

## Press Clipping



**World voyage:** The *Queen Mary 2* docking upon its arrival at the Star Cruises terminal in Pulau Indah, Port Klang, yesterday. — AP

# The queen of liners pays KL a call

**PORT KLANG:** The *Queen Mary 2* – the world’s most expensive passenger ship – sailed in majestically with 4,000 passengers and crew for a brief visit here.

The grand dame of the sea anchored at the Star Cruises terminal in Pulau Indah yesterday, her maiden call into Port Klang as part of her cruise around the world in 80 days.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy, who was guest of

honour, said that the arrival of *Queen Mary 2* was memorable because it coincided with the Visit Malaysia 2007.

“As this is the luxury liner’s first world cruise, we are proud that the ship has selected Kuala Lumpur as one of her cities of call, in addition to 20 other world famous and great cities, including Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Honolulu, Sydney and Paris,” said Chan in his welcoming speech on board the ship.

He hoped more cruise ships would include Malaysia among their ports of call, saying that the support of major world cruise lines would pave the way to develop Malaysia into a regional cruise hub.

The master of *Queen Mary 2*, Commodore Bernard Warner, said the ship had “fitted nicely” into the port and had not encountered any problem in disembarkation of the passengers.

The ship began its globe-circling voyage from Fort Lauderdale in Florida, United States, on Jan 10 and will return on April 2.

The ship cost US\$800mil (RM2.8bil) and stretches almost four football fields in length. It is a luxury-floating haven, with a host of “firsts” to her credit.

It features the world’s first floating planetarium, the largest library at sea and a huge ballroom with the most spacious dance floor.