CATHAY PACIFIC CARGO

From its origins as a small regional freight operator established in 1946, Cathay Pacific Airways has grown to become one of the world’s top 10 international air-cargo carriers. Cathay Pacific’s cargo business has helped to consolidate Hong Kong’s position as the world’s busiest international air cargo hub. All of Cathay Pacific’s cargo operations are grouped under its Cathay Pacific Cargo unit.

Cargo fleet
Cathay Pacific Cargo currently has a fleet of 25 freighters including six Boeing 747-400 Freighters, 13 747-400BCFs (Boeing Converted Freighters), and six 747-400ERFs (Extended Range Freighters). The airline also has 10 new-generation Boeing 747-8 Freighters on order with deliveries due to commence in 2011. These will greatly enhance the airline’s cargo capacity.

Cathay Pacific Cargo also utilises cargo space in the bellies of Cathay Pacific’s 101 passenger aircraft. In 2009 the airline carried 1,166,970 tonnes of cargo, more than half of which was uplifted on passenger flights.

Cargo network
Cathay Pacific Cargo freighters currently fly to 36 destinations around the world. The airline’s long-haul dedicated cargo services started in 1981 with a twice-weekly Hong Kong-Frankfurt-London service operated jointly with Lufthansa.


Products and Services
Cathay Pacific Cargo has developed a wide range of service options to meet the growing needs of its customers. Products offered include Pharma LIFT, Priority LIFT, DG LIFT, Fresh LIFT, Live Animal LIFT, Secure LIFT, Courier LIFT, Expert LIFT, Cathay Pacific Wholesale Courier (OBC), Retail Parcel Express (RPX), and CX/DHL Overnight Express Network (OEO). These services help customers’ packages and cargo arrive faster and more safely.

Air Hong Kong (AHK)
Air Hong Kong was founded in 1986 and began charter services using a Boeing 707 Freighter in 1988. In June 1994, Cathay Pacific bought a 75% share in the company, making it a wholly owned subsidiary in February 2002. In October 2002, Cathay Pacific and DHL Worldwide Express (DHL) announced a new joint venture agreement in which DHL acquired a 30% stake in AHK. The following March, Cathay Pacific sold an additional 10% interest in AHK to DHL.

AHK now operates eight Airbus A300-600F freighters to provide overnight services for DHL to and from Seoul, Shanghai, Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Taipei,
Bangkok, Beijing, Penang, Manila and Singapore. In addition, AHK is currently wet-leasing two Boeing 727F freighters from Transmile and one Boeing 747-400BCF freighter from Cathay Pacific to operate overnight services for DHL.

**Cathay Pacific/Air China cargo joint venture**
In February 2010 Cathay Pacific announced a very important development in its strategic partnership with Air China Limited - a Framework Agreement to establish a jointly owned cargo airline using Air China's wholly owned subsidiary, Air China Cargo Co Ltd (ACC), as the platform.

The joint venture is expected to begin operations in summer 2010 and it will provide the two most important cargo-generating regions in the Mainland with two highly competitive and efficient home-based carriers – Cathay Pacific in the Pearl River Delta and ACC in the Yangtze River Delta.

**Cathay Pacific Cargo website**
The Cathay Pacific Cargo website - [www.cathaypacificcargo.com](http://www.cathaypacificcargo.com) - provides cargo agents and other customers with a host of online services including the ability to make online shipment bookings, to change the specifications of bookings at any time, check space allocation utilisation, access information on shipment history and assignment movements, and track the progress of a shipment.

The site also provides general information about the network, schedules and worldwide cargo office contact details.

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