Boeing Delivers First 737-800 Boeing Sky Interior to China

- First Chinese airline to fly with the new interior

- Chinese passengers now able to enjoy improved travel experience on 737

SEATTLE, Feb. 1, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) and Air China today celebrated the delivery of the airline's first Next-Generation 737-800 with the innovative Boeing Sky Interior. With this new addition in its fleet, Air China has become the first Chinese airline to operate the 737-800 with the new Boeing Sky Interior, offering passengers an enhanced onboard experience with larger stowage bins and sculpted sidewalls, a LED lighting system with cove lighting and curved architecture and more intuitive passenger service units.

Boeing Sky Interior is the latest in a series of improvements to the Next-Generation 737. 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 737s delivered. The performance improvements to the airframe and engine are in certification test, and will be phased into production between mid-2011 and early 2012.

To date, 60 customers have ordered the new interior for 1,689 airplanes.

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