

Air Asia to launch dedicated cargo services

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Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian low-cost carrier AirAsia is set to operate its first dedicated cargo aircraft through its logistics arm Teleport. The airline has announced that a fleet of a dedicated Boeing 737-800F and two converted Airbus A320 passenger-to-freighter aircraft will launch operations from Teleport's hub in Bangkok in Q3 2021.

The fleet route network will operate to and from Teleport's long-haul markets, mainly between China, India and Southeast Asia.

Adrian Loretz, Chief Operating Officer of Teleport said "we are excited to share this expansion as we strengthen our logistics footprint across Asia. "It was evident at the end of last year that the demand for cargo capacity was not going to be served with passenger belly capacity alone in the long run. So, we evaluated the option to utilise dedicated freighters to transport cargo. This is also part of our strategy to build the capacity and connectivity to offer 24 hours door-to-door delivery across all of Southeast Asia."

The two converted A320s will be based in Malaysia and Thailand, from there the fleet will operate scheduled flights to Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Hong Kong, Jakarta and Yangon.