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CX at new Mumbai terminal

FROM today, Cathay Pacific's check-in counter at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai will be located in the new Terminal 2B.

TMS THIRSTY THURSDAY



DATE: 29 MAY 2008

TIME: 6.30-9.00PM

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Sobha enters hotels

INDIA and Dubai-based real estate giant, the Sobha Group, is preparing to build and operate a chain of hotel properties across South Asia, Middle East and East Africa.

The group has plans to develop at least 10 five-star properties in the next five years, with two hotels earmarked for Dubai, six for India, and one each in Oman and Zanzibar.

Ajay Rajendran, Vice Chairman, Sobha Group, said, "We have been outfitting palace interiors for a long

time and know all about creating high-end interiors.

"It is now our aim to transfer our expertise to the hospitality sector."

He said Sobha intends to create an international-standard chain with a local flavour. The Sobha Group will own, develop and operate all Sobha Hotels. The first Sobha Hotels property is expected to open in 2010. The group has plans to develop a portfolio of 2,500 rooms.

JAL pampers premium pax

JAPAN Airlines is providing airport facilitation services for its premium passengers through the JetQuay. Passengers are only required to be at the CIP terminal an hour before their flight departs.

They can wait at the

lounge area, which features private meeting rooms, an art gallery, gym, nap rooms, massage chairs, outdoor garden smoking areas, a spa and a business centre.

At boarding time, they would be sent to the air-bridge by an electric buggy.



JAL President & CEO, Haruka Nishimatsu (left) with Barry Nassberg, Executive VP & COO for Worldwide Flight Services, a majority shareholder in JetQuay.

China Airlines charters to Palau

CHINA Airlines is launching direct charter flights to Palau - an island nation in the Pacific Ocean- from May 31 until August 31 to meet growing passenger demand.

A Boeing 737-800 aircraft will be used for the new Taipei-Palau passenger service, offering a single-class cabin service.

CAL will provide six to seven flights per month, during the summer.

Marriott's key appointments

MARRIOTT International has realigned its area operational and regional sales leadership positions with the move of Regional Vice President of Sales and Marketing Dominic Sherry to the company's Asia-Pacific region, and the retirement of Alex Stadlin, formerly Area Vice President of Operations for Marriott in Mexico, Central America, and the northern cone of South America.

Andrew Houghton has been promoted to Area Vice President for Marriott International in the Caribbean & Brazil. Manuel Ovies, currently Area Vice President of Operations for Marriott International in the Caribbean & Latin America.

John Licence has been appointed Vice President for Sales and Marketing in the region.

All three gentlemen will be based in the company's Weston, Florida, regional office.

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