

Press Release

**WCT Applauds TPB Decision to Retain Two Plots Adjacent to the
Kai Tak Cruise Terminal for Hotel Use**

(20 June 2022, Hong Kong) - Worldwide Cruise Terminals (WCT), manager and operator of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, would like to applaud the Town Planning Board (TPB) on their just decision regarding the government's proposed conversion of five commercial plots to housing in the Kai Tak District, in which the TPB decided to retain two plots adjacent to the cruise terminal for hotel use.

Jeff Bent, Managing Director for WCT, said, "We appreciate that the TPB took into account the representation and presentation that WCT submitted and made on behalf of local cruise industry members, including cruise lines, travel agents, and supporting industry firms in ground handling, ship agency, and transport, as well as key legislators representing Transport, Tourism, Kowloon East, and the Kowloon City District Council."

Bent continued, "WCT notes that the cruise terminal surpassed the government's 2023 throughput estimates from 2016 until the pandemic, that cruising has already fully restarted in over 100 countries around the globe, and will hopefully resume in Hong Kong soon. Retention of adjacent hotels within walking distance will help to support the cruise terminal's competitiveness over the next 50 years, as well as reduce traffic and vehicle emissions. We look forward to seeing the Kai Tak District to continue to develop well in the coming years."

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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.

WCT is committed to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future, and has reduced the carbon footprint of the massive Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Building, a BEAM platinum-rated facility, by over 50%. It was awarded the APEC Green Port Award from 2018 to 2021, the Bank of China Environmental Leadership EcoPartner and EcoPioneer Award from 2016 to 2021, Hong Kong’s Green Organisation Award from 2017 to 2021, the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department’s Indoor Air Quality (Excellent Class) Certificate from 2015-2021, Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence from 2018-2021, Hong Kong Green Award’s Environmental, Health and Safety Award from 2019 to 2021, CLP’s Smart Energy Award 2021, Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management’s Excellence in Facility Management’s Bronze Award in Sustainability in 2020, multiple HSBC Green Achievement Awards, as well, it was one of three finalists for the Environment Initiative Award from the Seatrade Cruise Awards 2017.

WCT is an award-winning port management company, it is an ISO 9001 certified company and has been recognized with 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, Port of the Year finalist by Seatrade in 2016, CCYIA’s Best Port Management award in 2015, and Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management’s Excellence Award in Facility Management in 2020.

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As a socially responsible business, WCT was named an Equal Opportunity Employer, a Caring Company from 2015 to 2021, and a Barrier-Free Company from 2018 to 2021. It was awarded the HKSAR's 7th Hong Kong Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Young Power Award, the HKSAR's 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Logo Award, the HKSAR's Social Capital Builder Award from 2016 to 2021, as well as the GS1's Consumer Caring Company Award from 2018 to 2021.

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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