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CANADA SIGNS ITS FIRST AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT

WITH THAILAND

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, Minister of Transport, today announced that Canada has signed its first air services agreement with Thailand. Both Ministers expressed satisfaction that the agreement opens new opportunities for expansion by airlines of both countries and will facilitate travel between Canada and Asia.

Canadian Airlines International currently flies from Vancouver to Bangkok via Hong Kong. The service operates three times weekly using DC10 aircraft. The airline will add a fourth weekly flight early this summer. Canadian also plans to begin service across the Atlantic to Bangkok via Amsterdam, thereby establishing around-the-world services via Bangkok.

Thai Airways International now serves from Bangkok to Toronto via Tokyo and Seattle. The service offers twice weekly flights using B747 aircraft.

