

# Hakata Port Cruise Seminar Was Held

Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, Fukuoka City held Hakata Port Cruise Seminar to introduce cruise ships calling at the port and increase the number of turnaround cruises at Hakata. The seminar invited Masaaki Higashiyama, Mercury Travel Co., Ltd., who talked mainly about L'Austral, a cruise ship of Compagnie du Ponant (Head office: France) which is scheduled to make its maiden call at Hakata Port on April 2nd this year. The theme of Mr. Higashiyama's lecture was 'Traveling around Japan by the Gastronomic Cruise Ship'.

After the seminar, the participants saw off Asuka II, a cruise ship which called at the port on that day, waving their hands with colorful gloves. The ship cancelled its event of throwing paper tapes due to the bad weather.

1. Date: 13:00-15:30, Thursday, January 22nd, 2015
2. Venue: Bayside Hall (13-6, Chikko-honmachi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka City)
3. Program
  - 13:00-13:15 Welcome participants at Bayside Hall
  - 13:15-14:15 Cruise seminar
    - 'Cruise Ships Calling at Hakata Port'  
Hitoshi Nakamura, Director, Cruise Promotion Section,  
Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, Fukuoka City
    - 'Traveling around Japan by the Gastronomic Cruise Ship'  
Masaaki Higashiyama, President, Mercury Travel Co., Ltd.
  - 14:30- Depart Bayside Place Hakata by bus
  - 14:45-15:15 See off a cruise ship, Asuka II
  - 15:15-15:30 Return to Bayside Place Hakata by bus – end of the event

\*The next cruise seminar will be held on Saturday, March 21st and welcome Akira Kato, Miki Tourist, a Japanese general sales agency for Royal Caribbean International as a speaker. The lecture theme is 'Casual Cruises by Large Cruise Ships'.



Left:  
Presentation by Director of  
Cruise Promotion Section,  
Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau,  
Fukuoka City



Right:  
Presentation by Mr. Higashiyama,  
Mercury Travel Co., Ltd.



Left: Seeing off Asuka II

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