Boeing 777 Delivery to ANA Marks Two Milestones for Asia-Pacific Aviation

Boeing [NYSE: BA] and All Nippon Airways (ANA) marked two milestones, as ANA received its first 777-300ER (Extended Range) and, with that airplane, became the first Asia-based carrier with the Connexion by Boeing^{SM} high-speed mobile Internet service in its fleet. ANA will launch its newest service on November 15th of this year on the airplane's inaugural flight from Tokyo, Japan, to Shanghai, People's Republic of China.

This delivery is the latest highlight of a milestone year for Boeing and ANA. In April the companies launched the all-new Boeing 7E7 with ANA's 50-plane order, the largest launch order for any Boeing jet.

"This new 777-300ER symbolizes a great relationship that spans more than four decades," said Boeing Commercial Airplanes Vice President, Sales-Asia/Pacific Larry Dickenson. "It will expand this important partnership to new horizons."

ANA is a 777-300ER launch customer. As the newest member of the market-leading 777 family, the 777-300ER provides superior efficiency, economics and passenger comfort. ANA's first 777-300ER carries 269 passengers -- eight in first class, 63 in business class, 24 in premium economy class, and 174 in economy class. The airplane can fly up to 7,705 nautical miles (14,270 kilometers) on routes such as New York-Tokyo and Tokyo-London.

"We firmly believe that the 777-300ER will provide our passengers with the best comfort, reliability and safety, on our long range, direct routes," said ANA President and CEO Yoji Ohashi. "The low operating cost, renowned passenger approval, and the revenue capability are among the primary reasons we selected this great airplane."

The airplane delivered is ANA's 26th Boeing 777, and the first of six 777-300ERs the Tokyo-based carrier will receive by the end of 2007. It is also the second 777 ANA received in the past week, following an earlier delivery of a 777-200.

Starting with this airplane, ANA is equipping its long-haul fleet with the Connexion by Boeing^{SM} service.

"ANA is positioning itself as a leader in passenger service by providing the added value that mobile connectivity can bring to the travel experience and to airline operations," said Scott Carson, Connexion by Boeing president. "Real-time, affordable connectivity continues to be one of the most frequently requested passenger amenities in the airline industry and we are proud to help ANA address that need."

The newest 777s -- the 777-300ER and 777-200LR (Longer Range) -- were launched in February 2000 to provide airlines additional flexibility in serving the longest nonstop routes passengers demand. Boeing has orders for 76 777-300ERs from nine customers. Air France received the first in April.

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