BOEING, XIAMEN AIRLINES CELEBRATE MILESTONE 8,888TH 737 DELIVERY

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Boeing delivered the 8,888th 737 to come off the production line to Xiamen Airlines. The airplane, a Next-Generation 737-800, features a special livery commemorating the airplane's significance.

Just as seven is considered a lucky number for Boeing, eight is considered to be a fortunate number in Chinese culture because it sounds similar to the word that means "prosperity" or "wealth."

"We are excited to celebrate this fantastic milestone with Boeing," said Che Shanglun, president and chairman, Xiamen Airlines. "This milestone delivery comes at a good time to cater to strong travel demand over the upcoming Chinese Spring Festival period. With the special lucky number livery, the airplane also brings our best wishes of good fortune for our passengers."

"Xiamen Airlines is a valued Boeing customer, and we are proud they're taking delivery of this milestone airplane," said Ihssane Mounir, senior vice president of Sales and Marketing for Northeast Asia, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 737 has been an essential part of Xiamen's

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all-Boeing fleet, and we look forward to celebrating more achievements together as the airline continues to expand their network."

Formed in 1984 as China's first joint venture between the Civil Aviation Administration of China and a municipal government, Xiamen Airlines is China's only all-Boeing carrier. The airline began flying passengers in 1985 with two 737-200s serving three cities.

With this delivery, Xiamen Airlines has now expanded its fleet size to 133 Boeing airplanes, including 17 737-700s, 106 737-800s, 4 757-200s and 6 787-8s. The carrier is regarded as one of the most profitable airlines in the world, with a record of 29 consecutive years of profit.

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