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**Star Cruises Savours Success at the Battle of the Chefs 2016  
With 18 Medals and 11 Diplomas, including 2 Awards of Excellence**

**Penang (Malaysia), 8 September, 2016** – Star Cruises, the leading cruise line in the Asia-Pacific celebrated another year of success at the Battle of the Chefs 2016 biennial competition. The Star Cruises’ team of chefs raised the bar this year by winning a total of 18 medals including 2 Gold, 7 Silver and 9 Bronze medals, together with 11 Diploma Awards and also securing the Most Outstanding Live Cooking Master Chef Award and the Most Outstanding US Potatoes Master Chef Challenge Award.

“This has been another incredible year for our Star Cruises chefs at the Battle of the Chefs 2016 competition, as they continue to hone their culinary skills, competing with both local and regional teams from across the industry. We are extremely proud of the team’s spectacular performance and their achievements,” said Mr. Cheng Foong Sim, Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations, Star Cruises. “However, we won’t rest on our laurels. Our chefs will continue to learn, grow and develop their talents to deliver authentic and innovative cuisines from across the region and globally, constantly reaffirming Star Cruises’ position as the leading culinary destination at sea.”

Led by Executive Chef Mr. Saifol Iskandar Ikhsan, the Star Cruises team emerged victorious in a series of Master Chefs Challenge categories at this year’s Battle of the Chefs competition, which was held at the SPICE Arena in Penang, Malaysia from 18-20 August 2016. The three-day challenge saw over 1,500 local and international chefs from 32 countries compete for the medals and recognitions.



Among the individual highlights at this year's competition was Mr. Shah Irwan Omar, Sous Chef of SuperStar Gemini whom was awarded the Most Outstanding Live Cooking Master Chef Award, accumulating two Gold, one Silver, one Bronze and two Diploma awards in the six classes of competition he contested. In addition, he also garnered the Most Outstanding US Potatoes Master Chef Challenge Award for accumulating the highest number of points in this class.

Fleet Executive Chef for Chinese Cuisine, Mr. Lee Eng Heng led three chefs, Executive Chef Mr. Choo Ngee Boon, Assistant Chinese Chef Mr. Ho Hon Mun and Executive Sous Chef Mr. Yee Chee Woon, as well as Pastry Chef, Mr. Alex Lono Navarro from Star Pisces to a bronze medal in the Imperial Jade Chinese Cuisine Championship. The team dazzled the judges with their innovative technique in creating an amazing 6-course set contemporary Chinese cuisine menu, sealing their position in the top three at the championship.

To celebrate Star Cruises' achievements at this year's Battle of the Chefs competition, Star Cruises is providing its guests the opportunity to experience exquisite cuisines exclusively crafted by the award-winning chefs on board SuperStar Gemini's 3D2N Malacca or Kuala Lumpur cruise, 3D2N High Seas cruise, and 4D3N Penang-Kuala Lumpur or Penang-Langkawi cruise.

Gold medal winning dishes will be available exclusively at Bella Vista, the western restaurant located on Deck 9 of SuperStar Gemini and will include scrumptious delights including '*Potato Lasagna with Lobster Fricassee and Spinach - accompanied with Potato Mousseline, served with Potato Lobster Velvet, Egg Crusted US Potato, Potato Cigar and Lobster Beurre Blanc*', and '*Pistachio Crusted Opal Valley Lamb Rack and Lamb Loin & Lamb Tortellini served with Celeriac Mousseline, Chantilly Vegetables, Garlic Mayo and Curry Apple Sauce*'.

In addition, Bella Vista will showcase silver and bronze medal dishes including '*Dum Brown Rice Briyani with Stewed Lamb Rack marinated with Spice Soya Sauce*' and the '*Oven*



*Baked Crusted Salmon with Pistachio and Crab Meat Pumpkin Puree, Mustard Cream Sauce and Spring Vegetables’.*

Don't miss this opportunity to join Star Cruises on board SuperStar Gemini for an unrivalled gastronomic adventure at sea.

On Star Cruises, every journey is a voyage of discovery and surprise.

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Led by Executive Chef, Mr. Saifol Iskandar Ikhsan (1<sup>st</sup> from the left), Star Cruises' chef team was awarded two Gold, seven Silver, nine Bronze medals and 11 diploma awards as well as the Most Outstanding Live Cooking Master Chef Award and the Most Outstanding US Potatoes Master Chef Challenge Award at the Battle of the Chefs 2016.



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Star Cruises' Fleet Executive Chef in Chinese Cuisine, Mr. Lee Eng Heng (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left) led three Chinese chefs and one pastry chef from Star Pisces to win a bronze medal in the Imperial Jade Chinese Cuisine Championship.



The two gold medal dishes – the *'Potato Lasagna with Lobster Fricassee and Spinach'* (left) as well as the *'Pistachio Crusted Opal Valley Lamb Rack and Lamb Loin'* (right) will be available exclusively at Bella Vista, the western cuisine restaurant located at Deck 9 on SuperStar Gemini.



Bella Vista will showcase and offer one of the silver and bronze medal dishes - the *'Dum Brown Rice Bryani'* and the *'Oven Baked Crusted Salmon'*.



### **About Genting Hong Kong Limited (“Genting Hong Kong”)**

Genting Hong Kong is a leading corporation principally engaged in the business of cruise and cruise related operations along with leisure, entertainment and hospitality activities.

As a pioneer in the Asian cruise industry, Genting Hong Kong took on the bold initiative to grow the Asia-Pacific as an international cruise destination with the founding of Star Cruises, “The Leading Cruise Line in the Asia Pacific”, in 1993. To further expand its cruise portfolio in the region, Genting Hong Kong launched Dream Cruises, the first-ever Asian luxury cruise line to cater to the high-end market. Recognized as “The World’s Most Awarded Luxury Cruise Line”, Crystal Cruises extends Genting Hong Kong’s reach in the global up-scale market. The establishment of the German shipyard MV Werften in 2016 will capitalize on the growing demand for new cruise ships and realize the company’s global expansion plans for its three cruise brands.

Initiating the Group’s foray into land-based attractions, Resorts World Manila was the first integrated resort in the Philippines when it opened in 2009. A one-stop, non-stop entertainment and leisure destination, Resorts World Manila features world-class entertainment, unique events, and exciting lifestyle options throughout its extensive premises. Genting Hong Kong’s investment in iconic Singapore nightlife brand Zouk – a world-class entertainment institution and trendsetter in Asia’s dance music scene, and perennial top-ten fixture in the annual DJ Mag Top 100 Clubs global poll - further diversifies the company’s appeal to a younger and more dynamic clientele.

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