

Press Release

## Quantum Leap Forward at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal

(20 June 2015, Hong Kong) – Worldwide Cruise Terminals (“WCT”), the operator of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, is delighted to welcome the inaugural berthing of Royal Caribbean’s new world-class passenger ship, Quantum of the Seas today, 20 June 2015. It is the largest cruise ship ever to visit Hong Kong, with a capacity to carry over 6,000 passengers and crew. WCT congratulates Royal Caribbean on their deployment of this cutting-edge ship to Asia, at its first stop in China – Hong Kong.

Balwin Yeung, head of sales and marketing of Royal Caribbean Cruises Hong Kong Ltd., said: “Since opening, Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (“KTCT”) has been the home of the Royal Caribbean fleet, which includes some of the largest and most impressive vessels in the region. As Quantum of the Seas sails into Hong Kong for the first time today, we are witness to a perfect match – the most technologically advanced cruise ship and the world’s best-appointed cruise terminal.

With the Voyager of the Seas homeporting season just around the corner, Royal Caribbean will continue to work closely with KTCT and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible cruise experience to our guests from Hong Kong and around the region.”

Jeff Bent, managing director of WCT, said: “We are delighted to welcome for the first time Royal Caribbean’s groundbreaking Quantum of the Seas, and look forward to receiving her again for turn calls later this year. The deployment of the newest ship in RCI’s fleet to Asia changes the game for cruising here, increasing awareness and further expanding the rapidly expanding ranks of cruisers in the region. It is a win for the industry, as the expansion of the Chinese source market will lead to growing business in other regions of the world as well.”

The Kai Tak Cruise Terminal will provide world class services to the ship and its passengers. Amenities at the cruise terminal include multiple restaurants and shops, and a rooftop garden popular with locals and visitors alike for its 360° views of Victoria Harbour and Hong Kong’s famous skyline.

Since the commencement of operation in mid-2013, the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal has enjoyed continuous growth in its year-round cruise business, with passenger numbers expected to double to 220,000 in 2015, and increase a further 50% in 2016. Lines calling at Kai Tak are scheduled to increase from 10 in 2015 to 17 in 2016. 80% of the calls are turn calls, and the passengers come from a variety of long and short haul markets, enabled by Hong Kong's visa-free access for ~170 nationalities and multiple daily direct flights to cities throughout North America, Europe, and the Asia Pacific.

The terminal is also a popular events venue, hosting some 10-20 events monthly, including car shows, public sporting events, product launches, corporate functions, weddings and more. It is a popular location for filming, and has served as a backdrop for local and international TV and film productions.

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### **About Worldwide Cruise Terminals**

Worldwide Cruise Terminals (or "WCT") is dedicated to the management and operation of Hong Kong's new Kai Tak Cruise Terminal ("KTCT") and development of Hong Kong as a cruise port. The state-of-the-art cruise terminal is set against the backdrop of Victoria Harbour and built on the former runway of the fabled Kai Tak airport. Both functional and beautiful, the iconic terminal was designed by the renowned Foster + Partners and has been described by Departures magazine as "The Rolls-Royce of Cruise Terminals". It has been awarded a provisional platinum BEAM Plus rating by the Hong Kong Green Building Council. It features spacious passenger and service areas, a 23,000 square meter rooftop garden with jaw-dropping views of Victoria Harbour and an impressive array of amenities. The terminal meets the demands of a new generation of super cruise liners and has the capacity to simultaneously handle two of the world's largest cruise ships. Its open design and spacious interior is highly flexible and offers an excellent venue for performances and events.

Excellent rail and air connectivity to mainland China and other major source markets, visa-free access for most nationalities, exciting nearby ports of call, a tropical climate and variety of urban and rural attractions make Kai Tak Cruise Terminal an ideal location for both homeporting and transit ship calls.



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