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GARUDA INDONESIA plans to launch its Jakarta-Taipei (Taiwan), Jakarta- Haneda (Japan), and Bali-New Delhi (India) through Singapore starting February 2012 with the arrival of Garuda's new Boeing 737-800NG aircrafts, said the airline's CEO Emirsyah Satar. Additionally, the Jakarta-Kuala Lumpur flights will be increased from twice to three times daily

Domestically, Garuda will add frequencies on the Jakarta-Batam route three times to four times daily.

In 2012 Emirsyah said, Garuda will receive 20 new aircrafts of the G737-800NG type, two A330-200s, five sub-100 seaters, and nine A320 aircrafts for its subsidiary LCC Citilink. The sub-100 planes will be stationed at several hubs, such as in Makassar, Medan and Denpasar, Bali.

From Makassar these will serve the Makassar- Singapore route, as well as to Ternate, Balikpapan-Yogyakarta, Surabaya and Ambon. While from Medan, the aircrafts will serve the Medan-Penang route, Medan to Batam, Palembang and Surabaya.

Until September 2011 Garuda carried 15.5 million passengers, and Emirsyah is, therefore, confident that total number of passengers carried this year will surpass 17 million.

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For 2012, Garuda targets 22 million passengers, up 29% from this year spurred on by the arrival of its new aircrafts.

During January-November 2011 the airline succeeded in increasing its load factor by 5.51% to 75.27%.

During this period Garuda also succeeded in increasing its domestic passengers market share by 5% to 28.3%, up from 23.7% the same period last year.

With the arrival of the new aircrafts Garuda Group fleet will have a total 108 planes, comprising 88 planes for Garuda and 20 operated by Citilink at an average age of 5.8 years planes.