

## ANA Celebrates Roll-out of R2-D2™ ANA Jet

*Japan's Largest Airline and Boeing Unveil the First Aircraft in the World Decorated with Star Wars™ Livery at Roll-out Ceremony*

**EVERETT, Wash., September 12, 2015** – The R2-D2™ ANA Jet, a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, rolled-out from the Boeing Everett Factory for the first time this morning. The R2-D2™ ANA Jet is the first of three planes to be decorated with *Star Wars* characters as part of an agreement between ANA, Japan's largest airline, and The Walt Disney Company (Japan) Ltd.

"Today the time has come to bring the ANA *Star Wars* project to life and we hope *Star Wars* fans across the world will be as excited about our R2-D2 ANA Jet as we are," said Hideki Kunugi, Senior Vice President, the Americas, ANA. "At ANA we're always looking for ways to improve the flying experience for our passengers, and what better way to start your trip to Asia than on a one-of-a-kind *Star Wars* plane?"

The R2-D2 design was unveiled to *Star Wars* fans at the *Star Wars* Celebration in Anaheim, California earlier this year. Today marks the first time a *Star Wars* character appears on the exterior of an actual commercial aircraft.

"The Boeing Company is truly honored that ANA has selected the new 787-9 Dreamliner to showcase this wonderful new livery," said Ihssane Mounir, Senior Vice President, Northeast Asia Sales and Marketing, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "Their commitment to the 787 is a testament to the market-leading efficiency and innovation of the Dreamliner. I am confident this latest addition to its large fleet of 787s, will help ANA maintain its position as one of the best airlines in the world."

On October 18, the R2-D2™ ANA Jet is scheduled to go into service on international routes, initially as flight NH116 between Tokyo and Vancouver, and then fly between Japan and other cities in ANA's robust international network including the US (Seattle and San Jose), Europe (Munich, Paris and Brussels), Australia (Sydney), China (Beijing), and Indonesia (Jakarta).<sup>1</sup> The R2-D2 motif is imprinted onto the cockpit and front half of the jet's main fuselage, while the *Star Wars* logo spans the length behind the wings. The interior of the 215-seat passenger plane will feature themed in-flight decorations, such as headrest covers, paper napkins and cups, and passengers will be able to enjoy all six of the currently released *Star Wars* films as part of ANA's extensive in-flight entertainment options. This will be the first time that any of the *Star Wars* movies have been included as part of an in-flight entertainment system.<sup>2</sup>

Two additional planes decorated with BB-8, a brand new character from *Star Wars: The Force Awakens* and R2-D2 will take to the skies following the R2-D2™ ANA Jet. The first, a Boeing 767-300, will begin flying domestic Japanese routes in November and then, in March 2016, a Boeing 777-300ER, is scheduled to start serving international routes principally between Japan and North America (the exact routes have yet to be announced)<sup>3</sup>. Fans will be able to see the planes' schedules at [www.ana-sw.com](http://www.ana-sw.com).

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<sup>1</sup> Routes and flights detailed on the above site are provisional and subject to change without notification.

<sup>2</sup> *Star Wars* movies to be shown from November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 on all international routes.

<sup>3</sup> The routes are tentatively set as New York, Chicago and Houston, but this is subject to change.

Today's ceremony began with an introduction from Ihssane Mounir, Senior Vice President of Northeast Asia Sales and Marketing at Boeing, who welcomed the crowd that included journalists, R2-D2, C-3PO and Stormtroopers. When the official *Star Wars* music began to play, the Paint Hangar doors at the Boeing Everett Factory opened, unveiling the R2-D2™ ANA Jet to the world for the first time.

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All Nippon Airways (ANA) is the largest airline in Japan by revenues and passenger numbers. Founded in 1952, ANA flies today on 73 international routes and 120 domestic routes. The ANA group has 35,000 employees and a fleet of 242 aircraft. In FY2014, it carried 50.4 million passengers and generated revenues of 1.71 trillion Japanese yen. ANA has been a member of Star Alliance since 1999, and has joint-ventures with United Airlines on trans-Pacific and Asia routes, and with Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines and Austrian Airlines on Japan-Europe routes. Its Frequent Flyer Program, ANA Mileage Club, has more than 26 million members. ANA was voted Airline of the Year for 2013 by Air Transport World Magazine, and in 2015 was awarded five stars for the third consecutive year by the world's leading Airline and Airport review site, SKYTRAX. ANA is the launch customer and biggest operator of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.