

The Second Cruise Seminar for Teachers Was Held

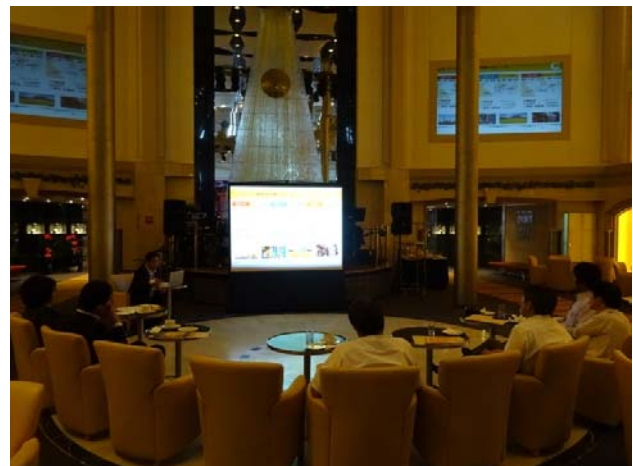
On Friday, August 28, 2015, Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau held a cruise seminar for high school teachers on board Costa Victoria berthed at the port. The purpose of the seminar was to introduce teachers cruising as a new way of school excursions and training programs abroad for high school students. It was the second seminar for teachers held by Hakata Port, followed by the last year's seminar.

After the ship tour, the teachers, the cruise line, a travel agent and the port bureau exchanged opinions.

We received positive views from the teachers such as 'We found out that cruising was an inexpensive way of travel.', 'Once I enter a ship, I feel like I am in a foreign country.' and 'We can run an educational program by utilizing a unique environment of a cruise ship'.

On the other hand, some teachers said, 'We make a draft plan of school events around autumn of the previous year and announce a one-year schedule in April when our school year starts. A school excursion is conducted in the second year and we have to inform a destination, an itinerary and a travel cost on the day we hold an entrance ceremony. We could use a cruise ship if a ship itinerary were finalized several years before the cruising just like liner ferries. It would be difficult to include cruising in our school events if its itinerary is not finalized one year before.'

Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau greatly appreciates these opinions as they are helpful for our future activities to invite more turnaround cruises to Hakata and explore the market.



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