

Maiden Calls at Hakata

Among cruise ships scheduled to make maiden calls at Hakata in 2015, the port welcomed two cruise ships.

(1) The maiden call of Costa Serena

A cruise ship, Costa Serena made the first call at Hakata Port on Thursday, April 30th, 2015. The ship is the largest Costa ship ever called at the port and brought about 3,500 passengers mainly from China to Fukuoka City.

The port held a welcome ceremony on board and celebrated the maiden call. At the ceremony, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City and Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association welcomed the ship and presented gifts. When the ship departed the port, a Japanese musical band, Japan Marvelous gave a send-off performance.



Left: Costa Serena before being berthed

Top right: (from left) Alfredo Romeo, Master, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City

Bottom right: (from left) Junichiro Nakashima, Chief Executive of Port & Harbor Bureau, Massimiliano Mocerino, Hotel Director, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor, Alfredo Romeo, Master, Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association, Hiroshi Ishihara, Chief Executive Planning, Operation and Promotion of Port & Harbor Bureau, Takayuki Nanri, Executive Director of Port & Harbor Bureau, Mac Takahashi, Manager of Cruise Promotion Section of Port & Harbor Bureau

■ Outline of a cruise ship, Costa Serena

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

Gross tonnage: 114,147t LOA: 289.59m Draft: 8.30m

Total capacity: 3,780 Ship registry: Italy

Cruise line: Costa Cruises (Head office: Italy)

(2) The maiden call of SkySea Golden Era

A cruise ship, SkySea Golden Era made the first call at Hakata Port on Sunday, May 17th, 2015. The ship is operated by SkySea Cruise Line, a joint venture of Ctrip.com International Ltd., a major online travel company headquartered in Shanghai and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. of the United States, and brought about 1,400 passengers mainly from China to Fukuoka City.

The port held a ceremony to welcome the maiden call at Chuo Wharf Cruise Center that opened on the same day. Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City gave a welcome speech and presented gifts with representatives of Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference (Secretariat: Kyushu District Transport Bureau) and Hakata Port Promotion Association. When the ship departed the port, a Japanese musical band, Japan Marvelous gave a send-off performance.



Top right: (from left) Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City, Theodoros Zakkas, Master
Bottom left: (from left) Hiroshi Ishihara, Chief Executive Planning, Operation and Promotion of Port & Harbor Bureau, Junichiro Nakashima, Chief Executive of Port & Harbor Bureau, Hiroshi Yamada, Vice Chairman of Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference, Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor, Min Fan, Chairman and CEO of SkySea Cruise Line, Theodoros Zakkas, Master, James Jianzhang Liang, Chairman and CEO of Ctrip.com International Ltd. and other executives and crews from SkySea Cruise Line

- Outline of a cruise ship, SkySea Golden Era
Gross tonnage: 72,458t LOA: 248.52m Draft: 8.02m
Total capacity: 2,163 Ship registry: Malta
Cruise line: SkySea Cruise Line (Head office: China)

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