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AirAsia X now flies direct to Tehran from Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok!

- *20th destination for AirAsia X Berhad and 5th destination for Thai AirAsia X in respective route network*
- *Flights to commence from Kuala Lumpur on 21 June and from Bangkok on 22 June*

TEHRAN, 14 MAY 2016 – Both AirAsia X Berhad (airline code D7) and Thai AirAsia X (airline code XJ) announced Tehran as their latest destination in the AirAsia X Group's route network, connecting both Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok directly to the Iranian capital, Tehran.

Direct flights to Tehran from Kuala Lumpur (klia2) and Bangkok (Don Mueang International Airport) will be operated three times (3x) weekly, with the commencement date set on 21 June 2016 and 22 June 2016 respectively.

A launch event followed by a media conference was held today hosted by **Datuk Kamarudin Meranun, Group Chief Executive Officer of AirAsia X**, accompanied by **Benyamin Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of AirAsia X Berhad** and **Nadda Buranasiri, Chief Executive Officer of Thai AirAsia X Co Ltd**.

The AirAsia X Group is commemorating the launch of this brand new route by offering promotional **all-in-fares from as low as RM299* one-way on economy seats and from as low as RM999* one-way on the award-winning Premium Flatbeds departing from Kuala Lumpur**; while Thai AirAsia X offers all-in-fares **from as low as THB2,990* one-way on economy seats and from as low as THB9,900* one-way on the Premium Flatbeds departing from Bangkok**. These promotional fares are available for booking online at airasia.com from now until 29 May 2016 for the travel period from 21 June 2016 departing from Kuala Lumpur and 22 June 2016 departing from Bangkok respectively until 22 May 2017.

The AirAsia mobile app on the iPhone and Android devices as well as the mobile site mobile.airasia.com are also available as convenient ways to book these promotional flights.

Benyamin Ismail, Chief Executive Officer of AirAsia X said, "We are very happy to be in Tehran today to announce this new connectivity into our flight network connecting Asia and Australasia with the Middle East. Iran is a large and growing economy and Tehran is a brilliant business city. The recent lifting of sanctions opens up exciting new prospects for Iran as a tourist destination. We believe that the revival of direct flights to Tehran from Kuala Lumpur is timely and we foresee that our direct flights from both Asean cities of Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok can improve bilateral relations while encouraging trade and tourism activities between the cities."

Nadda Buranasiri, Chief Executive Officer of Thai AirAsia X said, "The launch of Tehran is a huge milestone for Thai AirAsia X as it marks the first direct low-cost airline to connect the Middle East and the people of Tehran to Bangkok and beyond. The direct flight will be available 3 days per



week and allow travellers to conveniently travel to Bangkok at an affordable fare. Apart from Bangkok's vibrant city, travellers can easily connect to world famous beaches in Phuket and Krabi or beautiful northern cities of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai, among other destinations, with AirAsia's connectivity. Likewise, we are also confident that Iran is a tourism destination of great potential for the Thai market and we look forward to promoting your beautiful country to the Thai people through our accessible and convenient flights."

Guests travelling from various points throughout the rest of the AirAsia Group's extensive flight network can also make use of the Fly-Thru option to connect seamlessly to Tehran from other domestic or international cities. The airline group has various transit hubs which makes connecting to Tehran from other cities just one-stop away and their baggage checked-through to the final destination without the hassle of immigration clearance at transit hubs.

Set against the backdrop of the majestic Alborz mountain range, Tehran city is the capital of Iran and a bustling metropolis of 14 million people. This cosmopolitan city houses many great museums, parks and amazing local restaurants that will leave all visitors enchanted. As prominent fixtures of the Tehran skyline, the Milad Tower standing at 435 metre is the tallest tower in Iran, perfect for those hoping to catch an aerial view of the city; while the historical Azadi Tower built in 1971 will leave tourists in awe for its 8,000 marble blocks that will glow under special lighting at night and is one of the symbols of Tehran.

Another architecture marvel of the city not to be missed is the UNESCO World Heritage site Golestan Palace. It is part of a former royal complex from the Qajar era that includes palaces and museums, decorated with intricately carved marble and mirrored halls.

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***Promotional all-in-fares quoted are for one-way travel only inclusive of taxes. Terms and conditions apply.**

Flight Schedule for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (KUL) – Tehran, Iran (IKA)

Flight No.	From	To	Departure	Arrival	Flight Schedule
D7 776	KUL	IKA	1905 hrs	2340 hrs	Tues, Thurs, Sun
D7 777	IKA	KUL	0105 hrs	1245 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri

Note: All time depicted are local time at respective destinations.

Flight Schedule for Bangkok, Thailand (DMK) – Tehran, Iran (IKA)

Flight No.	From	To	Departure	Arrival	Flight Schedule
XJ 450	DMK	IKA	1510 hrs	2020 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri

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XJ 451	IKA	DMK	2150 hrs	0800 hrs	Mon, Wed, Fri
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About AirAsia X

AirAsia X is the long-haul, low-cost affiliate carrier of the AirAsia Group that currently flies to destinations in the Asia Pacific region. The airline currently serves 20 destinations across Asia (Haneda, Osaka, Sapporo, Seoul, Busan, Taipei, Xian, Beijing, Hangzhou, Chengdu, Shanghai, New Delhi and Kathmandu), Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Gold Coast), New Zealand (Auckland) and the Middle East (Jeddah and Tehran). AirAsia X operates a core fleet of 29 A330-300s, each with a seat configuration of 12 Premium Flatbeds and 365 Economy seats. The airline has carried over 19 million guests since it commenced long-haul service in 2007. AirAsia X was awarded the "World's Best Low Cost Airline Premium Cabin" and "Best Low Cost Airline Premium Seat" at the annual Skytrax World Airline Awards for three consecutive years from 2013 - 2015. AirAsia group is the first airline globally to collaborate with INTERPOL to implement the I-Checkit system to screen the passports of all its prospective passengers against information contained in the world police body's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database.

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