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EVERETT, Wash., Oct. 19 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) delivered a 777-300ER (Extended Range) to Singapore-based leasing company BOC Aviation and its customer, Cathay Pacific Airways, on Saturday. The airplane is painted in a special oneworld livery to highlight the commitment of Cathay Pacific, as a member airline, to the alliance's 10th anniversary.

"The 777 has been a valuable asset for Cathay Pacific's long-haul services, allowing us to maximize our operations in the most economic and efficient manner," said Tony Tyler, chief executive, Cathay Pacific Airways.

"It is a fitting tribute to the success of the program that industry leaders such as BOC Aviation and Cathay Pacific are taking delivery of our 777-300ER," said Rob Laird, vice president of Sales for China, East Asia and Southeast Asia, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 777 continues to offer an unbeatable combination of efficiency, economics and passenger comfort that places it at the forefront of modern commercial aviation."

The Boeing 777-300ER is 19 percent lighter than its closest competitor, greatly reducing its fuel requirement. It produces 22 percent less carbon dioxide per seat and costs 20 percent less to operate per seat. The airplane can seat up to 365 passengers in a three-class configuration and has a maximum range of 7,930 nautical miles (14,685 km). The 777 family is the world's most successful twin-engine, twin-aisle airplane. Fifty-seven customers around the world have ordered more than 1,100 777s.

The airplane is the 12th Boeing 777-300ER for Cathay Pacific and brings the airline's 777 fleet to 29 airplanes, which includes 12 777-300s and five 777-200s. The airline also operates 22 Boeing 747-400 passenger airplanes.

The oneworld alliance has 11 member airlines and 21 affiliate airlines, serving 134 countries and 673 destinations, with 8,400 daily departures. Earlier this year, the alliance projected that its members and affiliates will carry 328 million passengers during the current year.

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