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Auckland Airport welcomes China Eastern Airlines to New Zealand market



Passengers will have more choice when it comes to flying from Shanghai to Auckland over the summer season.

Auckland Airport and China Eastern Airlines have announced a new direct service operating from December 2014 to March 2015. The route offering will initially consist of four flights a week, increasing to seven flights a week in January.

The service adds an extra 47,000 seats, contributing an estimated \$54 million to the New Zealand economy.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's acting general manager aeronautical commercial, says that the introduction of a second direct carrier on the Shanghai to Auckland route is expected to lead to double digit growth from the Shanghai market during the peak New Zealand summer period.

"Shanghai is an incredibly dynamic city and represents a huge growth opportunity for the New Zealand market," Charles says. "Not only will this new seasonal service deliver more capacity and choice for travellers, it will also stimulate demand by diversifying the product offering on this route."

Almost 36,000 visitors arrived at Auckland Airport from Shanghai in the year ending June 2014, an increase of 20 per cent on the same period the previous year. Impressive growth from the Chinese market means China is currently New Zealand's second largest tourist market.

Kathy Zhang, general manager Oceania for China Eastern Airlines, says the airline is excited to introduce seasonal flights to the New Zealand market.

"New Zealand is one of the most popular destinations for Chinese travellers and we are confident we will experience strong demand for our new service."

Web: www.flychinaeastern.com

New Monteith's Bar quenches travellers thirst

A new bar launched in the international terminal at Auckland Airport, courtesy of DB Breweries, will offer departing passengers a premium hospitality hub to enjoy food and drink.

DB's national concept development manager, Hamish Clentworth, says this is a first for the company, which is keen to bring its brands and experiences to the traveller market.



"The bar will transform on a seasonal basis to keep things exciting and new and it will align with events like the Heineken Tennis Open or the 2015 International Cricket World Cup where DB beers or ciders are sponsors."

"All of New Zealand's favourite brews are of course available, including Monteith's, DB Export and Tui, as well as our international flagship brands such as Heineken and Tiger. The bar also offers coffee and a unique range of food items to satisfy hungry, departing travellers."

"The bar's ability to transform regularly will make it a destination with a difference for travellers to enjoy prior to departure."

This month, enjoy a showcase of the Monteith's beer and cider range. With nearly 150 years of brewing experience, Monteith's is a recognised leader in the New Zealand craft beer market.

Web: www.aucklandairport.co.nz

Young artists brighten airport walls



'Our Auckland' by Papatoetoe High School.

Auckland Airport has launched a youth art programme to help showcase the artistic skills of young, local talent.

The exciting new programme, called 'Our Auckland', gives young artists the opportunity to display their art to the large number of people who visit Auckland Airport everyday.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's general manager of corporate affairs says, "Our local community has a wealth of creative talent, supported by the diversity of culture for which South Auckland is well known."

The first installation of the programme, 'Our Place', has been created by 14 students from Papatoetoe High School.

The eight-panel mural includes allusions to airport architecture and natural and historical sites. It's based on the students' perceptions of Auckland Airport and its identity as a place within South Auckland.

Rakesh Govind, acting principal of Papatoetoe High School, says, "It's fantastic that our students can be involved in such an amazing project. The students showed true enthusiasm and commitment and I know that this experience will stay with them for a long time to come."

Mr Spillane expressed his gratitude to the school for their hard-work and dedication.

"Our Place is a stunning piece of art and we are very grateful to have the opportunity to display it for airport staff and visitors to enjoy."

Web: <http://www.aucklandairport.co.nz>

More flights, more seats, more choice



Additional North America and Fiji capacity comes as great news for travellers

Auckland Airport has welcomed the announcement by Air New Zealand that it will increase the capacity on its Auckland to Los Angeles and Auckland to Vancouver routes.

The increase will see Air New Zealand introduce an additional three flights per week on its Auckland to Los Angeles route from March to October 2015, with a fourth flight per week added during the New Zealand school holiday months of July and October.

The announcement will also see Air New Zealand increase flights on its Auckland to Vancouver route next year by extending its current July to August five-weekly service to include the extra months of June and September.

