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## **Star Cruises Clinches “Times Travel Honours 2011 Excellence Award”**

**Hong Kong / Mumbai, 21 October, 2011** - Star Cruises, the leading cruise line in Asia-Pacific, announced today that it has been awarded the “Times Travel Honours 2011 Excellence Award - Cruise Liner” in India.

Star Cruises is the only cruise line presented with any accolade in the awards, which celebrates and recognizes excellence in the Indian travel industry. It was organized by Times Travel Academy, a body of over 200 travel industry leaders from leading travel & tourism companies and initiated by the Times Group in India.

Mr Michael Goh, Senior Vice President, Sales, Star Cruises, said, “We are honoured by the inaugural Times Travel Honours award. We are grateful that the Times Travel Academy recognized the success of Star Cruises in creating fun and memorable cruise holiday for outbound passengers from India. We would also like to thank our partners in the Indian travel industry for their continuous support throughout the years.”

He continued, “As a leading cruise line, Star Cruises introduces new itineraries to enrich cruise holidaymakers’ experience. Starting from next month, our passengers will embark on our new Sanya-Vietnam cruises onboard SuperStar Aquarius. Among other things, this combines Sanya’s sun-and-beach fun as well as Vietnam’s rich historical sightseeing in one trip. We are confident this will bring new holiday excitement to Indian as well as worldwide holidaymakers.”

The Times Travel Honours Excellence awards was adjudicated by a group of subject matter experts who select winners in categories including cruise line, airlines, hotels and tour operators.



Star Cruises will be the first international cruise line operator to homeport in Sanya. From November 4, the 51,039-gross-tonnage SuperStar Aquarius will be homeported in Sanya and offer two- and three-nights destination cruises to Halong Bay, Danang and Hué. The new cruises will take advantage of the cool and sunny weather in Sanya, coupled with duty free shopping, sightseeing, entertainment and cultural shore excursion options which the four ports are famous for.



Mr Naresh Rawal, Assistant Vice President, Sales, India & South Asia, Star Cruises, receives the “Times Travel Honours 2011 Excellence Award - Cruise Liner” in India.

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### **About Star Cruises**

Star Cruises, together with Norwegian Cruise Line, is the third largest cruise operator in the world that owns a combined fleet of 18 ships visiting over 200 destinations in the world, offering approximately 35,000 lower berths.

The fleet cruises to over 200 destinations and islands in Asia-Pacific, North and South America, Hawaii, Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mediterranean and Bermuda.

Star Cruises is represented in more than 20 locations worldwide with offices and representatives in Hong Kong, Australia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia,



New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam.

### **About SuperStar Aquarius**

SuperStar Aquarius, at 51,039-grt, is 229.84m long, 28.5m wide and its average cruising speed is 18kn. The 13-storey high SuperStar Aquarius offers 765 cabins with 1,529 lower berths. The full range facilities include 9 restaurants and bars offering international cuisine which satisfy all tastes, karaoke, basketball court, golf driving range and outdoor Jacuzzi. The endless entertainment program onboard guarantees spectacular cruising experience to families, friends and youths.

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