

Press Release

WCT Welcomes the Resumption of Local Cruising in Hong Kong

(30 July 2021, Hong Kong) – Worldwide Cruise Terminals (WCT), manager and operator of Hong Kong’s Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, welcomed the return of passenger operations by the Genting Dream on July 30th. The ship is the first to return to service in Hong Kong, following an extended quarantine period and crew vaccinations, and will sail three high-seas itineraries weekly.

Managing Director of WCT, Jeff Bent said, “We are delighted to witness the resumption of cruising in Hong Kong, and welcome back local holidaymakers. Enhanced hygienic measures in the terminal and onboard, along with the government’s vaccination and testing requirements for passengers and crew, will make this the safest vacation available this summer.”

“Passengers, visitors and crew members can rest assured knowing that WCT have added layers of protection to ensure a safe environment at the terminal. Protective measures include: UV-C sterilization throughout the HVAC, mobile UV-C decontamination units, ‘Excellent Class’ Indoor Air Quality rating and quick air replenishment rate, touch-free water/soap/towels in passenger area washrooms, recently upgraded temperature monitoring systems, frequent sanitization of touch points, daily checks and PPE for staff members, ample space for socially distanced operations by cruise line passenger handlers, onsite port health facilities, and a negative pressure isolation room.”

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He added, “We echo the government’s sentiments that the resumption of “cruise-to-nowhere” itineraries under prudent health precautionary measures can strike a proper balance between health protection, and the public aspirations for leisure travel. We look forward to welcoming more cruise ships and passengers back in the coming months.”

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About Worldwide Cruise Terminals

Worldwide Cruise Terminals (or “WCT”) is a joint venture majority owned by Worldwide Flight Services (“WFS”). It 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. It is ISO 9001 certified, and has received multiple port management awards including Asia Cruise Leaders Network’s Asia Best Cruise Home Port 2018 award, the biennial Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong’s Service Excellence Award in 2018, the APEC Green Port Award 2018 and 2020, Port of the Year finalist by Seatrade in 2016 and CCYIA’s Best Port Management award in 2015. As for the environment and corporate social responsibility, it was named a Barrier-Free Company in 2018, was one of three finalists for the Environment Initiative Award from the Seatrade Cruise Awards 2017, received the 7th Hong Kong Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Young Power and the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Logo Award, HKSAR’s Social Capital Builder Award from 2016 to 2020, multiple HSBC Green Achievement Awards, the Bank of China Environmental Leadership ECO-Partner Award from 2016 to 2020, Hong Kong’s Green Organisation Award from 2017 to 2020, as well as the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department’s Indoor Air Quality (Excellent Class) Certificate from 2015-2020.

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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 Hong Kong's wide variety of urban and rural, modern and historical, family and sophisticated gourmet attractions, make the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal an ideal location for both homeporting and transit ship calls.

Worldwide Cruise Terminals regularly uses the terminal as the venue for many star-studded and public and private functions, including fashion shows, car launches, athletic events, exhibitions, and conventions. It has featured in a number of local and international films, TV programs, and commercials. Details are available at <http://www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk/mice-venues/>

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