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### ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES WELCOME VIETNAM AIRLINES AS NEW MEMBER

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) announced today that Vietnam Airlines, the national airline of Vietnam, has joined AAPA with immediate effect.

As a member of the AAPA, Vietnam Airlines will participate in the Association's meetings and joint activities. Through this, the airline can stay updated and exchange information about the trends in the aviation industry, while also receiving in-depth insights, forecasts, and advice from top experts in the region and the world.

**Mr. Subhas Menon, Director General of the AAPA, said,** *"It is an honour for AAPA to welcome Vietnam Airlines into our ranks. Vietnam Airlines has been a renowned international carrier for years, playing a crucial role in the development of Vietnam's economy and its aviation industry. The airline will add significant weight to AAPA as the voice of airlines in the Asia Pacific region."*

**Mr. Le Hong Ha, CEO of Vietnam Airlines, stated,** *"Through our membership in AAPA, Vietnam Airlines will not only enhance its operational efficiency within the Asia-Pacific region but also elevate Vietnam national airline's global reputation. Vietnam Airlines will also have the opportunity to contribute valuable viewpoints and perspectives from both the airline and the broader Vietnamese aviation industry on important regional issues. Moreover, AAPA membership will facilitate collaboration between Vietnam Airlines and leading Asian airlines, resulting in the delivery of even more exceptional products and services to passengers worldwide."*

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## **Vietnam Airlines**

Established on May 27, 1995, Vietnam Airlines is the national airline of Vietnam and a key player in Vietnam's aviation and regional transportation. Vietnam Airlines offers air transportation services on nearly 100 domestic and international routes. With a modern fleet of over 100 aircraft, Vietnam Airlines is the first airline in the Asia-Pacific region to operate both the Boeing 787 and Airbus A350, the next-generation aircraft.

Global passengers appreciate Vietnam Airlines for its safety, punctuality, high-quality services, and distinctly Vietnamese cultural characteristics. The national airline has maintained its 4-star Skytrax service quality for many consecutive years. In 2023, Vietnam Airlines was honored with the "5-Star International Airline" award by The Airline Passenger Experience Association (APEX). Throughout its development journey, Vietnam Airlines is proud to be a bridge for trade, tourism, and culture between Vietnam and the world.

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### **Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)**

The AAPA is the trade association for scheduled international airlines based in the Asia Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the region's airlines represent over one-third of global passenger and air cargo traffic, and thus play a leading role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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