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## **RAYA AIRWAYS LAUNCHES TWO NEW DESTINATIONS**

**Subang, Selangor, 4 January 2016** – Raya Airways Sdn Bhd, ( “Raya Airways” or “ the airline” ) is a renowned name in the cargo airline business in Asia with service offerings in scheduled and express delivery, aircraft charters, ground handling, warehousing, trucking connections, and MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) services, today announced its’ plans to launch two new cargo destinations; Jakarta and Hanoi.

By early February 2016, Raya Airways will launch the Jakarta and Hanoi destinations, and the airline plans to fly 3 times per week on its Boeing 757-200 Freighter (B757-200F). The aircraft is capable of carrying more than 32 tonnes of cargo per flight. The airline, currently covers East and West Malaysia, together with Singapore, and other Asian destinations.

Hanoi was chosen as Vietnam, is well-connected to other countries in Asia and the airport facilities is able to support the complex flight networks and serves as a gateway to the major cities in Asia. Jakarta, on the other hand is also one of the world’s busiest airports and is the main air transport hub in South East Asia region. The introduction of the two new destinations put Raya Airways on a vantage point as the airline can now offer the critical connections to Asia’s hot spots.

Raya Airways Commercial Director, Lee Shashitheren said, “2016 will bear witness of Raya Airways growth, translated through the exercise of fleet expansion and introduction of new destinations. By 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2016, we would have 3 new B767-200F and 2 new B757-200F aircrafts. The fleet expansion is a very good sign that our services are highly-sought after and we have to increase the number of aircrafts to cater for the demand by our customers.”

Moving forward, in 2016, Raya Airways hope to achieve a total of 11 destinations, whilst providing the best services to its clients. The airline is also looking forward to spread its wings to farther and more exotic destinations.

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## **About Raya Airways Sdn Bhd**

Raya Airways Sdn Bhd, a renowned name in the cargo airline business in Asia. The airline, established in November 1993, has under its wings, more than 22 years' experience in cargo business. Raya Airways offers scheduled and express delivery, aircraft charters, ground handling, warehousing, trucking connections, and MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) services to its prestige line of clientele.

Historically, Raya Airways Sdn Bhd is a restructured entity of the former Transmile Air Services Sdn Bhd (TAS), formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of Transmile Group. Due to this exercise, Raya Airways inherited the good legacy of experience, knowledge, expertise and good track service record in the cargo industry.

Raya Airways is one of the 6 airlines in the country operating scheduled flights into all the countries having bilateral treaty with Malaysia under the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Freedom Right. Raya also has been granted the Truck Flight license by the Malaysian Government which allows the operations of Multimodal transport from and between all domestic airports in Malaysia as well as into Singapore. The airline is also the member of The International Air Cargo Association (TIACA).

Designated as the National Cargo Carrier by the Malaysian Transport Ministry in 1996, Raya Airways continue to expand its wings worldwide, garnering experience and expertise in the cargo industry. Raya Airways is embarking on a re-fleeting exercise to obtain newer and more fuel efficient aircrafts and hopes to triple the volume of cargo carried annually from 30,000 tonnes to 100,000 tonnes in the next 5 years.