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Genting Cruise Lines Wins Multiple International Accolades in 2019 for Dream, Crystal and Star Cruises

Hong Kong, 18 October 2019 – Genting Cruise Lines announced that its cruise line brands - Dream Cruises, Crystal Cruises and Star Cruises were once again honoured with a series of prestigious international awards and accolades from Asia and across the globe. With over 25 years of experience pioneering the cruise industry in Asia and beyond, Genting Cruise Lines continues to amass a vast array of recognitions, reflecting its commitment and success in further developing the cruise industry both in the region and globally with three of its leading cruise brands.

Recognized worldwide by the international cruise and travel industry and consumers, the well-renowned Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020 guide announced that Genting Dream and World Dream earned high marks, ranking 8th and 9th respectively for the “Large Resort Ship” category in the 2020 latest edition. Both Genting Dream in Singapore and World Dream in Hong Kong / Nansha (Guangzhou) are the only two ships to homeport year-round in Asia to be included in the Top 10 position for the “Large Resort Ship” category. With the latest addition of Explorer Dream as part of the Dream Cruises fleet, Explorer Dream also made her debut in the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020 guide under the “Mid-Sized Ship” category, ranked 17th in the Top 20 position.

At the Travel Weekly Asia 2019 Reader’s Choice Awards held in Singapore recently, Dream Cruises scored a ‘Hat Trick’ this year with three award wins for the “Best Cruise Line – Cuisine”, “Best Cruise Line – Entertainment” and “Best Cruise Line – Family” as voted by readers of Travel Weekly Asia, which comprises travel professionals within the hospitality industry. Genting Dream was also named “Asia’s Best Cruise Ship” at the 2019 Asia Cruise Awards presented during the 2019 Asia Cruise Forum in Jeju. In addition, at the 11th TravelMole Asia Pacific Awards 2019 in Singapore and in conjunction with ITB Asia, one of Asia’ largest B2B trade show & convention for the travel industry, Dream Cruises was voted “Cruise Line - Best Website”. Also, at this year’s 30th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2019 Ceremony held in Bangkok, Thailand, Dream Cruises continued its winning ways as the “Best Luxury Cruise Line” and garnered the Grand Jury Award at the SpaChina Awards 2019 for Dream Cruises’ Crystal Life Spa



With Crystal Cruises' growing presence in Asia under Genting Cruise Lines, the international award-winning ultra-luxury cruise brand was also recognized by the readers of Condé Nast Traveler China and was included in the 2019 Gold List, winning the "Best Small Ship Cruise Awards" in May 2019. Crystal further made history at the 2019 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards by taking top honors across every category that it was eligible. Crystal Cruises won "Best Medium-Ship Cruise Line", Crystal Yacht Cruises won "Best Small-Ship Cruise Line" and Crystal River Cruises won "Best River Cruise Line" in the magazine's annual awards. The Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry and this year marks a record of 26th year that Crystal has received top recognition in these celebrated awards.

Further solidifying Crystal Cruises' reputation as among the very finest cruise experiences in the world, Crystal Cruises' Crystal Serenity ranked 7th and Crystal Symphony ranked 8th in the "Mid-Sized Ship" category for the Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020 guide, carrying on the brand's vaunted tradition of excellence into 2020.

Joining Dream Cruises at the 30th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2019 winners' circle is Star Cruises - the first cruise line to be inducted into the Travel Trade Gazette's (TTG) "*Travel Hall of Fame*" for winning '*Best Cruise Operator in the Asia-Pacific*' ten years in a row. This year marks Star Cruises' twelfth consecutive year in receiving the industry's highest accolade. Star Cruises was also voted "*Asia's Leading Cruise Line 2019*" at this year's 26th Annual World Travel Awards Asia & Oceania Gala Ceremony 2019 held in Vietnam recently, marking Star Cruises' eighth consecutive win since 2012 with votes from the travel and tourism professionals worldwide.

"We began our journey over 25 years ago pioneering the Asian cruise industry and today under Genting Cruise Lines, we are charting new waters and achieving new milestones as we fulfill our global aspirations, thanks to the ongoing support of our passengers, trade partners and media friends. These accolades and recognitions for Dream Cruises, Crystal Cruises and Star Cruises only further fuel our commitment to expand our horizon with new innovative offerings that will cater to the different growing market segments in the region and globally," said Mr Kent Zhu, President of Genting Cruise Lines. "With a series of newbuilds in the production pipeline for our three leading cruise brands, we are confident that these new technologically advance ships will redefine the future of cruising and enhance the overall experience of a cruise vacation with Genting Cruise Lines."



