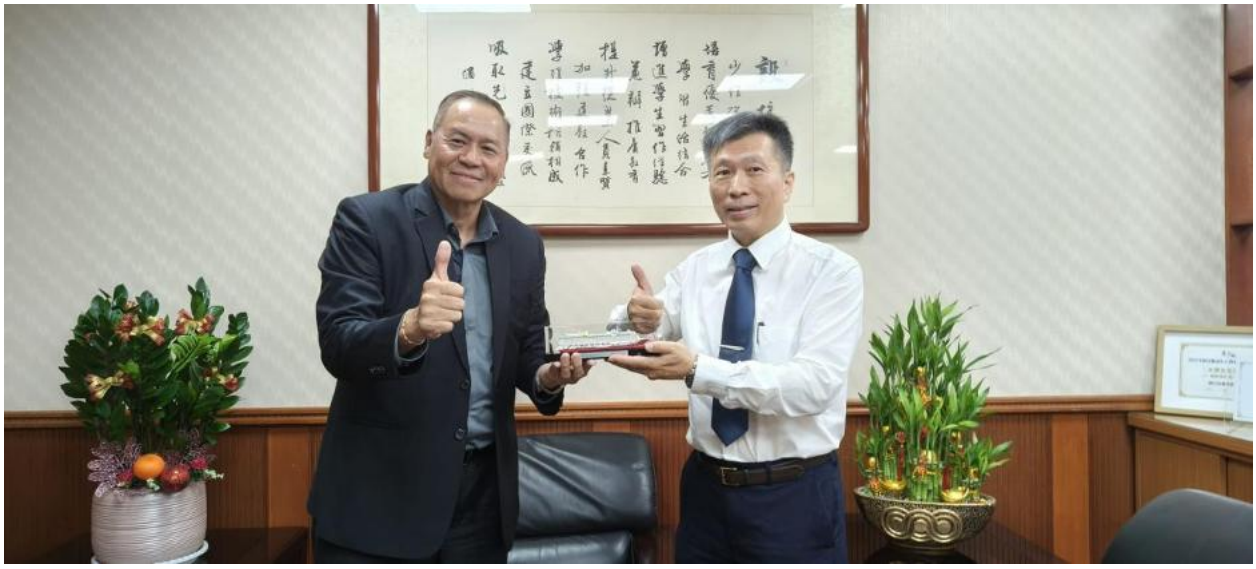
StarDream Cruises Strengthens Educational Partnership with National Kaohsiung of Hospitality and Tourism (NKUHT)

Advancing Talent Development and Cruise Industry Career Pathways in the region.



Mr Tan Kah Soon, Vice President – HR Fleet of StarDream Cruises (Left) and Dr. Victor Der-Long Fang, President of NKHUT (Right), during a memento presentation symbolizing the continued partnership between both parties.

14 April 2026 (Taipei) – **StarDream Cruises**, home to **StarCruises** and **Dream Cruises**, continues to reinforce its commitment to talent development and industry-academia collaboration through an **ongoing partnership with the National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality and Tourism (NKUHT). This collaboration aims to nurture future hospitality leaders and strengthen cruise industry workforce capabilities in the local markets and across the region**.

The partnership reaffirms StarDream Cruises' commitment to growing the local cruise industry, supported by its continued homeport deployment in Keelung. With ***Star Navigator*** operating **from Keelung**, StarCruises is able to further strengthen cruise development and regional connectivity through year-round sailings, offering **2, 3 and 5 Night itineraries to popular destinations across Japan and South Korea**.

> *"A strong homeport presence allows us to deepen our engagement with the local cruise ecosystem while creating meaningful opportunities for talent development,"* said **Michael Goh, President of StarDream Cruises.** "*Through our partnership with NKUHT, we are combining academic excellence with real operational experience to support industry growth, elevate standards and help shape the next generation of hospitality professionals for the region."*

A delegation from StarDream Cruises recently visited NKUHT in early April 2026 to meet with the University's newly appointed President, Dr. Victor Der-Long Fang. The visit reaffirms both parties' shared vision of bridging academic learning with real-world cruise industry experience,

while continuing to support internship opportunities onboard StarDream Cruises' vessels.

During the visit, representatives from both sides also discussed expanding collaboration in talent development, internship placements and graduate recruitment. The focus remains on equipping students with practical skills and global exposure in the hospitality and cruise sectors.

The strengthened collaboration further enhances the strategic partnership between NKUHT and StarDream Cruises by bridging academic curriculum with real industry operations. It provides structured internship and employment opportunities onboard, while strengthening talent pipelines for regional cruise operations.

It also supports career readiness through exposure to multicultural service environments and global customer engagement standards. In addition, the partnership promotes cruise industry awareness through academic engagement, industry sharing sessions and career outreach initiatives.
Through this collaboration, meaningful and positive outcomes are expected to be achieved, further supporting the long-term development of talent and the cruise industry.

For more information of StarDream Cruises, please visit www.StarDreamCruises.com

	Group Photo (from Left to Right): StarDream Cruises delegates Eugina Yap and Tan Kah Soon, together with Dr. Victor Der-Long Fang (President of NKUHT), Dr. Sebrina Mei-Jung Wang (Professor & Vice President), Dr. Richard Wu (ICCT – Director) and Dr. Shu-Hsien Chang (Head of Department of Hospitality and M.I.C.E. Marketing Management).

StarDream Cruises: The Cruise Line that Knows Asia Best.

Officially launched on 26 March 2025, StarDream Cruises combines over three decades of cruising expertise, ushering in a new era of extraordinary voyages across Asia and beyond. The cruise line introduces two iconic brands—StarCruises and Dream Cruises - each offering a distinct experience that honours the legacy of their predecessors while elevating the standard for world-class cruising in Asia.

StarCruises brings affordable, lifestyle-driven cruising to the Asian market with intimate, mid-sized ships that accommodate up to 2,000 guests, offering a more personal cruising experience across Southeast and East Asia aboard the *Star Voyager* and *Star Navigator* cruise ships. Meanwhile, Dream Cruises redefines luxury cruising with expansive ships that cater to more than 3,000 guests, offering exclusive privileges and premium amenities. The Genting Dream, Dream Cruises' flagship, is homeported in Singapore year-round, sailing to various destinations in Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

With decades of experience in hospitality and cruising, StarDream Cruises is set to redefine the cruise experience, catering to a diverse range of markets, offering tailored experiences that appeal to various demographic segments.

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