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Malaysia Airlines and Air Mauritius strengthen their partnership.



Signature Ceremony in Kuala Lumpur on 19 November 2008

From Left to right: Indradev Buton – EVP Strategic Planning and Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., CEO representing Air Mauritius, Dato' Sri Idris Jala, Managing Director and CEO; and Dato Rashid Khan, Commercial Director representing Malaysia Airlines.

Dato' Sri Idris Jala, Managing Director of Malaysia Airlines and Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., CEO of Air Mauritius, signed a new agreement in Kuala Lumpur today aimed at strengthening the partnership between the two airlines.

The new agreement replaces the one signed on 01 May 1988 and renewed on 01 January 2002. The former agreement focussed on the Kuala Lumpur – Mauritius route with Air Mauritius currently operating two weekly flights (up to three flights weekly in the high season) with an Airbus A330-200.

As from today, the agreement is gradually being extended to other destinations served by Malaysia Airlines. Air Mauritius will be able to add its code to Malaysia Airlines flights connecting in Kuala Lumpur to selected destinations in Australia and Asia. In a second stage, Malaysia Airlines will have the opportunity of adding its code to Air Mauritius flights connecting in Mauritius to selected destinations in the Indian Ocean.

Malaysia Airlines Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Dato' Sri Idris Jala said *"We are pleased with this development in our existing partnership with Air Mauritius. This is in line with our hub-and-spoke strategy to improve feeder traffic into our trunk routes in order to grow our revenue."*

"This year alone, our revenue from the code share increased 20% to RM4 million. With the extension of this code share, we are confident that business will continue to grow steadily." he added.

In addition to the 24 destinations it already serves, Air Mauritius can now offer its customers code shared flights via the Kuala Lumpur hub at the best possible fares initially between Mauritius and; **Bangkok** in Thailand; **Guangzhou and Shanghai** in China (subject to authorisation from Chinese Authorities) and; **Perth, Melbourne and Sydney** in Australia. Other destinations in Malaysia and other points in Asia will be added depending on traffic rights entitlements.

Manoj R K Ujoodha, G.O.S.K., said *"The strengthening of our longstanding partnership (20 years this year) comes at an opportune time for our two airlines as we endeavour to provide more choice to our customers and provide new services from Thailand and China, initially. The agreement will also enable us to develop tourism to Mauritius from hitherto untapped markets."*

About Malaysia Airlines

Malaysia Airlines, the national carrier of Malaysia, is one of Asia's largest, flying more than 48,000 passengers to over 100 destinations across 6 continents everyday. It operates thrice weekly flights from Kuala Lumpur to Johannesburg. It has won more than 100 awards in the last 11 years and holds a lengthy record of service excellence. Malaysia Airlines was the first airline to win the "World's Best Cabin Crew" by Skytrax UK consecutively from 2001 till 2004, and more recently in 2007. It was also was rated "5-star airline" by Skytrax, UK in 2005 and 2006.

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About Air Mauritius

Air Mauritius is the national airline of Mauritius. Set up in 1967, it operates flights to over 24 destinations on 4 continents with a fleet of 5 Airbus 340-300, 2 Airbus 340-300E, 1 Airbus A330-200, 2 A 319 and 2 ATR 72 -500. Air Mauritius carried 1.3 million passengers in the last fiscal year, representing more than 55% of passengers at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam international airport. The leading airline and fifth company by turnover in the Indian Ocean, Air Mauritius employs 2,800 staff and is an important catalyst for the key sectors of the economy in Mauritius and, in particular, the tourism industry.

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