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CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS ANNOUNCES DAILY PASSENGER SERVICE TO HONG KONG

CHICAGO – The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) announces non-stop flight passenger service by Cathay Pacific Airways between Chicago O'Hare International Airport and Hong Kong International Airport, beginning in September 2011.

The daily, non-stop service will operate from International Terminal 5 at O'Hare on Boeing 777-300ER aircraft. Cathay Pacific offers high quality First-class, business and economy seating and amenities on all passenger flights.

"Chicago is a global city with an international vibe that works hard to show its influence beyond its borders and is an international gateway for cargo and passengers," said Mayor Richard M. Daley. "We've worked hard to attract new businesses and industries to Chicago and our position as a transportation hub and our efforts to rebound from a global recession is being noticed on an international level. Establishing additional daily air service between Chicago and Hong Kong helps continue to expand economic relations for these cities."

Chicago is Cathay Pacific's fifth North American city with passenger service to Hong Kong. The other cities are Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, Vancouver and Toronto.

"We had the distinct honor of meeting with senior staff of Cathay Pacific's headquarters in Hong Kong in April," said Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). "We truly value our strong partnership with Cathay and look forward to the opportunity to add its premier passenger service for travelers in the Midwest."

The addition of Cathay Pacific passenger service will bring nearly \$200 million in economic activity to the Chicago region. The service signals the increasing resurgence and resiliency of the airline industry.

Cathay Pacific also operates cargo service from O'Hare International Airport. Chicago is one of Cathay's 11 North American cargo destinations. Currently, there are eight direct cargo flights a week on B747-4F aircraft.

Each cargo freighter landing at O'Hare International Airport represents approximately \$3 million in business to our local economy.

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For more information about Cathay Pacific Airways, please visit www.cathaypacific.com.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, and concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM) Version 2.0, released in November 2010. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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