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DELTA SELECTS MD-11 FOR SERVICE ON NEW NON-STOP FLIGHT TO TOKYO

ATLANTA, GA, June 3, 1998 -- Delta Air Lines is expanding its Japan service with the addition of a daily, non-stop flight between Atlanta and Tokyo beginning today. Delta has selected the McDonnell Douglas MD-11 aircraft for the new flight.

The start of this new, non-stop service marks a significant achievement for Delta, Atlanta and the entire southeast region of the United States. Steve Wood, Delta's manager of MD-11/L-1011 Maintenance Programs Aircraft said, "The decision to use the MD-11 aircraft is an important key in helping Delta to realize one of its most strategic goals-- to expand its global operation. The MD-11 aircraft is the best choice for the job. It is a reliable aircraft."

"We have made a few modifications to the current model of MD-11 that Delta flies for use on the Tokyo flight," Wood said.

Delta made the changes to four of its 15 MD-11 aircraft. One change involves adding a crew rest module, located in the forward area of the coach class cabin.

Since the MD-11s being used for the new Tokyo flight will carry four pilots instead of the usual number of pilots, which is two, the crew rest area will be used by the pilots not flying the aircraft at that time. Tokyo-bound MD-11s also will carry 12 flight attendants to serve its passengers. There will be Japanese-speaking flight attendants on every flight.

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The MD-11 was originally designed to carry 248 passengers in a three-class configuration: first class, business class and coach class. The Delta-modified MD-11s will carry 222 passengers in a three-class configuration.

The MD-11 aircraft has a fuel capacity of about 38,524 gallons. The Delta-modified MD-11 will carry an additional 1,973 gallons of fuel in a reserve fuel tank located in the cargo compartment. The extra fuel will be used for the approximate 13 and a half-hour non-stop flight to Tokyo. The return flight to Atlanta is approximately 12 and a half-hours.

The first of Delta's MD-11 aircraft to undergo its transformation was returned to regular service on Sunday, May 17, ahead of schedule.

The MD-11 aircraft is powered by three Pratt & Whitney PW4460 engines which provide up to 60,000 pounds of thrust per engine.

The new non-stop flight to Japan will also open an opportunity for Delta to increase its air cargo business in Asia. Each MD-11 aircraft has 5,278 cubic feet of cargo storage space. With more aircraft flying to Japan, Delta is strengthening its position to compete more effectively in the air cargo market.

Delta Air Lines carries more passengers worldwide than any other airline. Last year over 103 million passengers boarded Delta flights. Each day Delta, Delta Express, the Delta Connection and Delta's Worldwide Partners run more than 5,016 to 330 cities and throughout 53 different countries.

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Fact Sheet
McDonnell Douglas MD-11
Used on Atlanta - Tokyo Service

CAPACITIES

Passengers	222 (18/40/164)
Crew	4 Pilots / 12 Flight Attendants
Payload Capability:	
Summer	222 psgrs + 8000 lbs.(3,632 kg.) cargo
Winter	222 psgrs + 2000 lbs.(908 kg.) cargo
Fuel Capacity	40,507 gal. or 271,400 lb. 153,319 liters or 123,215 kg.
Cargo - Total	5,278 cu. ft. or 150 cu. meters;
Containerized:	32 LD-3s;
Bulk:	510 cu. ft./ 14.4 cu. meters

PERFORMANCE

Cruising Speed	550 MPH or 0.83 MACH 885 Kilometers per hour
Range w/Full-Capacity Passengers	7,780 Statute Miles 12,518 Kilometers
Maximum Altitude	43,200 Feet 13,167 Meters
Fuel Consumption (All Engines)	2,315 Gal./Hr.or 8,763 Liters /Hr.

DIMENSIONS

Overall Wing Span	169 ft. 6 in. or 51.6 Meters
Overall Length	200 ft. 10 in. or 61.2 Meters
Overall Tail Height	57 ft. 9 in. or 17.6 Meters
Cabin Diameter	18 ft. 8 in. or 5.7 Meters

WEIGHT

Maximum Takeoff	625,500 lbs. or 283,727 kilograms
Maximum Landing	430,000 lbs. or 195,048 kilograms

POWER PLANT

Engines	3 Pratt & Whitney PW4460
Total Thrust Per Engine	60,000 lbs. or 28,600 HP 266,892 Newtons or 29,000 Metric HP