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THAI Holds an Anointing Ceremony for the Boeing 777-200LR Freighter Aircraft and the Opening Ceremony of THAI Cargo Cold Storage

27 April 2010, Thai Airways International Public Company Limited held an Anointing Ceremony for the Company's new Boeing 777-200LR Freighter Aircraft and the Opening Ceremony of "THAI Cargo Cold Storage" conducted by Phra Thep Pavanavikrom, Deputy Abbot of Wat Trimitr, which was presided over by Mr. Piyasvasti Amranand, THAI's President at THAI Cargo Terminal, Suvarnabhumi International Airport.

Mr. Piyasvasti Amranand, THAI's President, said that THAI's Cargo and Mail Commercial Department began to provide cargo freighter service with two Boeing 777-200LRF aircraft operating two flights per week on the Bangkok-Frankfurt and return route, and one flight per week on the Bangkok-Hong Kong-Amsterdam-Bangkok route, which began on 27 March 2010.

THAI entered a Block Space Agreement (BSA) with Southern Air (SAI), utilizing Boeing 777-200LRF aircraft to provide cargo freighter service. THAI is the first air carrier in Asia and Southeast Asia to conduct freighter operations with the Boeing 777-200LRF equipped with GE90-110B1 engines. This aircraft type is environmentally friendly, certified for noise control standards, which makes it suitable for service to various airports, as it is free of noise pollution limitations. A total of 102 metric tons of cargo may be transported per flight, carrying up to 37 pallets of cargo with a bulk cargo area of 17 cubic meter. The extensive cargo door enables acceptance of particularly large shipments, suitable for special care shipping such as live animals, dangerous goods, fresh produce like vegetables, fruits, flowers, and IT products that include computer chips and hard-disk parts.

The Boeing 777-200LRF can serve the increasing market demand in cargo delivery from Thailand and the Asia-Pacific region to Europe, as the world economies recover. This freighter aircraft will enhance the strength of THAI Cargo by providing more cargo space, in addition to the existing compartment underneath the passenger cabin, as well as offer faster service and more convenient shipments.

THAI Cargo estimated that the Boeing 777-200LRF would help increase the total freight income to 24,120 million Baht or 31% in 2010, with a 53.6% Freight Load Factor, by increasing cargo spaces through Block Space Agreement (BSA) in the future. The operating results obtained from utilizing the Boeing 777-200LRF will be used for cargo aircraft procurement planning. This significant expansion ensures that THAI's new service will satisfy customer demand in cargo delivery to comply with THAI Cargo's promise to "Always deliver the best."

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THAI Cargo has officially launched Cold Storage Service for products needing special care for the Cool Chain management. This Cool Storage Service is part of the Perishable Center at the THAI Cargo Terminal, Customs Free Zone, Suvarnabhumi International Airport, organized in a temperature-monitored room in an area of 500 square meters. There are three rooms inside Cold Storage whereby temperature is adjusted based on the category and type of products ranging from 2 to 15 degrees. This is necessary in order to provide services required to prepare and transport agricultural products by using modern management systems and technology to maintain temperature for products consistently throughout the shipment process through to the final destination.

With the Cold Storage Service, cargo shipments will be guaranteed freshness and reduce losses incurred in product spoilage that may be caused by storage at unsuitable temperatures. Through this special service, THAI Cargo ensures customers that fresh cargo shipments will be delivered to the final destination and benefit consumers worldwide while providing a positive boost to Thailand's economy. Furthermore, this reduces use of foam packaging that is kinder to the world environment.

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About Star Alliance:

The Star Alliance network was established in 1997 as the first truly global airline alliance to offer customers worldwide reach and a smooth travel experience. Star Alliance received the Air Transport World Market Leadership Award in 2008 and was voted Best Airline Alliance by Business Traveller Magazine in 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and by Skytrax in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2009. The members are Air Canada, Air China, Air New Zealand, ANA, Asiana Airlines, Austrian, bmi, EGYPTAIR, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, Scandinavian Airlines, Shanghai Airlines, Singapore Airlines, South African Airways, Spanair, SWISS, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, THAI, United and US Airways. Regional member carriers Adria Airways (Slovenia), Blue1 (Finland) and Croatia Airlines enhance the global network. Aegean Airlines, Air India, Brussels Airlines, Continental Airlines and TAM have been announced as future members. Overall, the Star Alliance network offers 17,000 daily flights to 916 destinations in 160 countries.