

NORWEGIAN SUN CALLS AT KOTA KINABALU, MARKING CONTINUED MOMENTUM IN SABAH'S CRUISE SECTOR

Kota Kinabalu, 12 December 2025. Kota Kinabalu Port hosted the arrival of Norwegian Sun, adding another notable cruise movement to Sabah's expanding tourism and maritime calendar. The call demonstrates the port's ability to handle sizeable international cruise operations while supporting Sabah's aspiration to remain an attractive cruise call destination in Asia.

The vessel berthed at Kota Kinabalu Port, utilising the port's dedicated cruise facilities. Measuring approximately 258 metres in Length Overall (LOA), Norwegian Sun's reception highlighted the port team's coordination, operational discipline, and capacity to service high-volume passenger vessels efficiently.

On board were 1,866 guests, visiting as part of the ship's multi-country voyage. Norwegian Sun arrived from Puerto Princesa, Philippines and will continue onward to Muara, Brunei Darussalam underscoring ongoing regional cruise flows that include both East Asian and Southeast Asian routes. The movement reflects the continued inclusion of Sabah within long-haul itineraries traversing premier tourism coastal destinations.

A token exchange took place between Captain Nadel V. Joseph, Senior Manager of Kota Kinabalu Port and the Captain of Norwegian Sun, representing ongoing cooperation between Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd (SPSB) and the global cruise community.

The presence of large cruise liners such as Norwegian Sun reinforces industry confidence in SPSB's service dependability and port security systems. Each visit also generates downstream economic activity for local operators including tour handling, shore excursions, dining, handicraft purchases, and city transport, contributing directly to the broader hospitality and tourism ecosystem of Sabah.

SPSB acknowledges the commitment of all involved agencies and stakeholders whose support enabled the successful facilitation of the port call.



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