Genting Cruise Lines' outstanding achievements have been recognized by 20 awards within half a year:

- 2019 Asia Pacific Cruise Economy Outstanding Contribution Award by the International Cruise Research Institutions Cooperation: Genting Hong Kong

Dream Cruises

- Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020:
 - i) Genting Dream ranked 8th in the Top 10 "Large Resort Ship" category
 - ii) World Dream ranked 9th in the Top 10 "Large Resort Ship" category
 - iii) Explorer Dream ranked 17th in the Top 20 "Mid-Sized Ship" category
- 30th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2019: 'Best Luxury Cruise Line'
- Travel Weekly Asia 2019 Reader's Choice Awards:-
 - i) "Best Cruise Line – Cuisine"
 - ii) "Best Cruise Line – Entertainment"
 - iii) "Best Cruise Line – Family"
- The 11th TravelMole Asia Pacific Awards 2019: "Cruise Line - Best Website"
- 2019 Asia Cruise Awards: Genting Dream was named "Asia's Best Cruise Ship"
- 2019 Asia Pacific Cruise Characteristic Dining Award: World Dream
- Grand Jury Award by the SpaChina Awards 2019: Dream Cruises' Crystal Life Spa

Crystal Cruises

- Condé Nast Traveler China: 2019 Gold List for the "Best Small Ship Cruise Awards"
- 2019 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards
 - i) Crystal Cruises won "Best Medium-Ship Cruise Line"
 - ii) Crystal Yacht Cruises won "Best Small-Ship Cruise Line"
 - iii) Crystal River Cruises won "Best River Cruise Line"
- Berlitz Cruising and Cruise Ships 2020:
 - i) Crystal Serenity ranked 7th in the "Mid-Sized Ship" category
 - ii) Crystal Symphony ranked 8th in the "Mid-Sized Ship" category

Star Cruises

- 30th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2019: TTG "Travel Hall of Fame"
- 26th Annual World Travel Awards Asia & Oceania Gala Ceremony 2019: "Asia's Leading Cruise Line 2019"



Mr. Michael Goh, President of Dream Cruises & Head of International Sales, Genting Cruise Lines (center) receiving the TTG Travel Awards “Travel Hall of Fame” Inductee Award on behalf of Star Cruises from Mr. Napintorn Srisunpang, Vice Minister of Tourism and Sports, Thailand (left) together with Mr. Darren Ng, Managing Director, TTG Asia Media (right) at the 30th TTG Travel Awards 2019 Ceremony & Gala Dinner in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 September 2019.



Mr. Michael Goh, President of Dream Cruises & Head of International Sales, Genting Cruise Lines (center) receiving the TTG Travel Awards for “Best Luxury Cruise Line” on behalf of Dream Cruises from Ms. Xu Yun, Former Chairperson of Sino Splendid Holdings Limited (left) together with Mr. Darren Ng, Managing Director, TTG Asia Media (right) at the 30th TTG Travel Awards 2019 Ceremony & Gala Dinner in Bangkok, Thailand on 26 September 2019



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(From left to right) Mr. Colin Kerr, Senior Vice President, Entertainment of Genting Cruise Lines, Mr. Michael Goh, President of Dream Cruises and Head of International Sales for Genting Cruise Lines, Mr. Kent Zhu, President of Genting Cruise Lines and Ms. Christine Li, Senior Vice President, Head of Marketing for Genting Cruise Lines, sharing the joy of winning.



Mr. Raymond Lim, Senior Vice President, Planning & Port Management of Genting Cruise Lines (right) received the “Asia’s Best Cruise Ship” award on behalf of Genting Dream from Mr. Won Hee-ryong, Governor Jeju Special Self-Governing Province.



At the 11th TravelMole Asia Pacific Awards 2019 in Singapore, Dream Cruises was also voted "Cruise Line - Best Website". Mr. Eric Tan, Vice President, Sales (Singapore) of Genting Cruise Lines (1st right) received the award from Tim Hentschel Co-Founder & CEO, HotelPlanner (2nd right), Paul Millan, Senior Vice President – Asia Pacific of Traveltek (2nd left) and Charles Kao, CEO & Publisher of TravelMole (1st left).

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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 in 1993. In 2015, to further expand its cruise portfolio in the region, Genting Hong Kong launched Dream Cruises to cater to the fastest growing Asian market. The same year, Genting finalized the acquisition of Crystal Cruises to extend Genting Hong Kong’s reach in the global up-scale market. The three cruise brands together are now collectively known as Genting Cruise Lines.

Genting bought three shipyards in Germany in 2016, collectively known as “MV Werften”, to build cruise ships up to 200,000 gross tons for its three cruise brands, following the purchase of Lloyd Werft the previous year which specializes in building Megayachts and other newbuilds.

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.

