

# Maiden Call of Quantum of the Seas

On Saturday, June 27th, 2015, Quantum of the Seas, the largest cruise ship ever allocated in Asian market made the first call to Hakata Port. The cruise ship boasts the largest gross tonnage and passenger capacity among cruise ships ever called to Hakata or Japan. Some 4,450 passengers, mainly from China visited Fukuoka and enjoyed sightseeing.

Quantum of the Seas is the second largest cruise ship in the world and a new ship that has just started service in November, 2014. To commemorate the maiden call, Hakata Port held a welcome ceremony on board. Fukuoka City and many related parties including the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference and Hakata Port Promotion Association attended the ceremony and welcomed the ship. When the ship arrived at the port, a Japanese musical band, Japan Marvelous gave a welcome performance.



Top left: Quantum of the Seas entering Hakata Port

Top right: (from left) Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City and Srecko Ban, Master

Bottom: ceremony attendees celebrating the maiden call

■ Welcome ceremony for the maiden call

- 1 Date: 12:40-16:00, Saturday, June 27th, 2015
- 2 Place: Two70 (Two Seventy) of Quantum of the Seas
- 3 Program:

12:40-13:15 Welcome ceremony

- Speech by Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City
- Speech by Takashi Owaki, Director-General, Ports and Harbours Bureau, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- Gift presentation
  - a) Hakata Doll and a plaque from Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City to Srecko Ban, Master
  - b) Flowers from Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman of Hakata Port Promotion Association to Dean Bailey, Hotel Director
  - c) Hakata Doll from Toshinori Sugimachi, Secretary General of Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference to Nikola Petrovic, Chief Engineer
- Speech by Srecko Ban, Master
- Speech by Thomas Wang, Director of Sales and Marketing North Asia of Royal Caribbean International
- Watch a promotional video
- Toast
- Photography

13:15-13:30 Joint press conference by Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka City, Master of the ship and Director of Royal Caribbean International

15:00- On-board tour for about an hour

16:00- Disembarkation

■ Outline of a cruise ship, Quantum of the Seas

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Gross tonnage: 167,800t LOA: 347.80m Draft: 8.53m

Passenger capacity: 4,905 Ship registry: Bahamas

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