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AIR CANADA LAUNCHES TOKYO-CALGARY NON-STOP SERVICE; OFFERS MORE OPTIONS FOR DIRECT ACCESS TO WESTERN CANADA AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS

TOKYO, March 28, 2010 – Air Canada today inaugurated its first non-stop flight between Tokyo and Calgary, the only direct link between Asia and western Canada's province of Alberta. Launch celebrations took place this afternoon at Narita International Airport prior to the departure of flight AC010, with local dignitaries including Mr. Hiroyuki Naito, Deputy Administrator of Narita Airport Office, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism; Ambassador Jonathan T. Fried, Ambassador of Canada to Japan; Mr. Kosaburo Morinaka, President & CEO, Narita International Airport Corporation; and Mr. Calin Rovinescu, President & CEO, Air Canada.

“Air Canada is thrilled to launch our newest international route today between Tokyo and Calgary,” said Mr. Rovinescu, upon arrival at Narita Airport on today's inaugural flight to meet business and government leaders in Japan, Korea and China. “Air Canada is now giving Japanese business and leisure travellers, as well as freight forwarders, non-stop convenience to a third major Canadian gateway from Narita, complementing our daily flights to Vancouver and Toronto. With this new non-stop service to Calgary, customers have direct access to one of Canada's major business centres as well as a broad range of spectacular vacation destinations throughout Western Canada including the nearby Rocky Mountains.”

Air Canada's Tokyo-Calgary flights are timed to offer convenient connections to and from communities across Western Canada served by Air Canada, in addition to offering efficient connections at Narita to points throughout Asia with Air Canada's Star Alliance partners, ANA, Asiana, THAI and United Airlines.

Air Canada's Tokyo-Calgary flights operate on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays departing Narita at 4:00 p.m., and arriving Calgary the same day at 10:45 a.m. Flights depart Calgary Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 12:45 p.m. arriving in Narita the following day at 2:25 p.m.

Air Canada's new Tokyo-Calgary service complements the carrier's daily non-stop flights from Narita to both Vancouver and Toronto. This summer, the carrier offers up to 17 flights each week from Tokyo's Narita International Airport to Canada.



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Air Canada operates its Tokyo-Calgary flights with fully refurbished 211-seat Boeing 767-300 ER aircraft offering a choice of Economy Class and Executive First service featuring 24 lie-flat bed suites. Further details and a virtual tour of Air Canada's new cabin amenities including complimentary personal seatback entertainment at every seat throughout the aircraft are available at: <http://www.aircanada.com/en/travelinfo/onboard/cabincomfort.html>

Air Canada provides scheduled and charter air transportation for passengers and cargo to more than 167 destinations on five continents. Canada's flag carrier is the 13th largest commercial airline in the world and serves 31 million customers annually. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, providing the world's most comprehensive air transportation network for Canadian domestic, transborder and international travel. As well, customers can collect Aeroplan miles for future rewards through Canada's leading loyalty program.

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