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THAI uses newly delivered 777-300ER to carry out humanitarian mission

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 21, 2015 / PRNewswire / -- Boeing (NYSE:BA) and Thai Airways International Public Company Limited (THAI) celebrated the Thai flag-carrier's 75th direct delivery of a Boeing airplane. Marking the milestone delivery, Boeing and THAI collaborated to transport 1,000 wool blankets onboard THAI's newly delivered 777-300ER (Extended Range). The blankets, donated by Another Joy Foundation, will be distributed by the airline to people in need in Thailand during the colder winter months.

"This is a very special delivery for us, our 75th direct delivery from Boeing, and we are excited to mark this occasion with another joint humanitarian flight," said THAI President Mr. Charamporn Jotikasthira. "THAI is thankful to Boeing and Another Joy Foundation for providing winter blankets and pleased that Thai Airways International can carry them to people in need in Thailand. This partnership demonstrates the close relationship between THAI and Boeing, and our shared interest in humanitarian support in Thailand."

This latest humanitarian effort, the third between Boeing and THAI, is part of Boeing's long-running Humanitarian Delivery Flights program.

"Boeing is honored to celebrate this milestone delivery with Thai Airways International and to partner again on providing resources to those in need," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president of Asia Pacific and India Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "It is a reflection of our longstanding relationship with THAI, and through efforts such as this, Boeing and its airline partners are able to deploy aid where it's needed around the world."

Boeing's Humanitarian Delivery Flights program, which began in 1992, has worked in partnership with nearly 50 carriers worldwide to facilitate more than 170 humanitarian flights. On previous delivery flights, THAI and Boeing have provided medical kits and school supplies.

THAI currently operates four 787 Dreamliners and has operated nearly every model of the 777. THAI Cargo was the first carrier in Southeast Asia to utilize the 777 Freighter. The airline has an additional two 777-300ERs on order.

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