

Cruise ship 'SuperStar Libra' docked at Penang Port in Penang yesterday.
Pic by Zulaikha Zainuzman



'SuperStar Libra' back in Penang

GEORGE TOWN: After a one-year hiatus, *SuperStar Libra*, a 10-deck cruise ship operated by Star Cruises, returned to Penang following overwhelming demand from tourists.

Star Cruises SuperStar Libra sales vice-president Cynthia Lee said *Superstar Libra's* homeport deployment to Penang is another testament of Star Cruises' commitment to cruise tourism in the country.

"Malaysia will continue to be an important source market and destination for Star Cruises, with Penang being one of the leading ports in the region.

"We are proud to be given the opportunity to expand our cruise services, besides making Penang Port our homeport, to boost Penang's

tourism sector," she said after the *SuperStar Libra* homecoming ceremony at Penang Port here yesterday.

Present was Penang Port Commission chairman Tan Teik Cheng.

Lee said with Penang Port serving as the new homeport, *SuperStar Libra* would offer two new cruise packages at affordable pricing.

She said cruise packages for children below the age of 2 would be offered at a lower price compared with adults.

"The three-days two-nights package from Penang to Thailand is offered at RM1,050, with departures every Sunday, from Oct 2.

"For cruise packages within Penang, we are offering a one-night

rate at RM192, with departures every Wednesday to Saturday."

SuperStar Libra can accommodate 1,400 passengers and has more than 700 cabins.

Lee said Star Cruises would remain strong as the pioneer in Asia cruising and continue to reinforce its market position as the leading cruise line in Asia Pacific.

"Together, we will strive for the continued growth of the cruise industry in Malaysia and Asia-Pacific."

Tan said with *SuperStar Libra's* services, the tourism sector here would continue to grow.

Penang was the homeport for *SuperStar Libra* since 2010, before it left for Xiamen, China, in July last year.