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China Eastern Airlines Announces New Flights from PH including CEBU- SHANGHAI in Q3 2017

Mactan Cebu International Airport Welcomes Two New Direct Flights with China Eastern

CEBU CITY –China Eastern Airlines (MU) officially announced the latest additions to its 1,062-strong global network. As the airline celebrates its 60th year this 2017, it will launch four new routes to the Philippines; Canton – Cebu - Canton; Kunming- Manila – Kunming, Shanghai- Clark-Shanghai, and Shanghai- Cebu – Shanghai.

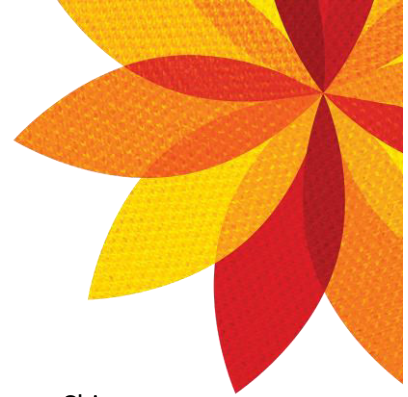
China Eastern Airlines, which serves 100 million passengers annually, is operated from its headquarters in Shanghai and ranks 2nd among the world’s top airlines in passenger volume. It offers non-stop flights to seven North American gateways: New York (JFK), Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu, Toronto, and Vancouver and serves 1,062 destinations across 177 countries. Currently, MU has four flights operating to the Philippines, namely, Shanghai-Manila-Shanghai, Canton-Laoag-Canton, Chengdu-Cebu-Chengdu and Chengdu-Manila-Chengdu.

With the launch of these new products and services, China Eastern envisions excelling in the industry here in the Philippines and continue making places accessible to the Filipinos through its variety of routes.

“Cebu is one of the top tourist destinations here in the Philippines and we're excited to contribute in bringing more visitors through our flights. Also, for Filipinos here in the Visayas and Mindanao, they can now take the Cebu-Shanghai flight and connect to our wide network of destinations,” said China Eastern Airline Country General Manager Channe Chen.

The Cebu- Canton- Cebu route which will commence this June 28th will be the first of the four new flights to begin operations right here from Mactan Cebu International Airport, while other highly anticipated route, Shanghai- Cebu- Shanghai will begin on October 18th later on this year. Both routes will be operated on Boeing 737 aircraft. Meanwhile, Clark- Shanghai- Clark will also commence on October 18th and Kunming- Manila – Kunming will begin in September of this year. These flights will be operated on an Airbus 320 and a Boeing 737 respectively.

GMR-MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC), the private company managing the terminal operations and other related areas of Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) welcomes these latest international flights from one of the largest carriers in China.



“True to our commitment of expanding connections from Cebu, we are thrilled to welcome China Eastern and open our doors to the world through the extensive China Eastern flight network. With these two new flights, Shanghai-based tourists as well as tourists from North America will have more choices in reaching Cebu,” said Aines Librodo, Head of Airline Marketing for GMCAC.

Mactan-Cebu International Airport is currently connected to 18 international destinations and 29 domestic routes with 21 partner carriers.

Early this year, GMCAC also launched three international flights to China namely, Cebu-Chongqing, Cebu-Fuzhou, and Cebu-Kunming. While flights to Busuanga and Cotabato were added to the various domestic routes from MCIA.

“As we open Cebu to international and more diverse market through intensive route development, we are positive that we can bring in positive growth and generate business to Cebu and to the rest of the Visayas and Mindanao regions,” said GMCAC CEA Andrew Harrison.

Consequently, GMCAC emphasized that increasing Mactan Airport’s capacity is the next crucial step and understands the need for a proper and world-class infrastructure.

The construction of a new world-class Passenger Terminal Building or MCIA Terminal 2 is already in full swing and is meant to drive further growth in passenger traffic, which translates to a more robust tourism environment for the region.

Slated to open in June 2018, Terminal 2 will increase passenger capacity to 12.5 million. The new terminal, spanning 65,500 square meters, will not only lessen congestion but will offer an exciting and wide-ranging retail environment. The architectural design is inspired by Cebu’s island heritage.

“We have set the foundation of transforming MCIA into a world-class airport and we are keen on taking it to the next level by elevating the airport industry benchmarks in service and efficiency with a signature touch of Filipino design and hospitality,” Harrison said.

For more information about China Eastern Airlines you may visit the website at <http://ph.ceair.com> and their Facebook page at chinaeasternmnl or you may call us at (02)551-5212.

ABOUT GMR MEGAWIDE CEBU AIRPORT CORPORATION

GMR-MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC) is a Filipino-led consortium managing the terminal operations and other related areas of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport. Under the Public-Private partnership framework, the GMR Group of India and the MEGAWIDE Construction Corporation joint



venture, shall deliver a second terminal and rehabilitate the existing one to reduce congestion as well as meet the growing passenger traffic. GMCAC is undertaking this capital extensive project to provide a world class terminal airport with a welcoming ambiance that is distinctly Filipino. GMR-MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation took over the management of MCIA on November 1, 2014. The concession agreement will last for 25 years.

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