

Opening of Chuo Wharf Cruise Center Turnaround Cruise to/from Hakata

Chuo Wharf Cruise Center that the port had started construction at Chuo Wharf in the second half of the fiscal year 2014 opened on Sunday, May 17th.

Prior to opening the cruise center, the port held a completion ceremony on Sunday, April 26th and welcomed many attendees mainly from Fukuoka.

On the 26th, the center was temporarily opened for check-in procedures for a chartered cruise by JTB Kyushu and packed with many guests. The passengers boarded a cruise ship, Costa Victoria through the cruise center and departed for Taiwan and Ishigakijima Island.

The number of cruise passengers set out on a turnaround cruise from Hakata Port on that day was about 2,000, the largest number the port ever handled for turnaround cruises so the port also enjoyed its memorable day.



Chuo Wharf Cruise Center and Costa Victoria



Top left: Cruise center from the ship

Top right: Send-off performance by Fukuoka municipal Fire Department Musical Band

Bottom left: Send-off by citizens

■ Chuo Wharf Cruise Center

- One-story building
- Land area: approx. 2,800m²
(Waiting lobby: approx. 1,300m², Customs, Immigration and Quarantine: approx. 1,500m²)
- Up to 20 immigration booths available

■ Outline of a cruise ship, Costa Victoria

(Source: Cruise Ship Collection 2014-2015 published by KAIJI PRESS CO., LTD)

Gross tonnage: 75,166t LOA: 252.91m Draft: 8.00m

Total capacity: 2,394 Ship registry: Italy Cruise line: Costa Cruises (Head office: Italy)

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