Boeing Delivers Malaysia Airlines' First Next-Generation 737-800 With New Livery

First Asia-Pacific carrier equipped to operate with the 737 Boeing Sky Interior

SEATTLE, Nov. 8, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Malaysia Airlines last week celebrated the delivery of the airline's first Next-Generation 737 with the new, passenger-inspired Boeing Sky Interior.

The national carrier of Malaysia is the first full-service airline to operate the 737-800 with the new Boeing Sky Interior.

The new 737 Boeing Sky Interior features sculpted sidewalls and window reveals, and new, larger stow bins that accommodate more bags while taking up less space in the cabin. Attendants can select from different LED lighting schemes from soft blue overhead sky simulation to a calm, relaxing, pallet of sunset colors. To date, 50 customers have ordered the new interior for 1,386 airplanes.

Boeing Sky Interior is the latest in a series of improvements to the airplane. The next to come will be a package of performance improvements that will reduce fuel consumption and carbon emissions by 2 percent – making the airplane a full 7 percent more efficient than the first Next-Generation 737 delivered. The performance improvements to the airframe and engine are beginning certification test soon, and will be fully in service by early 2012.

Malaysia Airlines is the second airline worldwide to take delivery of the new Boeing Sky Interior that offers an improved travel experience to passengers. Delivery of the airline's initial Next-Generation 737 with the Boeing Sky Interior took place Oct. 29.

Two flights are scheduled for Nov. 15; an inaugural flight from Kuala Lumpur to Kota Kinabalu followed by a commercial flight from Kota Kinabalu to Haneda, Tokyo.

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