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PORT OF LOS ANGELES WORLD CRUISE CENTER RECEIVES AWARD FOR 'MOST IMPROVED TERMINAL FACILITIES'



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SAN PEDRO, CA – The Port of Los Angeles' World Cruise Center was named the most improved terminal facility by Dream World Cruise Destinations Magazine in its February 2003 issue, according to its global survey of ports and destinations. The reigning U.S. port in the "rest of the world" region, the Port of Los Angeles is the sole winner of the most improved terminal facilities category.

"We are honored to be the only West Coast port to receive this award," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Larry Keller. "These facility upgrades have turned the Port into a national model, which conveys a positive impact on the community. The Port is dedicated to improving the quality of life for our visitors and neighbors."

In September 2002, the Port finished a \$15 million renovation and expansion project of its World Cruise Center. The spacious improvements were designed to smooth passenger flow and accommodate the world's largest cruise ships, which carry more than 3,000 passengers and 1,500 crewmembers.

The magazine's annual survey recognizes the world's ports and tourism partners for the energy and commitment put into developing cruise products. Survey results were based on responses given by cruise executives from all over the world.

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The Port of Los Angeles was noted for its most improved terminal facilities, which is described as a "terminal building that has the most improved facilities as a result of a refurbishment, the introduction of new technology, bonded baggage services, improvement to security and communications, or services to the passenger."

Other survey categories giving recognition to worldwide ports include most improved port facilities, most efficient port services, best port welcome, most responsive port, best turnaround port, most efficient terminal operator and best new terminal building.

Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Princess cruise lines all homeport at the Los Angeles World Cruise Center year-round. With more than 1 million cruise passengers bound for destinations to Baja California, the Mexican Riviera, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii, the Port of Los Angeles is the number one cruise port on the West Coast.

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