

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. Announces Plans for New, State-of-the-art Staff Training Facility

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Norwegian Cruise Line Center of Excellence to attract and train top talent to meet staffing demand and growth

MIAMI, March 21, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd., a leading global cruise company, today announced plans for the development and construction of the Norwegian Cruise Line Center of Excellence, a new state-of-the-art shipboard team member training facility near Manila in the Philippines.



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The 200,000-square-foot Center of Excellence will serve both new and existing shipboard team members across the Company and will provide training for various onboard service areas. The world class training campus will enable the Company to fully immerse trainees in their coursework, reduce onboard training time and further improve upon the already industry-leading service levels.

The facilities have been designed to provide trainees with realistic work and living experiences aboard a cruise ship, which will include replicas of staterooms, a shipboard galley, a casino floor, a full service bar as well as safety and security training areas. Slated for 2020 completion, the center will provide annual training for as many as 8,000 shipboard team members each year.

“As the Company continues to grow and execute on our disciplined newbuild pipeline with eleven ships on order through 2027, the Center of Excellence will enable us to train and develop shipboard staff to meet the growing demand for top talent and to provide our guests with the high level of service and best-in-class vacation experience they have come to expect,” said Frank Del Rio, president and chief executive officer of Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. “With our global fleet of 26 ships carrying over 2.5 million guests a year, this new facility will give us the ability to fully immerse shipboard team members in their coursework and ensure we continue to provide exceptional vacation experiences for our guests.”

The Company has secured a 7.2 acre parcel of land near Manila, where it plans to develop the center. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2019 with the Center of Excellence slated to open its doors in late 2020.

The Company currently sources approximately 65 percent of its shipboard talent from Southeast Asia and anticipates an even higher demand for personnel from the region in the coming years. The central location of the Philippines, as well as its high percentage of multi-lingual citizens, has

proven to be an ideal location for the Company's training and development facility.

About Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd.

Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd. (NYSE:NCLH) is a leading global cruise company which operates the Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises brands. With a combined fleet of 26 ships with approximately 54,400 berths, these brands offer itineraries to more than 450 destinations worldwide. The Company will introduce eleven additional ships through 2027.

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