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Nippon Maru Cruise Ship arrives at Port

Passenger ship stays overnight on Guam with passengers touring the island

Piti, Guam, May 17 2010: The Nippon Maru sailed into Guam's harbor yesterday morning bringing 432 passenger and crew to the island for a two-day visit.

The cruise vessel arrived at 6:30 a.m. Sunday and will depart at 6 p.m. this evening. The ship has 250 Japanese passengers and 182 crew members on board. According to the ship's agent, Inchcape, the vessel sailed here from Kobe, Japan and the next 11 stops include Tarawa, Nawiliwili, Honolulu, Manzanillo, San Diego, San Francisco, Astorio, Victoria, Juneau, Yokohama and back to Kobe.

The Nippon Maru, which is operated by Mitsui O.S.K. Passenger Line, was met on the docks Sunday morning by the cultural dance group *Hale' I Taotao-Ta*. It is the fourth cruise ship to arrive on island since January of this year.