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ETIHAD AIRWAYS INCREASES FLIGHTS TO KATHMANDU

Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will increase its Abu Dhabi-Kathmandu service from seven flights per week to a double daily schedule from November 1, 2013.

The additional flights build on the success of the existing service, driven by the demand from business and leisure travellers and will strengthen the already strong ties between Nepal and the UAE.

The new services will be operated by A320 aircraft fitted with 16 Pearl Business Class seats and 120 Economy Class seats.

The double daily services enhance the connectivity over the airline's Abu Dhabi hub to key destinations in Europe, Middle East and GCC.

"The addition of the new flights will further strengthen commercial and cultural ties between Nepal and the UAE and will lead to continued strong growth in traffic flows between Kathmandu, Abu Dhabi and beyond to many key destinations across our global network," said Kevin Knight, Etihad Airways' Chief Strategy and Planning Officer.

Since the start of flights to Kathmandu in 2007, Etihad Airways has carried more than 620,000 passengers on this route.

Flight	From	То	Departure	Arrival time	Schedule	Flight
Number			time			Duration
EY290	Abu Dhabi	Kathmandu	09:50	15:35	Daily	4hr 00
EY291	Kathmandu	Abu Dhabi	16:25	20:05	Daily	5hr 25
EY292	Abu Dhabi	Kathmandu	13:45	19:40	Daily	4hr 10
EY293	Kathmandu	Abu Dhabi	20:30	00:10	Daily	5hr 25

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Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, began operations in 2003, and in 2012 carried 10.3 million passengers. From its hub at Abu Dhabi International Airport, Etihad Airways serves 94 passenger and cargo destinations in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and the Americas, with a fleet of 80 Airbus and Boeing aircraft, and over 80 aircraft on firm order, including 41 Boeing 787-9 Dreamliners and 10 Airbus A380s, the world's largest passenger aircraft. Etihad Airways also holds equity investments in airberlin, Air Seychelles, Virgin Australia, Aer Lingus, Air Serbia and, subject to regulatory approval, will acquire 24 per cent of India's Jet Airways. For more information, please visit: www.etihad.com