

MV VIKING SUN ON MAIDEN VISIT TO MORMUGAO PORT

Luxury cruise liner MV VIKING SUN of Viking Ocean Cruises arrived at Mormugao Port on 6th April 2018 from Cochin Port, under the command of Capt. Atle Haakon Knutsen carrying 668 high end guests and 465 crew members. The cruise liner was on its maiden visit to Mormugao Port. The high end guests hailed from USA (548), Canada (58) , UK (38) and other nationalities.

The visiting high end guests and crew members were given a rousing welcome by the Officials of the Department of Tourism, Govt., of Goa, on its arrival at the cruise terminal. Colourful Goan cultural folk dances and music were presented to the visiting guests on the cruise terminal. Being the vessel's maiden visit to the Port, Shri G.P. Rai, Dy. Chairman MPT along with senior executives of the port Shri Vinayaka Rao FA&CAO, Smt. L.A. Mathew Chief Engineer, Shri S.K.S. Hegde CME I/C, Shri Mohan Kumar Secretary I/C, Shri Jerome Clement Sr. Dy. Traffic Manager, Shri Prema Kumar Dy. Chief Engineer, Shri D. Nirwadekar, ATM Gr. I, visited the cruise ship and extended a warm welcome to Capt. Atle Haakon Knutsen, officers and crew members.

Welcoming the Master of the visiting cruise ship the Dy. Chairman Shri G.P. Rai briefed him on the facilities and infrastructure available at Mormugao Port for smooth handling of cruise ships. Master of the vessel Capt. Knutsen and Shri G.P. Rai, Dy. Chairman MPT later exchanged commemorative plaques on its maiden visit as a gesture of goodwill and friendship.

The visiting high end guests and crew availed the facilities provided by local tour operators M/s. Trail Blazer India, to explore the beaches and other tourists spots in Goa. The high end guests were immediately taken for sight-seeing tours across Goa in luxury coaches and taxis by the travel agents. The vessel sailed on its onward voyage to Mumbai later in the evening. M/s. Inchcape Shipping Services were the Shipping Agents for the cruise liner and provided the necessary logistical support to the vessel.





