

## **Immediate Release**

### **TurboJET celebrates the grand opening of the new SkyPier facility set to offer a more comprehensive air-sea transfer platform**

(14 January, 2010 – Hong Kong, Macau) Tomorrow marks the inauguration of the newly completed SkyPier at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). Following the opening of this enhanced facility, travelers transferring via the HKIA will be able to enjoy TurboJET's revolutionary air-sea services with unmatched convenience. Ferry services at the new SkyPier facility is managed by the Hong Kong International Airport Ferry Terminal Services Ltd. - a joint venture of Shun Tak-China Travel Shipping Investments Limited et al. The new SkyPier is equipped with comprehensive berthing facilities that can accommodate 4 ferries (with an expansion flexibility of up to 8 ferries), capable of serving up to 800 million passengers annually. The SkyPier is now directly connected to passenger terminals by a world-class Automated People Mover system.

#### **Macau as a regional transportation hub**

Since the opening of the temporary SkyPier in 2003, TurboJET has been working closely with the Hong Kong Airport Authority (HKAA) in the establishment of its revolutionary air-sea transfer platform. Over the years, the company has invested heavily in strategically positioning Macau as a transportation hub, as the city develops into a world-class entertainment hub and tourist destination. TurboJET's air-sea services have complemented the ever-growing tourism and economic development of Macau.

#### **Improvements and service enhancements**

TurboJET has aggressively developed new port of calls, with a strategic view to connect Hong Kong and Macau to cities on all continents. Today, TurboJET's proudly offers 27 sailings daily between HKIA and Macau, additional sailings were offered hourly between the two destinations at peak times. During its launch in 2003, TurboJET had less than 30 airline partners, the number of its airline partners has now grown to 62. TurboJET has taken the partnership to the next level by offering advanced upstream-checking, baggage check-in and ferry boarding at its service counters, passengers traveling with 8 of its designated partner airlines can experience the flexibility of TurboJET's air-sea transfer platform at upstream ports such as Macau.

## **Legacy and innovation**

Pioneering air-sea transportation services in the region. TurboJET has accumulated over 53,000 hours of valuable sailing experience since the launch of its airport route, serving more than 4.5 million passengers in total. With over one-half of its airport route passengers choosing Macau as their final destination, TurboJET has served as a catalyst to Macau's economic and tourism development. With the introduction of its new service between Hong Kong International Airport and Macau's Taipa Temporary Ferry Terminal (HKIA-TTFT) in December 2009, extending connections between Macau and various international destinations, TurboJET is set to further enhance its revolutionary air-sea service platform, delivering to passengers the finest travel experience with unmatched ease and convenience, without the long transiting wait.

For sailing schedule and ticketing enquiries, please visit the official TurboJET website [www.turbojet.com.hk](http://www.turbojet.com.hk) or contact TurboJET at (852) 2859 3333 (Hong Kong) / (853) 8790 7039 (Macau).

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