

Maiden Call of Cruise Ship, Chinese Taishan

On Saturday, November 29, 2014, a cruise ship, Chinese Taishan called at Hakata Port for the first time. Chinese Taishan is a cruise ship of Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd. (Head office: Hong Kong), a Chinese cruise line that marked its inaugural voyage in August, 2014. And some 900 passengers landed Fukuoka.

To commemorate the first call, a welcome ceremony was held on board. In the ceremony, Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor of Fukuoka city gave a welcome speech and presented commemorative gifts with Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference (Secretariat: Kyushu District Transport Bureau) and Hakata Port Promotion Association. Li Zhan, General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd. visited Fukuoka for this maiden call and said in his speech 'We would like to establish a brand of Chinese Taishan. We hope many passengers will enjoy sightseeing, warm hospitality of Fukuoka city and its urban attractiveness. In the future, we hope to build greater cruise ships and make these ships contribute to friendship between China and Japan.'

■ Schedule of passengers on Saturday, November 29

- 09:30 Chinese Taishan berthed at the port
- 10:15- Immigration checks at Hakata Port International Terminal started
- 10:30- Passengers departed for sightseeing by tour bus
 - *Major destinations: Fukuoka Tower, Dazaifu Tenmangu Shrine, etc.
 - *Before the ship departure: send-off performance by Japan Marvelous, a traditional Japanese musical band
- 20:00 Chinese Taishan departed the port

■ Schedule of the welcome ceremony to commemorate the maiden call

Date and time: 11:30-14:00, Saturday, November 29, 2014

Place: Theater of Deck 6, Chinese Taishan

Schedule:

- 11:30 Ceremony started.
 - Greeting from Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor, Fukuoka city
 - Gift presentation
 - a) From Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor, Fukuoka city to Li Zhan, General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd. (Hakata doll and commemorative plaque)
 - b) From Masaaki Hani, Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference to Qianjin Sun, Vice General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd. (Commemorative gift)
 - c) From Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman, Hakata Port Promotion Association to Rencai Liu, Captain, Chinese Taishan (Bouquet)
 - Greeting from Li Zhan, General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd.
 - Photography
- 12:00 On-board tour and lunch
- 14:00 Participants disembarked. (End of the ceremony)

■ About a cruise ship, Chinese Taishan

Gross tonnage:	24,427t	LOA:	180.40m
Draft:	7.25m	Passenger capacity:	927
Registry:	Panama	Cruise line:	Bohai Cruise (Head office: Hong Kong)

■ Information on the cruise

This cruise is a four-night cruise to/from Shanghai and is to call at Chinese, Korean and Japanese ports from November 27, 2014 to December 1, 2014. Its maiden call at Hakata on November 29 was the first call to Japanese ports for Chinese Taishan. The ship will continue to come to Japan and make six calls to Hakata in 2014, including this maiden call.

Number of passengers: about 900 *Mainly Chinese

Ports of call: 11/27 Shanghai → 11/28 Jeju → 11/29 Hakata (Arrival: 09:30, departure: 20:00)
→ 11/30 at sea → 12/1 Shanghai



From left: ① Takayuki Nanri, Executive Director, Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, ② Tsutomu Nomiyama, Director General, Hakata Port & Harbor Bureau, ③ Toshiyuki Kakugawa, Chairman, Hakata Port Promotion Association, ④ Masaaki Hani, Kyushu Cruise Promotion Conference, ⑤ Masanao Nakazono, Deputy Mayor, Fukuoka city, ⑥ Li Zhan, General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd., ⑦ Qianjin Sun, Vice General Manager, Bohai Cruise Management Co., Ltd., ⑧ Rencai Liu, Captain, ⑨ Ting Yan, Cruise Director, ⑩ Hengguo Tang, Administrative Director, ⑪ Shan Zhou, Chief Engineer

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