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AirAsia Continues Expansion in India with 2 New Routes Flying Direct from Bangkok to **Visakhapatnam** and **Bhubaneswar**

Visakhapatnam 8th October 18 - AirAsia further connects Thailand and India by flying direct “Bangkok-Visakhapatnam” 4 times a week (departs Don Mueang Airport every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday) starting 7 December 2018 and “Bangkok-Bhubaneswar” 3 times a week (departs Don Mueang Airport every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) starting 6 December, 2018; seeking to attract Indian shoppers to Thailand with a promotional fare for Visakhapatnam starting at only 1,990 THB per trip available for booking 8 – 21 October, 2018 for travel from 7 December, 2018 – 30 March 2019 and for Bhubaneswar starting at only 1,890 THB per trip available for booking 10 – 21 October 2018 for travel from 6 December, 2018 – 30 March 2019.

Mr. Santisuk Klongchaiya, CEO of Thai AirAsia, explained that for the latter half of 2018 the airline plans to continually expand in the Indian market in light of its strong growth potential and as Indian travelers are already the sixth largest group to visit Thailand annually. To make the most of their high spending power, the carrier will leverage Thailand’s ability to accommodate a variety of lifestyles with its shopping, activities, leisure, natural and cultural sites and hotels and spas and believes its 2 new routes will help stimulate both Thailand’s tourism sector and economy.

The routes also provide Thai travelers with the opportunity to experience new locations in India. Visakhapatnam is a key port city that is undergoing notable growth and is the home of many world-class companies in the medicine, minerals and heavy industries. Bhubaneswar meanwhile is the capital of the state of Odisha and is well endowed with historical sites significant to the Buddhist faith, making it a prime destination for devout Buddhists. Known as the City of Temples, Bhubaneswar has also become a beacon for telecommunications and technological investment.

Thai AirAsia currently flies direct from India to Bangkok on 5 routes, from Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Jaipur and Kochi. Between 80 and 90 percent of passengers on the routes are Indian and they maintain a Load Factor Average of 87 percent. For Thai AirAsia, India is a strong market with great growth potential that has always responded well to its activities.

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Photo Caption

(2nd from left to right) Mr. Rajesh Damodaran , AirAsia India Station Manager of Visakhapatnam International Airport, Ms. Cholada Siddhavar, Director of Tourism Authority of Thailand in Mumbai, and Mr.Rajkumar Paranthaman, AirAsia India Head of Marketing, witnessed the Thai AirAsia's Launch of direct flight Bangkok-Visakhapatnam. The service will be 4 flights weekly, starting from 7th December, 2018 onwards

Flight Schedule for Bangkok (Don Mueang) - Visakhapatnam

(Flight FD116 Starts 7 December, 2018 and flight FD117 starts 8 December, 2018)

Flight	From	To	Depart	Arrive	Duration	Frequency
FD116	Bangkok (Don Mueang)	Visakhapatnam	22:15	23:45	3:00	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun
FD117	Visakhapatnam	Bangkok (Don Mueang)	00:15	04:30	2:45	Mon, Tues, Thu, Sat

Flight Schedule for Bangkok (Don Mueang) - Bhubaneswar

(Flight FD116 starts 6 December, 2018 and FD117 starts 7 December, 2018)

Flight	From	To	Depart	Arrive	Duration	Frequency
FD112	Bangkok (Don Mueang)	Bhubaneswar	22:35	23:55	2:50	Tue, Thu, Sat
FD113	Bhubaneswar	Bangkok (Don Mueang)	00:25	04:30	2:35	Wed, Friday, Sun