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AIRASIA X CONFIRMS THE SUSPENSION OF SERVICES TO MALE, MALDIVES

Flights to Colombo, Sri Lanka will remain at 4 times weekly from Kuala Lumpur

SEPANG, 11 February 2014 - AirAsia X, the long-haul, low fare affiliate of the AirAsia Group, today confirms the suspension of its services to Male, Maldives due to challenging business conditions effective 1 March, 2014. The airline will continue to sustain the Colombo, Sri Lanka sector in light of this cancellation and will operate 4 direct weekly flights into Colombo, Sri Lanka from Kuala Lumpur beginning 2 March 2014.

The suspension of Male, Maldives is a move made to improve operating cost efficiencies and concentrate capacity in AirAsia X key markets of Australia, China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

AirAsia X will offer guests who hold bookings after these dates an option of a full refund, a reroute to another AirAsia X destination, or a rebook of a return flight prior to 28 February, 2014. All changes will be made at no additional cost to mitigate the inconvenience caused as a result of the withdrawal. All affected guests will receive an e-mail stating the available options.

Azran Osman-Rani, CEO of AirAsia X said "The decision to withdraw from Male was a difficult one, but was made taking into account our business imperative to build sustainable and profitable routes. Despite our efforts, external factors such as the depreciation of Asian currencies against the US dollar and the chronic lack of hotel room supply in Maldives resulted in cancellation of thousands of bookings by travel operators."

"As part of our strategy to operate more efficiently, the airline will deploy our aircraft to routes with the right level of demand to be financially viable."

"We have been very grateful for the huge support rendered by Male Airport, Maldives Tourism and relevant authorities and would like to put on record our appreciation for all the cooperation that has been given to us," concluded Azran.

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About AirAsia X

AirAsia X is the low-cost, long-haul affiliate carrier of the AirAsia Group that currently flies to destinations in China, Australia, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Middle East. The airline currently serves 17 destinations across Asia (Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Busan, Taipei, Beijing, Hangzhou, Chengdu, Shanghai, Kathmandu, and Colombo), Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Gold Coast) and the Middle East (Jeddah). AirAsia X currently operates a fleet of 15 Airbus A330-300s, each with a seat configuration of 12 Premium Flatbeds and 365 Economy seats. The airline has carried over 10 million guests since it commenced long-haul in 2007. Our vision is to further solidify our position as the global leader in low-cost, long-haul aviation and create the first global multi-hub low-cost carrier network along with other carriers of the AirAsia Group.

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