Air New Zealand concurrently announced it will also be flying a daily wide-body 777 service on its Fiji route from May to October 2015, increasing passenger capacity by 12%.

Charles Spillane, Auckland Airport's acting general manager aeronautical commercial, says, "Obviously, Fiji is a very popular destination for Kiwis and the addition of Air New Zealand's business class lie-flat product on this route will provide travellers with an even greater selection of seat options. The airline has also refined its scheduled flight times to provide passengers with improved connectivity to the Air New Zealand domestic network."

WEB: <http://www.aucklandairport.co.nz>

Meridian Energy joins Airport's Quad office precinct

Meridian Energy is joining Auckland Airport's sought-after 'Quad' office precinct when its Auckland-based sales team make it their home at the end of the year.

Built by Auckland Airport, the Quad office precinct is growing in popularity with it recognised as an exciting, unique and attractive place for both businesses and staff. Its high-quality cluster of buildings is located within easy walking distance of supermarkets, restaurants, walking trails and golfing facilities to name a few.

Meridian Energy has leased a whole floor in the Quad 5 building, which is already occupied by Harrison Grierson, Specsavers, BASF New Zealand and a Jetts Fitness gym.



Meridian Energy's general manager for retail, Alan McCauley, says, "The new Quad 5 office provides more space for our growing Auckland-based sales team and offers a convenient hub near the airport for staff and clients visiting from out of town."

The Quad precinct is also home to 'Te Kaitaka - The Cloak'; a visually striking building that has been nominated as a finalist for an international architecture award, at the 2014 World Architecture Festival.

Web: <http://www.aucklandairport.co.nz>

 **68.7%**

The increase in passenger arrivals from India in August 2014 compared with the same month last year.

Funding boosts local sporting groups



The recipients of the annual Auckland Airport Gold Medal Awards were announced last week.

Going strong in their fifth year, the Awards assist in growing spirited and healthy young Aucklanders by supporting sports and fitness communities across the region. The grants help with the cost of equipment, coaching and training or travel needs for sporting events.

This year, the airport received over 250 applications from a variety of teams, clubs, schools and Marae across Auckland, 14 of which were chosen to share in the \$30,000 fund.

2014 recipients:

Triple 'T' Community Group who will purchase bikes and host an event at 'The Runway' -Auckland Airport's Mountain Bike Park.

Onehunga Primary School who will purchase classroom sets of equipment including play balls, hula hoops, skipping ropes, elastics and marker cones.

Dawson Primary School who will outfit students in appropriately sized multi-sport uniforms for its boys and girls basketball, softball and athletic teams.

GymCity Papatoetoe Gymnastics Club who will purchase new equipment for its mobile gymnastics programme, extending the number of primary schools visited in the local community.

Edmonton Primary School who will send all junior students to 'Duck n' Dive' swim academy for two weeks of intensive swim lessons.

Papatoetoe South School who will purchase new equipment for its free sports programmes.

Sir Douglas Bader Intermediate School who will purchase sports uniforms in varying sizes to cover all its sports teams.

Otahuhu College who will replace its derelict volleyball equipment, which is enjoyed by 70 junior and senior volleyball players.

Bethells Beach Surf Life Saving Patrol who will acquire up-to-date mannequins for life-saving training.

Opaheke School who will provide basic water survival skills and swimming tuition to all of its students.

Leabank Primary School who will purchase uniforms for Years 4, Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams.

Rongomai School who will purchase netball uniforms for its top netball teams.

Papatoetoe High School who will purchase sports tracksuits for teams competing in tournaments.

Doves Netball Club who will purchase netball gear including balls and agility equipment.

Kiwi ingenuity behind Auckland Airport's 'cutting-edge' lawn mower



Mowing the equivalent of 600 rugby fields in less than three hours is a task most lawn mowers would quiver at. But not for Auckland Airport's new kid on the block - the Fieldmaster Airport Express.

The new machine is light, easy to manoeuvre and can cut in all weather conditions. Designed by Pukekohe-based company Fieldmaster, the Airport Express travels at 20kmh and has a unique blade spread that cuts 60,000 square metres of grass per hour - up to four times faster than its predecessor.

Auckland Airport's chief executive Adrian Littlewood says, maintaining the grass at the airport is more important than most realise, with high levels of efficiency and accuracy required to control wildlife and ensure aircraft safety.

