

German Ambassador, Port talk cruise tourism business

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POINTE BLANCHE--German Ambassador to The Hague Dr. Heinz-Peter Behr toured Dr. A.C. Wathey Cruise and Cargo Facilities during his visit here last week. He also met with Deputy Prime Minister Theo Heyliger and Harbour Group of Companies CEO Mark Mingo about business cooperation with Germany.

He was presented with a plaque showing German cruise ship Mein Schiff 2, which calls here every two weeks. It is one of the ships that stays the longest in port, leaving close to midnight.

Behr also learnt about the use of German-made Gottwald cranes at the cargo side of the harbour business. The harbour group owns two Gottwald cranes.

To keep cruise passengers entertained and to encourage more of them to come off the ship and enjoy what the country has to offer in terms of culinary delights and fun, the Harbour Group holds a German Night party. Cruise passengers can join in the party after they leave the ship, or on their way back to the ship.

The ambassador was accompanied by Germany Honorary Consul for Curaçao and St. Maarten Karel Frielink. Also a part of the tour was Minister Plenipotentiary in The Hague Mathias Voges and Foreign Affairs Director Guy van der Meulen.

On Thursday, Behr gave a lecture on "The Economic Situation in Germany and the European Union." During that talk, he emphasised the need for more tourism linkages between St. Maarten and Germany.

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