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Partnership with airline spans more than 40 years

SEATTLE, Dec. 19, 2014 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] and Malaysia Airlines celebrated the carrier's 100th 737 direct delivery today. The airplane, a Next-Generation 737-800, is scheduled to arrive in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Sunday.

"The 737 has, and continues to be, an amazing aircraft for our airline with its consistent reliability, unmatched economics and innovation in passenger comfort," said Ahmad Jauhari Yahya, group chief executive officer, Malaysia Airlines. "We used a 737 for our very first flight in 1972 and we are excited to now take delivery of our 100th airplane of its type."

Malaysia took delivery of its first 737, a 737-200, in 1972 and has operated the 737-200, 737-300, 737-400, 737-500 and 737-800 as well as 747-400s and 777-200ERs (Extended Range).

"We are proud of our long running relationship with Malaysia Airlines and honored to be a part of this special centennial delivery," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president of Asia Pacific and India Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The operating economics and capability of the 737 will continue to play an important role in Malaysia's leading airline."

Malaysia Airlines' new 737-800 features the Boeing Sky Interior, with larger pivoting overhead stowage bins, larger window reveals and LED lighting to enhance the sense of spaciousness. Malaysia was the Asia launch customer for the Boeing Sky Interior. The airline has an additional 10 737-800s on order.

The 737-800 is the best-selling version of the highly successful Next-Generation 737 family, the most technologically advanced airplanes in the single-aisle market. The Next-Generation 737's market success has been confirmed by investors who consistently rank it as the most preferred single-aisle airplane due to its wide market base, superior performance efficiency and lowest operating costs in its class. More than 5,100 Next-Generation 737s have been delivered to date from customers worldwide.

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