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HK Express Expands Airbus Fleet Six new aircraft to arrive in 2016, 4 x A320neo and 2 x A321

Hong Kong, 13 October 2015 Gearing up for the New Year, HK Express is set to spread its wings in 2016 with the first six new aircraft for the year announced today. In addition, Hong Kong's low-fare airline is actively looking for additional aircraft to grow its fleet further in 2016 to keep up with the incredible demand for low fares travel to/from Hong Kong.

During the second half of 2016, HK Express will be the first airline in the world to operate the new A320neos with a configuration of 188 seats. The A320neo, which stands for new engine option, boasts exceptional technology, a beautiful design and environmentally friendly features. HK Express has an initial 12 on the way: The first four will arrive in the second half of 2016, followed by at least four more each year until 2018.

The A320neo aircraft feature quieter engines, larger overhead baggage storage compartments, and a more energy-efficient engine, which results in an average fuel savings of 20% per flight. Of course, greater energy efficiency translates to lower operational costs — a savings that will be passed onto HK Express' Guests, allowing the airline to offer even more of its signature ultra-low fares.

“Investing in the A320neo is one of the most important things we can do for our valued Guests, the environment and the business itself,” said CEO Andrew Cowen. “We are actively looking for more opportunities to expand our fleet and grow our network to keep up with market demand.”

The low-fare airline is also excited to announce next year's delivery of two new A321 CEO (current engine option) aircraft, which will be the first in North Asia to have a 230-seat configuration. With the A321 aircraft joining the fleet, this means the airline's seat capacity will be significantly increased too, enabling more efficient utilization of Hong Kong International Airport slots ahead of the 3rd runway completion.

HK Express will operate 13 aircraft by the end of 2015, and a total of 19-23 by December of 2016. The burgeoning fleet is a sign of success for the popular airline, which has been growing rapidly since transitioning to a low-fare airline two years ago.

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About HK Express

Independent flight statistic monitoring website flightstats.com has already recognised HK Express for its top On-Time-Performance (OTP) rate. The airline has become a leader in the Hong Kong aviation industry by concentrating on low fares, best-in-class on-time performance and safety while revolutionizing air travel throughout the Asia market. The airline also received a “7-star safety rating”, the highest ranking possible from airlineratings.com, an independent, industry-respected research group. HK Express flies to 22 of the most popular destinations in Asia, including the newly-launched routes to Hiroshima in Japan (commencing 27 October). It is expected to launch Yangon and Mandalay in Myanmar and Luang Prabang in Laos in early 2016. With its fast growing fleet and enticing number of destinations, HK Express has flown 3 million Guests – a major achievement that attests to the popularity of the airline.