"The grass length must be long enough to deter birds from landing, but short enough not to tempt wildlife with seed or insects attracted by flowers."

"And as we only have a brief non-flight window between 1am to 4am every Monday, it's easy to see why mower speed and reliability is so vital to us."

WEB: www.fieldmaster.co.nz

An unsung local hero recognised nationally

Following the story we ran last month, where Tony Scott was awarded Fundraiser of the Year for the Upper North Island, this month he attended an event at the Auckland Museum and was presented with the New Zealand Fundraiser of the Year award.

Better known as Scottie by his peers, Tony Scott has been a fire fighter at the Auckland Airport Rescue Fire Brigade for 22 years.



Fundraiser of the year Tony Scott

He is a passionate fundraiser and the driving force behind the annual Sky Tower Stair Climb challenge that raises funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand.

A modest man, Tony commented that no one does these things to win awards.

"If everyone just gave a little, this world would be a great place to live."

The next Sky Tower Stair Climb will be held in August 2015 and Scottie has set his sights on hitting the \$1 million fundraising mark.

'3 Wise Men' open shop in the domestic terminal

Men's clothing label '3 Wise Men' joins the growing list of retail shops opening up at Auckland Airport's domestic terminal.

Securing a spot in the airport's retail precinct is something 3 Wise Men has desired for some time says Richard Miles, 3 Wise Men's managing director.

"We've been in discussions with Auckland Airport for about a year, waiting for the right position to become available so naturally we were delighted to hear our time had come."

The new store will be kitted out with exclusive 3 Wise Men branded clothing and be home to more than 80 different styles of shirts, a large selection of footwear and a range of accessories including ties, cufflinks, belts, boxer shorts and socks.



The store will make 'shopping on the run' even more accessible by giving travellers the option to pre-order their items online and either pick them up on their way through the airport, have them delivered to their home, or pick them up from any one of the seven 3 Wise Men stores across New Zealand.

Richard predicts that the opening of the new Auckland Airport store will increase 3 Wise Men's turnover by 15 percent over the next 12 months.

To celebrate the opening of their new airport store, 3 Wise Men are offering 30 per cent off for all airport company employees until Tuesday 14 October 2014.

Web: www.3wisemen.co.nz

Local kapa haka group welcomes international visitors

Clayton Park School's kapa haka group lit up Auckland Airport's international terminal on Wednesday 24 September when it delivered a bit of kiwi culture to arriving passengers.

This was the second performance as part of the airport's community performance programme. The programme provides a platform for creative groups in the local community to showcase their talents to the large number of people that visit Auckland Airport every day.

The 40 students, ranging from Year 1 to Year 6, performed a collection of enchanting waiata (songs), one of which the group wrote themselves.



Clayton Park School's kapa haka group perform at the international terminal.

Lollipops fosters healthy, happy family life

Supporting families and growing healthy, happy children is what airport-based Lollipops Educare (Lollipops) is all about.

Receiving the Heart Foundation's Healthy Heart Award for Early Childhood Education is evidence of Lollipops' drive to provide a healthy environment. It's a programme that aims to provide support, information and planning tools for the implementation of healthier food choices and physical activity to under-five's and their families.

June Gaston, centre manager, says that Lollipops has been working with a Heart Foundation Health Promotion Coordinator over the last six months to achieve this goal and, receiving the award along with a 'Gold' standard rating for their menu, is recognition of the centres' efforts.

"While we can directly help the children and their families that attend our centre by providing healthier menus, we are always on the lookout for ways to extend this help to the wider community."



An upcoming 'Parenting Show with Pio' is one way the early childhood centre is hoping to achieve such goals.

The evening show will be packed with practical parenting advice, stories and humour delivered by master entertainer, Pio Terei. Pio promises parents will walk away feeling confident and empowered.

Details: 30 October 2014 | 6pm-8pm | 10-12 Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland Airport | Entry is by gold coin | Refreshments and sport prizes will be on offer.

Web: <http://www.theparentingplace.com>

1.80 million

The number of overseas trips taken by New Zealand residents in the year ending August 2014. This figure is 3.8% higher compared to the year before.

