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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today delivered a 737-800 to CR Airways, marking the first direct delivery of a Boeing Next-Generation 737 to a Hong Kong-based carrier. CR Airways, which is already the first Hong Kong-based airline to operate the Boeing Next-Generation 737-800, is using the new airplane to open a new route between Hong Kong and Tianjin on Sept. 25, marking its maiden flight. This airplane is the third 737-800 in the CR Airways' fleet.

CR Airways turned to the 737-800 to begin jetliner service in June 2006, relying on the airplane's unsurpassed operating performance, economic efficiency and reliability to operate to China, Southeast Asia and the Philippines.

The delivery of the new 737-800 into CR Airways' fleet is all part of its ongoing effort to strengthen the airline as a strong Hong Kong-based carrier with a fuel efficient fleet and to strengthen Hong Kong as an Asian hub. CR Airways is the third passenger airline operating in Hong Kong.

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