



CATHAY PACIFIC COMPLETES ITS FIRST OVERSEAS REFUEL OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS

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Cathay Pacific continues to make progress towards achieving its goal of using Sustainable Aviation Fuel for 10% of its total fuel use by 2030 by uplifting SAF onto its commercial flights for the very first time outside its Hong Kong hub. Blended and supplied by ExxonMobil Asia Pacific Pte Ltd, this batch of SAF was refuelled at Singapore Changi Airport onto four Cathay Pacific cargo flights – CX2076 to Hong Kong on 7, 14 and 28 June, and CX2074 to Penang on 30 June. This follows the use of blended SAF uplifted at Hong Kong International Airport onto selected flights last year, and on the delivery flights for its new Airbus A350 from Europe over the past six years.

Cathay Group Chief Executive Officer Ronald Lam commented: “This is an important milestone for Cathay Pacific and our ambition to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. As an international

airline, we have a leading role to play in helping the aviation industry to decarbonise and we are constantly exploring solutions and advocating for extensive collaboration with many stakeholders to combat climate change. We firmly believe that SAF will be the primary lever by which the aviation industry achieves net-zero carbon emissions. By expanding the uplift of blended SAF onto selected commercial flights at Changi Airport as well as our home hub, we hope to strengthen SAF awareness across the Asia Pacific region and send a strong signal to the supply chain that there is firm demand for SAF from airlines."

This neat SAF was created from 100% used cooking oil and meets International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) EU standards. On a lifecycle basis, it can reduce GHG emissions by nearly 90% compared to conventional jet fuel, providing a lower GHG emissions air travel and air cargo solution.

Ong Shwu Hoon, Asia Pacific Fuels Vice President, ExxonMobil Asia Pacific, said: "We are pleased to collaborate with Cathay Pacific for the successful deliveries of certified SAF in Singapore. ExxonMobil remains focused on growing our lower GHG emission fuels business to support the decarbonisation goals of the aviation industry, leveraging our operational and logistical capabilities."

Cathay Pacific is committed to increasing the use of SAF on its flights. The airline launched the Cathay Pacific Corporate SAF Programme in 2022, the first major programme of its kind in Asia, with eight corporates as launch customers. The programme provides corporate customers the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint from business travel or airfreight by contributing to the use of SAF. Cathay Pacific plans to bring more corporate customers onboard the programme in 2023.

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