

PRESS RELEASE

LOT POLISH AIRLINES ANNOUNCES FLIGHTS TO BEIJING-DAXING - FROM 28 OCTOBER WILL BE FLYING FROM WARSAW TO BEIJING ON A DAILY BASIS

Warsaw, 8 July 2019 – LOT increases frequencies of flights to China to 7 times a week. From the end of October the Polish flag carrier will fly from Warsaw to Beijing-Daxing International Airport (PKX) four times a week, while maintaining the current service of three weekly flights from Warsaw to Beijing Capital Airport (PEK). The connections to the Chinese capital will be operated by modern wide-body aircraft B787-8 and B787-9

The flights between Warsaw Chopin Airport and the biggest and most modern airport in China - Beijing-Daxing will be operated **from 28 October four times a week** according to the following timetable:

LO89 WAW-PKX 22.40-14.20+1 on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

LO90 PKX-WAW 16.00-18.45 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays

LOT will also operate the current frequency of **three flights per week** to Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) according to the timetable:

LO91 WAW-PEK 16.30-06.35 +1 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays

LO92 PEK-WAW 08.45-12.20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

- We have pursued higher frequency of flights to China for a few years because we see a great business potential in this connection. This new infrastructure investment - Beijing-Daxing International Airport - opens new development opportunities for us on one of the biggest and most dynamically growing markets in the world. Thus, as from the end of October we will increase the number of flights operated between Warsaw and Beijing from three to seven a week. This is not only a great offer for passengers who travel between China and Poland for leisure and on business but also for passengers who start their travel from many Central and Eastern European as well as Western European cities – says Rafał Milczarski, CEO of LOT Polish Airlines.

The timetable of flights to Beijing-Daxing Airport has been adjusted to ensure convenient **transfers via Warsaw Chopin Airport starting from 1 hour** from numerous European cities including **Sweden, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Berlin, London, Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt, Prague, Vienna, Budapest, Bucharest or Vilnius**. The flight to Beijing-Daxing from Warsaw will last **8 hours and 40 minutes**.

LOT launched direct flights **from Warsaw to Beijing in 2012**. This connection can be developed now due to awarding the carrier with **the so-called slots** i.e. times of take-offs and landings at the new Beijing-Daxing airport.

The aviation market between Poland and China is growing fast: in 2018, the total number of passengers travelling between Warsaw and Beijing was **over 70,000**. In the last few years, there was also a significant increase in the number of Chinese tourists visiting Poland - from 16,000 in 2007 to nearly 140,000 last year. In 2018, the average passenger load factor in LOT's airplanes on Warsaw-Beijing (PEK) flights amounted to **90 percent in the summer season and 75 percent in the winter**.

The new connection to Beijing-Daxing also means the growing potential of carriage of goods for **LOT Cargo**. Besides the standard transport of goods on this route covering car parts, mail, medical supplies, garments and chemical products, after

obtaining the **IATA CEIV Pharma Certificate** in the autumn, LOT Cargo will take up transport of **temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical products**, such as medicines between **China and Europe**.

The new connection will be operated exclusively with the world's state-of-the-art wide-body aircraft – **Boeing 787 Dreamliner**. Each plane offers its passengers three travel classes: **LOT Business Class** with lie-flat seats and premium restaurant cuisine; **LOT Premium Economy Class** with larger, individual space and footrests, comfortable thigh support, cocktail tables and extensive menu as well as **LOT Economy Class** with modern seats and individual on-board entertainment screens as well as USB ports, and also fresh and varied meals served during the flight. Products featuring regional elements will be also available on board, such as the Chinese-style menu.

The launch of the connection from Warsaw to Beijing-Daxing has been planned as part of the **profitable growth strategy** implemented by LOT since the early 2016, and the Polish flag carrier has fulfilled most of its assumptions ahead of time. LOT is continuously developing its fleet. By the end of 2019, the fleet will be extended by another **B787 Dreamliner**, making a **total of 15**.

Last year, LOT carried a record number of over **8.9 million passengers, i.e. 2 million more** in comparison to the preceding year. This year, it plans to exceed the barrier of **10 million passengers**. LOT uses more than **80 modern aircraft** daily. The carrier offers 111 scheduled flights on three continents.

Tickets for LOT's new flights to Beijing-Daxing are available on all channels, including the lot.com website, LOT Call Centre, LOT Travel offices and travel agents.

LOT Polish Airlines is a modern carrier connecting Central and Eastern Europe with the rest of the world. In 2018, LOT carried almost 9 million passengers, by 2 million more than in the previous year. LOT provides a comfortable journey as part of 111 connections all over the world. Its offer includes direct long-haul flights to airports in: the United States, Canada, China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India, and Sri Lanka. The Polish carrier is consistently increasing the frequency of its flights and is refining its offering to those destinations, thus strengthening its position in Central and Eastern Europe. It operates long-haul flights with Boeing 787 Dreamliner, one of the most advanced wide-body planes in the world. In 2019, the Polish carrier celebrates its 90th anniversary. LOT is one of the most international and appreciated Polish brands.