

Press Release

Yangon International Airport Announces Thrice-weekly Yangon-Hangzhou Flights

Launch ceremony for new air route held at Yangon International Airport Terminal 1

YANGON – 18 December 2018 – Yangon International Airport (YIA), Myanmar's largest and busiest airport, announced today it has begun flying travellers directly from Yangon to Hangzhou, China, thrice a week via Sichuan Airlines.

The new route, which launched yesterday, is Sichuan Airlines' second connection between Yangon and China, following the launch of the Yangon-Xi'an route in November this year. Sichuan Airlines will use 180-seat A320 aircraft for the thrice-weekly flights.

The announcement comes against a backdrop of rising visitor traffic from mainland China, thanks to the Myanmar government's new visa-on-arrival service. It is expected to boost tourism for both Yangon, Myanmar's commercial capital, and Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province and southern terminus of the ancient Grand Canal waterway.

Sichuan Airlines is the 31st international airline to connect to YIA, which said it will continue working with international airlines to launch more travel routes and promote Myanmar tourism.

Tickets to Hangzhou and Xi'an are available at travel agencies in Myanmar or Sichuan Airlines' official website: <u>www.sichuanair.com</u>.



Weekly Schedule for Yangon – Hangzhou Flights

Monday/Wednesday/Friday		
Flight No.	Departure	Arrival
3U - 8278	Yangon (1: 30 am)	Hangzhou (7: 00 am)
3U - 8277	Hangzhou (9:10 pm)	Yangon (11:40 pm)



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About Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL)

Setting the standard for high performance

Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL) operates and manages Yangon International Airport, the main gateway into Myanmar. As the largest and busiest airport in Myanmar, YIA sets the standard as a high-performance airport with its overall approach towards achieving excellence in key areas such as infrastructure, organisation and management.

Over the last few years, Myanmar has seen steady growth in visitor traffic. As the country is set to experience long-term growth in tourism, YIA targets to handle up the extensive capacity yearly and is geared to provide quality experiences and premium services for passengers and airlines.

Yangon International Airport (YIA) is strategically located between India and China with two-thirds of the world's population within six hours' flying range including cities such as Bangkok, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Narita, Incheon, Dubai, Doha, Beijing, Hong Kong and Taipei. Serving 31 international airlines and 29 international destinations, YIA handled a total of 5.92 million passengers in 2017.