



MEDIA RELEASE

QUEEN MARY 2 SAILS INTO PORT KLANG

As Malaysia welcomes visitors from all over the world for Visit Malaysia Year 2007, the British luxury passenger liner Queen Mary 2 (QM2) is making an inaugural visit during its 2007 World Cruise "Around the World in 80 Days".

QM2 sails into Port Klang, which is fast becoming a regional cruise hub, on Sunday, 4 March 2007. It is part of its first world cruise transporting guests on an 80-day voyage to visit 20 famous destinations, including some of the world's greatest cities such as Rio de Janeiro, Santiago, San Francisco, Sydney, Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Cairo, Athens, Paris and Rome.

For its maiden stop at each scheduled port of call, on-shore festivities and celebrations greet the arriving passengers. Many excited onlookers, eager to get a first-hand glimpse of the Cunard Line's reigning queen of the seas, are also expected.

At 1,132 feet long (shorter than the height of the Petronas Twin Towers) and 151,400 tonnes, the US\$800 million QM2 will make history as the largest cruise vessel to sail into Malaysia. The ocean liner is due to berth at the Star Cruises Terminal in Pulau Indah at 7 am on 4 March 2007. Some 2,620 passengers and 1,253 crew members will then disembark for their shore excursions to the city of Kuala Lumpur. A warm reception awaits them as they discover the diverse attractions of multi-cultural and multi-racial Malaysia. During their day visit, the QM2 tourists take in the Craft Centre in Jalan Conlay and Suria KLCC for shopping and to view the city centre.

On this historic occasion, many VIP guests and members of the media will board the QM2 at 10.15 am. They will witness a customary key and plaque exchange ceremony, go on a guided tour of the floating palace and be hosted to lunch in the Britannia Club on board. The guests of honor include Yang Berhormat Dato' Sri Chan Kong Choy, Minister of Transport, and Yang Berbahagia Datuk Dr. Victor Wee, Secretary General, Ministry of Tourism.

All the invited guests and visitors will disembark the QM2 at 2 pm. The cruiser's passengers and crew will return in the afternoon before it sails off to Cochin, India, at 6 pm the same evening.

The QM2 began its current globe-circling voyage from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, USA, on 10 January 2007. So far, it has sailed to South America, passed Cape Horn to the Pacific Ocean, crossed the international dateline

to New Zealand, visited Australia and traversed the South China Sea to Hong Kong and Singapore before reaching Port Klang. After its near three-month journey, the QM2 will make its way back across the Atlantic Ocean to Fort Lauderdale on 2 April after its last two calls at Le Havre in France and Southampton in England.

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