



A worker helping senior citizens at the fare gate to enter the ferry terminal.



Each ferry can accommodate 150 people and 60 two-wheelers.



Passengers waiting for the ferry at the waiting area at Pangkalan Raja Tun Uda on the island.

Smooth sailing and all shipshape

Kudos for fast ferry service with new fleet plying Penang channel

COMMUTERS are giving the thumbs up to Penang's new ferry services which they describe as clean, fast and efficient.

It now takes only 10 minutes to cross the Straits of Penang from the island to the mainland and vice versa.

And it is free of charge until Sept 6.

The terminals on both ends are equipped with air-conditioning, free WiFi facilities, closed-circuit

television cameras and disabled-friendly lifts as well as retail shops and eateries.

There are four new ferries – Teluk Bahang, Teluk Kumbar, Teluk Duyung and Teluk Kampi – each of which can accommodate 150 passengers and 50 two wheelers.

All of Penang's old ferries have been retired, with the last one decommissioned in December 2022.



An aerial view of Penang's new ferries which serve commuters travelling between the island and mainland. – Photos: LIM BENG TATT and CHAN BOON KAI/The Star



Some of the passengers in a joyful mood after disembarking from the ferry.



Ferry passengers can enjoy free rides until Sept 6.



One of the new ferries – Teluk Kumbar – plying the north channel with the iconic Komtar in the background.