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PHOTO: KLM has operated many Boeing and Douglas models, including the 777-300ER (Extended Range) shown here. **TIM STAKE/BOEING**

A ROYAL TRIBUTE: BOEING AND KLM CELEBRATE AIRLINE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Last month, Boeing joined KLM Royal Dutch Airlines to mark the carrier's 90th anniversary. More than 30,000 KLM employees, retirees and family members attended the airline's open house event in Amsterdam, where Boeing hosted an exhibit. Boeing also ran a special advertisement in *De Telegraaf*, the Netherlands' largest newspaper, celebrating the companies' shared history. KLM has operated many Boeing models, starting with the DC-2 in 1934, and received its fourth 777-300ER (Extended Range) in August. KLM is the oldest airline to operate under its original name.

BOEING SHANGHAI AVIATION SERVICES CELEBRATES HANGAR OPENING

Boeing Shanghai Aviation Services last month officially opened its new two-bay hangar at Shanghai Pudong Airport. Boeing Shanghai maintains and modifies Next-Generation 737s for regional and international airlines as well as domestic Chinese airlines.

"Boeing Shanghai's increasing capabilities will provide our Chinese airline customers and the international market with the services that will help them expand safely and efficiently," said Lou Mancini, senior vice president, Commercial Aviation Services, Boeing Commercial Airplanes.



FAST GUN

The Boeing AH-6i light attack/reconnaissance helicopter will be on display and conduct demonstration flights at this month's Dubai Air Show in the United Arab Emirates. The inaugural flight of the AH-6i was Sept. 16, seven months after work started on the prototype. Based on a combat-proven platform with a heritage of successful service with Special Operations forces, the AH-6i features a newly designed cockpit with dual 10.4-inch flat-panel displays, engine display, caution warning display and

standby flight instrument system—all compatible for use with night vision goggles. It has an electro-optic/infrared sight and targeting system; the weapons suite includes the Hellfire missile, all varieties of 2.75-inch (70-millimeter) rockets, 7.62mm mini-guns and the GAU-19 .50-caliber Gatling gun. The AH-6 platform also meets the requirements of the U.S. Army's new Armed Aerial Scout program and will be available in an unmanned or optionally manned version. BOB FERGUSON/BOEING