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## **A first at the Port of Montreal**

# **The prestigious Royal Princess visits Montreal**

**Montreal, September 15, 2008** — About 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, the Royal Princess cruise ship docked in Montreal, the final destination of its first transatlantic sailing from Stockholm. To mark the occasion of this first visit, the President and CEO of the Montreal Port Authority, Patrice M. Pelletier, presented a lithograph to Captain Salvatore Lupo, the commanding officer of this prestigious ship.

The ceremony took place at the Iberville Passenger Terminal on Alexandra Pier in the Port of Montreal, in the presence of Karen Deegan, President/Owner of K D Marine, which represents Princess Cruises and Cunard Line in Montreal and Newfoundland.

The Port's President and CEO congratulated Captain Lupo. "Your route to Montreal shows just how important a tourist and cultural attraction our metropolis is for cruise lines on the St. Lawrence and the US East Coast. It is an honour to welcome you here," he stated.

Built in 2001 at naval shipyards in St. Nazaire, France, the Royal Princess is owned and operated by Princess Cruises. On Monday evening, it will set out for Quebec City, Ville Saguenay, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Saint John, Portland, Boston, and New York.

The Royal Princess is 181 meters long and 25.5 meters wide. It has 373 crew members and can carry 777 passengers. Registered in Bermuda, its gross tonnage is 30,277.



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### **About the Montreal Port Authority**

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) operates the world's largest inland port. It is a leader among container ports, handling 26 million tonnes of cargo annually. In 2007, the Port of Montreal handled a total of 1,363,021 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit) containers. The MPA operates its own rail network, providing direct access to berths, and is linked to two major railways and a highway system. It also operates a grain terminal and a marine passenger terminal. All other terminals are operated by private stevedoring firms. Through its activities, the Port of Montreal generates 18,200 jobs and \$1.5 billion in economic spin-offs.

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