

# Cruise Ships Firstly Called at Hakata Port

Among cruise ships scheduled to firstly call at Hakata Port in 2015, two ships made maiden calls at the port.

## (1) The maiden call by Celebrity Millennium

On Thursday, February 19th, 2015, a cruise ship, Celebrity Millennium firstly called at Hakata. The ship operated by Celebrity Cruises, a premium-class cruise line of Royal Caribbean Cruises Limited brought Fukuoka City some 1,500 guests mainly from China.

To commemorate the maiden call, a welcome ceremony was held on board the ship. Mr. Hiroshi Ishihara, Chief Executive of Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau gave a welcome speech at the ceremony and presented the ship commemorative gifts with representatives from Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference (Secretariat office: Kyushu District Transport Bureau) and Hakata Port Promotion Association. At the departure of Celebrity Millennium, we sent off the ship with the drum performance by Japan Marvelous, a Japanese musical band.



Left: Celebrity Millennium before berthing

Top right: (From left) Hiroshi Ishihara, Chief Executive of Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, Konstantinos Nestoroudis, Captain

Bottom right: (From left) Kenji Takiguchi, Vice Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association, Koji Tanaka, Chairman of Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference, Hiroshi Ishihara, Chief Executive of Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, Konstantinos Nestoroudis, Captain, Martin Fowler, Hotel Director, Pierre Caruana, Staff Captain, Kokkalis Nikolaos, Chief Engineer and Steve Gayda, Cruise Director

## ■ Outline of Celebrity Millennium

(Source: Cruise Ship Collection 2014-2015 published by Kaiji Press Co., Ltd.)

Gross tonnage: 90,963t LOA: 294.00m Draft: 8.30m

Total passenger capacity: 2,368 Ship registry: Malta

Cruise line: Celebrity Cruises (Head office: America)

## (2) The maiden call by L'Austral

On Thursday, April 2nd, 2015, a cruise ship, L'Austral firstly called at Hakata. Some 150 passengers mainly from France visited Fukuoka and went sightseeing in and around the city such as Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine and Kushida Shrine.

To commemorate the maiden call, a welcome ceremony was held on board the ship. Mr. Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City and Mr. Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association welcomed the call and presented gifts to the ship. At the departure, we sent off the ship with the drum performance by Japan Marvelous, the Japanese musical band.



Bottom of the middle: (From left) Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City, Mickael Debien, Captain, Christian Deniel, Hotel Director and Johanna Stansfield, Guest Relations Manager

### ■ Outline of L'Austral

(Source: Cruise Ship Collection 2014-2015 published by Kaiji Press Co., Ltd.)

L'Austral is a premium-class cruise ship operated by Ponant (Head office: France). Ponant targets a French-speaking market and operates small-sized ships that mainly provide cruises calling at small ports that large-sized cruise ships do not call. The ships are well-known as the gastronomic cruise ship.

Gross tonnage: 10,700t LOA: 142.10m Draft: 4.80m

Total passenger capacity: 264 Ship registry: France

Cruise line: Ponant (Head office: France)

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