

Press Release

## **WCT Welcomes Resumption of International Cruise Ship Visits and New Homeport Deployment at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal**

(8 March 2023, Hong Kong) – Worldwide Cruise Terminals (WCT), manager and operator of the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, welcomes the resumption of international ship calls at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal and a new homeport deployment for Hong Kong from March 8<sup>th</sup>. WCT also welcomes the first day with four cruise ships at berth in Hong Kong since the restart of cruising, which will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

This momentous occasion not only marks the inaugural calls of both Mein Schiff 5 and Resorts World One at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal on March 8<sup>th</sup>, it also celebrates the return of international ships to Kai Tak for the first time in three years, and the commencement of new homeport operations by Resorts World Cruises.

Jeff Bent, Managing Director for WCT, shared, “The return of international ships and a new homeport deployment mark a positive restart for both cruising and Hong Kong. We are delighted to host cruise ships again for the first time in a year, and welcome international ships and visitors back for the first time in three years.”

Bent added, “The future for cruising is bright again as Hong Kong is set to receive calls from at least 16 cruise lines for over 150 calls in 2023. Hong Kong has done much to improve the attractiveness and infrastructure for cruising over the last few years, with new attractions in the West Kowloon Cultural District, a new one-stop boundary crossing, and closer to the cruise terminal, a new Kai Tak metro station, a new road connection, and new bus routes and services. We believe all these, in addition to recently-added transportation links such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and

Kai Tak Cruise Terminal  
33 Shing Fung Road Kowloon  
Hong Kong

[www.wfs.aero](http://www.wfs.aero)  
[www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk](http://www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk)  
[www.worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk](http://www.worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk)  
Tel: (+852) 3465 6888  
Fax: (+852) 2522 9133

the High Speed Rail, will boost Hong Kong's international connectivity for cruise passengers, provide more options for pre- and post-trip excursions in the Greater Bay Area, and make Hong Kong a more attractive destination and homeport.

Bent concluded, "WCT also recently passed both International Standard ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 45001:2018 Certification Audits, displaying our strong commitment to environmental management, as well as occupational health and safety standards. We will continue to enhance the experience for cruise lines and their guests in years to come."

— End —

### **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 has successfully passed International Standard ISO 14001:2015 environmental management system certification audit. In addition, WCT was awarded the APEC Green Port Award from 2018 to current, the Bank of China Environmental Leadership EcoPartner and EcoPioneer Award from 2016 to current, Hong Kong's Green Organisation Award from 2017 to current, the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department's Indoor Air Quality (Excellent Class) Certificate from 2015 to current, Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence



from 2018 to current, Hong Kong Green Award's Environmental, Health and Safety Award from 2019 to current, 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 9001:2015 quality management system 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.

As a socially responsible business, WCT has successfully passed International Standard ISO 45001:2018 occupational health and safety management system certification audit. WCT was also named an Equal Opportunity Employer, a Caring Company from 2015 to current, and a Barrier-Free Company from 2018 to current. It was awarded the UNSDG Achievement Awards 2022 (Recognised Organisation) in 2022, HKSAR's 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Young Power Award, the HKSAR's 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Logo Award, the HKSAR's Social Capital Builder Award from 2016 to current, as well as the GS1's Consumer Caring Company Award from 2018 to current.

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,

Kai Tak Cruise Terminal  
33 Shing Fung Road Kowloon  
Hong Kong

[www.wfs.aero](http://www.wfs.aero)  
[www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk](http://www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk)  
[www.worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk](http://www.worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk)  
Tel: (+852) 3465 6888  
Fax: (+852) 2522 9133

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/>

This press release is dispatched by Worldwide Cruise Terminals. For media enquiries, please contact Mr. Justin Tung at: Email: [jtung@worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk](mailto:jtung@worldwidecruiseterminals.com.hk) / Tel: +852 3465-6887.