



Joint Release

## **Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines Granted Approvals for Joint Business Agreement**

**TOKYO, December 19, 2019** – Japan Airlines and Malaysia Airlines are now set to launch a joint business structure in 2020 following a decision from the Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM) to grant an individual exemption and Japan`s Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism to grant an antitrust immunity.

The agreement for joint business will allow the two carriers to cooperate commercially on flights between Malaysia and Japan and aims to deliver customers with more benefits by providing additional flight choices, a larger network, better connections and an enhanced frequent flyer program.

Yuji Akasaka, President of Japan Airlines said, “We would like to thank the regulators for approving our ATI application with Malaysia Airlines. We anticipate launching this joint business relationship in 2020 to provide additional travel benefits for our mutual customers.”

Captain Izham Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airlines said, “We are excited for the opportunities the Joint Business provides for both airlines. We are confident that with this partnership, we will be able to deliver important benefits to our customers and to grow the business between our countries. We thank MAVCOM for their extensive review and trust in both Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines.”

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### **About Malaysia Airlines**

Malaysia Airlines is the national carrier of Malaysia, offering the best way to fly to, from and around Malaysia. Malaysia Airlines carries up to 40,000 guests daily on memorable journeys inspired by Malaysia's diverse richness. Malaysia Airlines embodies the incredible diversity of Malaysia, capturing its rich traditions, cultures and cuisines via its inimitable Malaysian Hospitality across all customer touch points.

Since September 2015, the airline has been owned and operated by Malaysia Airlines Berhad. It is part of the Malaysia Aviation Group (MAG), a global aviation organisation that comprises of different aviation business portfolios aimed at serving Malaysian air travel needs. Via our alliance with oneworld®, Malaysia Airlines offers superior connectivity with seamless journeys to 1,000 destinations across 150 plus countries, and access to over 650 airport lounges worldwide. For more information, please visit <http://www.malaysiaairlines.com>

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### **About Japan Airlines**

Japan Airlines (JAL) was founded in 1951 and became the first international airline in Japan. A member of the oneworld® alliance, the airline now reaches 405 airports in 66 countries and regions together with its codeshare partners with a modern fleet of 235 aircraft. Awarded as one of the most punctual major international airlines and a certified 5-Star Airline by Skytrax, JAL is committed to providing customers with the highest levels of flight safety and quality in every aspect of its service, and aims to become one of the most preferred and valued airlines in the world.

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