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NEWS RELEASE

Guam Welcomes First Cruise Liner Since Pandemic Began

Piti, Guam, February 24, 2023: The first cruise ship to come to Guam since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic sailed into Apra Harbor early this morning.

The MS Amadea has 523 passengers and 302 crew members on board and the passengers are expected to disembark later this morning for tours of the island and will return to the ship for departure this evening.

“We have been looking forward to receiving cruise ships following a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic,” Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio said. “We are excited to welcome these international luxury cruise ships back to our shores as our island continues to recover from the pandemic.”

Respicio added that there are a total of five cruise liners set to arrive throughout this year. “This is great news as our tourism industry continues to see a steady increase of visitor arrivals to Guam thanks to the leadership of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio,” he added.

The MS Amadea, sailing under the Bahamas flag, is a 567-foot-long vessel which arrived from Pohnpei and will be dockside at the Port until its estimated departure time of 9:00 p.m. this evening. Passengers disembarking will spend the day experiencing Guam’s hospitality, malls and restaurants which will help boost our economy and further establish Guam as a world-class destination.

“The MS Amadea is docked at wharves F5 and F6,” Respicio said. “However, once the rehabilitation of Hotel Wharf is complete, cruise liners will begin to be docked, processed and welcomed at the expanded facility allowing for uninterrupted STS gantry crane loading and off-loading operations.”

The last cruise liner that called on the Port Authority of Guam was the Crystal Symphony which occurred in February of 2020.

The next cruise ship scheduled to sail to Guam is the Diamond Princess on March 3, 2023 at 8:15 a.m. bringing in an estimated 1,629 passengers and 1,100 crew members.