



Press Release

**Connecting Yangon with Chengdu three times a week from December
2018**

YANGON – 29 December 2018 – Yangon International Airport (YIA), Myanmar’s largest and busiest airport, now directly connects Yangon with Chengdu, China with thrice-weekly flights operated by Myanmar National Airlines (MNA). Travelers can now enjoy MNA’s non-stop flights from Yangon to Chengdu starting 28 December.

Utilizing a B738 aircraft (164 seat capacity)/ E190 aircraft (100 seat capacity) for the new service, MNA has set the fare for a round trip from Yangon – Chengdu– Yangon starting from 330 USD. Chengdu is MNA’s 6th international destination.

Schedule for Yangon – Chengdu thrice-weekly flights

Day	Sector	Departure	Arrival
Mon/ Wed/ Fri	Yangon – Chengdu	2220	0230 + 1
Tue/ Thu/ Sat	Chengdu – Yangon	0335	0505

- **Note: All times are in Local. Chengdu GMT (+8)**

Celebrating the inaugural flight at Yangon International Airport

The celebration event was held at Terminal 1 and graced by U Win Khant, permanent secretary of Ministry of Transport and Communications, U Min Lwin, Director General of Department of Civil Aviation, Ms. Li Xiaoyan, Counselor of the People’s Republic of China Embassy, Capt. Than Tun, CEO of MNA, Mr. Ho Chee Tong, Chief Executive Officer of Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YAACL).



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Speaking at the launch ceremony, U Win Khant said “I would like to proudly congratulate MNA for their successful and crucial milestone. I would also like to thank the government of the People’s Republic of China and Embassy for their cooperation and support and would like to ask for further supports for MNA.”

Ms. Li Xiaoyan said “During 2018, the number of Chinese visitors traveling to Myanmar are about 259,600 and there is 38.38% growth compared to last year. Chengdu exists in southwest China and it is rich in technology, a transportation center and a famous historical and cultural city. Yangon is the city with most potentials for Myanmar’s development. This route will definitely boost the relations, tourism and cooperation among Yangon and Chengdu more.”

Capt. Than Tun of MNA said “MNA will be operating Yangon – Chengdu route three times a week. Chinese travelers prefer to visit beaches in Myanmar especially Chaungtha, Ngwe Saung. We just started our new flight opening between Yangon and Patheingyi and there is potential growth of air travelers. We are planning for our new route to Wuhan too.”



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Mr. Ho Chee Tong of YACL said “Firstly, I would like to congratulate Myanmar National Airlines for its first inaugural flight to Chengdu. With Myanmar National Airlines bringing its flight to Chengdu, we are very sure as Yangon International Airport that there would be many other opportunities as well as the opportunity for sharing and culture exchange between the people of Myanmar and the people of China. Yangon International Airport is ready to support all efforts and initiatives of Myanmar National Airlines as well as government of Myanmar.”

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About Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL)

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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, Tokyo, Seoul, 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.