Cyprus Turkish Airlines Acquires Next-Generation 737-800s

The Boeing Company today confirmed that Cyprus Turkish Airlines (KTHY) accepted delivery of two Boeing Next-Generation 737-800s. These two airplanes are the first Next-Generation 737-800s for KTHY. The airplanes are being leased from Sunrock Aircraft Corporation Ltd.

"The Next-Generation 737-800 is an integral part of our crucial fleet modernization and expansion plan to cope with the tourism growth of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," said Zeki Ziya, general manager - Cyprus Turkish Airlines. "We look forward to operating this airplane on our route network between Northern Cyprus, Turkey, Israel, United Kingdom, Germany and other major destinations in Europe."

The 737-800 provides great reliability, excellent comfort, and better value for customers, Ziya added.

"Boeing is proud to be a part of KTHY's plan to modernize its fleet," said Doug Groseclose, vice president - South Asia Pacific, Africa and Middle East Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group. "The new 737s were developed to provide maximum value for operators like KTHY. The strong economic and technical performance of the 737-800 allows the airline to serve growing markets and expand into new ones while delivering exceptional range to cover KTHY's current and future routes."

Cyprus Turkish Airlines, based in North Cyprus, began operations in 1974 with Series 30 DC-9s. The carrier currently operates four 727-200s and two A310-200s.

The Next-Generation 737 family entered service in 1998, and is the newest, most advanced single-aisle airplane family in its class. The airplane's completely redesigned passenger cabin delivers comfort and spaciousness for travelers. With the most aerodynamically advanced wing in its class, the Next-Generation 737 can fly higher, farther, and more economically than competing models.

The Boeing 737 is the best-selling commercial jetliner of all time, with over 4,500 ordered. Since the launch of the Next-Generation 737 in 1993, customers worldwide have ordered over 1,400 of the advanced twinjets. More than 1,000 737s are in the air at any time; one takes off somewhere in the world every 5.5 seconds.

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