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CHICAGO, Feb. 12 /<u>PRNewswire-FirstCall</u>/ -- The Boeing Company (NYSE: BA) today named Ralph "Skip" Boyce president of Boeing Southeast Asia. Boyce will focus on strengthening the company's presence across the region and supporting opportunities to increase Boeing's growth and productivity. He will be based in Singapore and report to Shep Hill, president, Boeing International.

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Boyce, 56, succeeds two retiring Boeing leaders: Douglas Miller, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems vice president and leader of the Boeing Singapore office and Paul Walters, who has led Boeing's business activities in the remainder of Southeast Asia based in Malaysia.

"Skip is an experienced leader who possesses an in-depth knowledge of the region," Hill said. "His regional expertise will enable the company to capitalize on the emerging business opportunities in this strategically important market to Boeing."

Prior to joining Boeing Boyce was a career member of the United States Senior Foreign Service. He served as the United States ambassador to Thailand, from January 2005 to December 2007. Before that he was ambassador to Indonesia, from October 2001 to October 2004, and deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, from August 1998 to July 2001.

His other U.S. government assignments included deputy chief of Mission in Bangkok, deputy chief of Mission in Singapore, and advisor to the deputy secretary of state, responsible for the foreign affairs budget.

Boyce holds degrees from George Washington University and Princeton University and speaks four languages: English, French, Persian, and Thai.

Boeing is the world's leading aerospace company and the largest manufacturer of commercial jetliners and military aircraft combined. Additionally, Boeing designs and manufactures rotorcraft, electronic and defense systems, missiles, satellites, launch vehicles and advanced information and communication systems. The company also provides numerous military and commercial airline support services. Boeing has customers in more than 90 countries around the world and is one of the largest U.S. exporters in terms of sales. Headquartered in Chicago, Boeing employs more than 154,000 people across the United States and in 70 countries.

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