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## **SuperStar Aquarius Welcomed in Danang and Halong Bay**

**Hong Kong, 8 November, 2011** - Star Cruises, the leading cruise line operator in Asia-Pacific, successfully deployed SuperStar Aquarius to homeport in Sanya on 3 November and embarked on five months of Sanya-Vietnam cruises calling at Danang, Halong Bay and Hue. The 51,039-tonnage ship, crew and passengers were welcomed by a number of government officials at the first two calls in Danang (Nov 5) and Halong Bay (Nov 7).

Two festive welcome ceremonies, featuring traditional Vietnamese performances and lion dances, were held at the two Vietnamese ports. Government officials presented SuperStar Aquarius passengers with fresh flower garlands, symbolizing the start of a new and memorable journey.

At the Danang welcome ceremony onboard, Mr Michael Goh, Senior Vice President, Sales, Star Cruises, and Ms Pham Le Thao, Deputy Director General, Travel Industry Management Department of Vietnam National Administration of Tourism, graced the ceremony along with key representatives. Mr Goh said, "SuperStar Aquarius will bring our international passengers to explore Danang's tourist attractions, like the historical Hoi An town, the World Heritage Site My Son, the scenic beach or even enjoy a round of golf. They will share their experience about Danang with friends and relatives and this will help to promote tourism for Danang."

Mr. Goh thanked the governments and the authorities of Danang and Halong Bay for their keen support that made these ports of call a great success. SuperStar Aquarius Captain Carl Johan Nilermark welcomed government officials onboard in Halong Bay and exchanged souvenirs with Mr. Nguyen Van Chieu, Director of Foreign Affair Department of Vietnam's Quang Ninh Province.



Star Cruises is the first international cruise line to homeport in Sanya. The vessel is offering 4D3N and 3D2N cruises from Sanya to Danang, Halong Bay and Hue. There will be 62 cruises in the five-month deployment and it is expected to welcome around 100,000 passengers to the homeport city and three ports of call.



Mr Michael Goh (left), Senior Vice President, Sales, Star Cruises, and Ms Pham Le Thao, Deputy Director General, Travel Industry Management Department of Vietnam National Administration of Tourism, exchange souvenirs at the welcome ceremony onboard SuperStar Aquarius in Danang. The vessel has commenced its five-month deployment with cruises from homeport Sanya to Danang, Halong Bay and Hue.



SuperStar Aquarius Captain Carl Johan Nilermark welcomes the Halong Bay government officials onboard and exchange souvenirs with Mr. Nguyen Van Chieu, Director of Foreign Affair Department of Vietnam's Quang Ninh Province.

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### **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.

### **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.

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