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CATHAY PACIFIC EXPANDS PRESENCE IN LATIN AMERICA WITH NEW FREIGHTER SERVICE TO MEXICO CITY

Cathay Pacific Airways announced today that it will expand its freighter services into Latin America by launching a thrice-weekly scheduled service to Mexico City on 1 March 2014, subject to government approval. At the same time, the airline will also increase the frequency of its service to Guadalajara from two to three freighter flights per week.

The Mexico City service will operate on a Hong Kong – Anchorage – Los Angeles – Mexico City – Guadalajara – Anchorage – Hong Kong routing every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, using Cathay Pacific's newest and biggest freighter, the Boeing 747-8F. The service will meet growing demand to move a wide range of commodities from Latin America and the United States to various parts of Asia, providing shippers with greater choice and flexibility when connecting to Cathay Pacific's international cargo network through the Hong Kong hub.

Mexico City is the largest city in Mexico as well as being the country's political, cultural, economic and financial centre. It is also one of the most important economic hubs in the Latin America region as a whole. The Boeing 747-8F aircraft offers more cargo space to carry the anticipated high volumes of auto parts, electronics, garments and perishables from Asia into Mexico City. The state-of-the-art Cathay Pacific Cargo Terminal at Hong Kong International Airport enables the airline to offer a full range of services for high-value cargo such as pharmaceuticals and perishables.

Cathay Pacific Director Cargo James Woodrow said: "We are delighted to launch this new freighter service to Mexico City as well as increasing the frequency to Guadalajara to three flights per week. We are committed to providing the best services connecting Asia to the fast-growing markets in Mexico and Latin America. We hope this new direct service will further stimulate the flow of goods between Mexico and Asia, at the same time boosting Hong Kong's standing as one of the world's key international airfreight hubs."

Mexico City becomes Cathay Pacific's second destination in Mexico following the launch of freighter flights to Guadalajara in October 2013. The airline currently operates cargo services to 11 destinations in North America and flies to a total of 43 freighter destinations around the world. Cathay Pacific recently took delivery of its 13th Boeing 747-8F freighter aircraft, with one more on order for delivery in 2016.

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Details of Cathay Pacific's new Mexico City (MEX) freighter service from 1 March 2014 are as follows (all times local, subject to government and slot approval):

Hong Kong (HKG) – Anchorage (ANC) – Los Angeles (LAX) – Mexico City (MEX) – Guadalajara (GDL) – Anchorage (ANC) – Hong Kong (HKG)

Flight No.	Routing	Departure	Arrival	Stopover	Day of the week
CX096	HKG – MEX	22:10	05:30+1	ANC*, LAX	Tue, Thu, Sat
CX097	MEX – GDL	07:00	08:20	/	Wed, Fri, Sun
	GDL – HKG	10:00	20:00+1	ANC*	

*Technical stop only

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