Boeing 787 Dreamliner Receives a Traditional Welcome in Tashkent

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan, June 2, 2012 – As the Boeing [NYSE: BA] 787 Dreamliner touched down at Tashkent International Airport as part of the Dream Tour, the airplane received a rousing welcome with a traditional dance by a troupe of Uzbek performers. The airplane known as ZA003 is on the seventh and final leg of the international Dream Tour which has seen it stop in Australia and New Zealand prior to stopping in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The flight test equipment onboard the airplane – the third 787 to be built – has been removed and a stunning new interior installed, enabling representatives from Uzbekistan Airways, government officials, travel trade and media to get a preview of its revolutionary technology and experience its enhanced passenger offering. Visitors to the Dream Tour 787 are treated to a first-hand experience of the special cabin features including a welcoming entry way, dramatically larger dimmable windows, bigger bins and dynamic LED lighting. This airplane is configured with a luxurious business-class cabin, an overhead crew rest compartment and an economy class section.

“The Dreamliner’s ability to combine superior operating economics with an unparalleled passenger experience has made it the future of air travel,” said Captain Valery Tyan, director general, Uzbekistan Airways. “Passengers not only want to travel point-to-point without the hassle of connections, but at the same time, want to enjoy the in-flight comforts which the 787 can offer.”

Made from composite materials, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner is the first mid-size airplane capable of flying long-range routes and will allow airlines, such as Uzbekistan Airways, to open new, non-stop routes preferred by the traveling public. More than 800 787s are on order by more than 55 airlines, a testament to the airplane's unique capabilities.

“The Dreamliner is the first all-new airplane of the 21st century and with its extensive use of pathbreaking technologies, it is certain to revolutionize not only the passenger experience but also airline operations,” said Marty Bentrott, vice president of Sales for the Middle East, Russia and Central Asia, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. “Recognizing this, Uzbekistan Airways has made a significant contribution towards the success of the 787. We are very excited that the airplane is here today so our partners at Uzbekistan Airways can see it for themselves.”

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