



Japan Airlines and Thales sign letter of intent for the Topseries In-Flight Entertainment system

Aircraft Interiors, Hamburg 31 March 2009 – Thales and Japan Airlines (JAL) jointly announce that a letter of intent (LOI) has been officially signed to confirm the airlines' acceptance of Thales's proposal to install their TopSeries system on JAL's B777 and B767 fleet.

"Japan Airlines has a long history with Thales. Together, we have been striving to offer our passengers a refreshing and exciting experience every single time they fly with us." said Keita Sataka, Vice President Maintenance Material Planning and Supply Department of Japan Airlines. Beyond the system itself, JAL is looking at Thales's Turnkey Maintenance program called TopCare, under which the management of every aspect of the in-flight system will be taken care of by Thales.

"Japan Airlines is one of our first IFE customers, dating back to 1997, when we first installed our first generation AVOD system on part of JAL's 747-400 fleet. Since then, we certainly have learned much from them and continue to keep our focus on what really makes both the airline and their passengers satisfied. We look forward to progressing ahead with this arrangement as appropriate," said Alan Pellegrini, Vice President and General Manager of Thales's In-Flight Entertainment Systems business. Thales is planning to install throughout each aircraft audio and video on-demand and other compelling applications.

Thales was already selected last year, after extensive reviews of both its product and services, to fit Japan Airlines' new Boeing 787 aircraft with its TopSeries IFE systems. Japan Airlines' B787 fleet will offer larger in-seat monitor displays, and will feature the new Thales passenger control unit, which has a high style appearance and slim design.

Thales's IFE Systems

Thales entered the In-Flight Entertainment (IFE) business in the late 90s and today employs 700 + dedicated professionals with decades of IFE experience. Its IFE headquarter office is located in California with regional offices in France, China and Singapore. Thales is the fastest growing IFE supplier with over 1,000 aircraft commitments in just 5 years. Thales offers a comprehensive in-flight entertainment solution covering four main areas:

- TopSeries Inflight Entertainment Systems
- TopConnect Suite of Connectivity Solutions
- TopEffects Digital Media and Services
- TopServices Global Service and Support

For more information about Thales In-Flight Entertainment Systems visit www.thales-ifs.com .

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