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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**MV DIAMOND PRINCESS CALLING PORT KLANG BCC**

1. Japan Times online news reported on 17/5/2020 that MV Diamond Princess which was quarantined in Yokohama due to coronavirus outbreak, is now on the way to Malaysia.
2. The agents for this Cruise Vessel sent in their application to Port Klang Authority (PKA), Port Klang Health Department (Ministry of Health) and Immigration on 12 May 2020 to dock the vessel at Boustead Cruise Centre (BCC) for the **purpose of replenishing its stores and refuelling**.
3. The MV Diamond Princess has furnished the necessary certificates and documents as evidence that **the vessel has been disinfected** and has **been issued a clean bill of health** from the Japan Quarantine Authorities to **confirm that there are no Covid-19 cases on board**.
4. **All previous crew and passengers** have been **disembarked** from MV Diamond Princess in Yokohama. **Currently the Cruise Vessel has 172 fresh crew on board with no passengers**. There will be **no signing off of any crew** at BCC, Port Klang.
5. The application to dock at BCC has been referred to the Port Klang Health Department for approval and clearance, as per the SOP. **For the record, cruise ship are permitted to berth at Malaysian ports for disembarking of Malaysian passengers and crew, replenishment of stores, refuelling and repairs**.
6. Port Klang Authority and the other related government agencies are subjected to provision and regulations of the Ministry of Health and we will strictly comply. All decisions from the Ministry of Health with regards to this is final and will be adhered to by PKA and the related agencies.
7. The MV Diamond Princess is scheduled to arrive at BCC on **26 or 27 May 2020** and will leave BCC within 1 or 2 days. No information is available as to the vessel's next port after Port Klang.
8. As a Council Member of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), Malaysia is at the forefront facilitating global and regional maritime trade and tourism. In this challenging times especially for the cruise industry, Port Klang as a leading maritime hub in the region will render assistance to service cruise vessels' primary needs including stores replenishment, bunkering and repairs whilst ensuring precautionary actions and measures are adhered to in accordance to national requirements on health and safety.

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