Japan Airlines Increases Boeing 777 Fleet

Boeing announced today at the Paris Air Show that Japan Airlines (JAL) has placed an order for three Boeing 777-200ERs. The value of the new airplanes at list prices is estimated at $525 million. Deliveries are scheduled between 2003 and 2006.

This order marks the initial replacements for the fleet of 15 DC-10s that the JAL Group currently operates. Additional replacement orders, including commitments for 767-300ERs, are expected at a future date.

In November last year, the airline ordered eight 777-200ERs and three 767-300ERs to replace its MD-11 fleet, for delivery from 2002 through 2004.

"Japan Airlines' continued selection of the 777-200ER for long-range operations is a testament to their commitment to excellence," said Larry Dickenson, senior vice president, Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 777 has established a new standard for passenger comfort while providing top-level service and economics."

The replacement of the DC-10s with new 777-200ERs will further the airline's fleet simplification, resulting in greater efficiency in purchasing spare parts, planning maintenance activities, providing ground support equipment, scheduling flight crews, planning routes and addressing changes in demand.

The new airplanes will provide greater passenger satisfaction through improved comfort and a premium amount of personal space.

The JAL Group is one of the biggest Boeing fleet operators, with a fleet that includes 10 777s, 25 767s, 84 747s and 23 737s. In addition, the carrier is a launch customer for the new longer-range 777-300ER.

JAL currently operates its DC-10 airplanes on short- to medium-range routes between Japan and Southeast Asia, as well as to Hawaii.

The 777-200ER is an extended-range model that can fly non-stop from Tokyo to the East Coast of the United States, as well as throughout intra-Asia. It is the world's longest-range airplane and seats up to 301 passengers in a three-class configuration. The 777 family is the most technologically advanced airplane in the industry with unmatched economics.

The 777s are used on a variety of routes, including trans-Pacific routes in accordance with Extended-range Twin-engine Operations (ETOPS), as authorized by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau and/or other local agencies.

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