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## NEWS RELEASE

### Passenger vessel Nippon Maru marine incident

**Piti, Guam, December 31, 2018:** On or about 9:14pm December 30, 2018, cruise vessel Nippon Maru ran into a US Naval fuel pier at the inner Apra Harbor. Originating from Yokohama Japan, the 546 ft. vessel carrying 524 passengers with a crew of 224 upon departure to Saipan, CNMI collided with Delta Pier.

Initial assessment indicated the lower portion of the stern on the starboard side of the vessel was punctured resulting in a gap measuring approximately 5 feet by 7 feet. Although damage to the southwest corner of the pier was evident, the Port Authority of Guam will defer to the US Navy with regards to the extent.

The US Coast Guard is currently investigating the cause of the incident and no further information has been provided at this time. "The accident is unfortunate but we are thankful that the passengers and crew members were not injured." stated Port General Manager Joanne Brown.

The Nippon Maru returned to the Port and is currently docked at F4 pier.

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