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GOLD COAST AIRPORT WELCOMES JETSTAR'S NEW ZEALAND FLIGHT ANNOUNCEMENT

Gold Coast Airport has today welcomed the news that one of its key airline partners, Jetstar, will commence daily flights to Auckland, New Zealand.

The direct daily flights between Gold Coast and Auckland will commence on 28 April 2009 using an A320 aircraft, and are in addition to the existing three times per week service from Christchurch to the Gold Coast. The flights will also allow hubbing with Jetstar's new Japan services to the Gold Coast.

Gold Coast Airport's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Paul Donovan, welcomed the announcement.

"This is fantastic news and reaffirms again the Gold Coast's strong position as a key destination. We expect to see an increase in New Zealand visitors to the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers regions as a direct result of these new flights.

"The addition of these flights is another feather in our cap and once again demonstrates the respect airlines have for the Gold Coast and Northern Rivers region as an attractive inbound and outbound destination.

"We have worked hard to become a significant aviation hub in south-east Queensland and it is clear that this strategy is paying off.

"Jetstar is a vital partner of Gold Coast Airport and we are thrilled with their decision. The trans Tasman route is proving to be extremely competitive and coupled with the already successful Japanese service launched by Jetstar earlier this month, will ensure that south-east Queensland continues to benefit," Mr Donovan said.

This announcement expands the number of international carriers offering Gold Coast direct flights, including Jetstar's flights to Osaka; Jetstar's flights to Narita that commence in December; Air Pacific's flights to Fiji which will also commence in December; along with Pacific Blue, Air New Zealand and AirAsiaX that currently fly into the Gold Coast.

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