCL is presently building a new third generation Freestyle Cruising project known as F3, for delivery in 2010. The fleet cruises to over 200 destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean and Bermuda under the Star Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line.

Headquartered in Hong Kong, Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices and representatives in Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

ABOUT ALLIANCE GLOBAL GROUP, INC.

AGI's interests in the food & beverage industry, property development and quick service restaurant operations have branded them as one of the largest conglomerates in the country to date. Its subsidiary, Megaworld, is the largest residential developer in the country and whose name has subsequently become synonymous with high-end city living through its various high-rise properties.

ABOUT GENTING GROUP

The Genting Group is recognised as one of Asia's best managed conglomerates. The Group is involved in leisure & hospitality, power, plantation, property, biotechnology and oil & gas related activities. With over 27,000 employees, 4,500 hectares of prime resort land and about 134,000 hectares of plantation land, the Group is committed to be the leading Asian conglomerate at the forefront of global businesses

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