SKYDRIVE RECEIVES PRE-ORDER OF UP TO 100 FLYING VEHICLES FROM PACIFIC GROUP

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SkyDrive and Pacific Group have signed an MoU and agreed on a pre-order of 10 of SkyDrive's "SD-05" and a conditional pre-order option up to 90 flying vehicles. Pacific Group has also agreed to explore sustainable and easily accessible new mobility solutions, focused on the use case of SkyDrive's SD-05 flying vehicles, in the Vietnamese market.

The significant traffic congestions are happening on a daily basis and remain as a societal problem in Vietnam. SkyDrive and Pacific Group will collaborate to evaluate the potential use cases by exploring the requirements for eVTOL vehicle operations in Vietnam. They will also evaluate other commercial considerations such as vertiports, route and network planning, infrastructure requirements, and ecosystem with interested players who can play a role in launching new mobility solutions in Vietnam.

SkyDrive CEO Tomohiro Fukuzawa, commented: "The urban streets in Vietnam, crowded with motorcycles and automotives are vibrant and exciting. However, considering the current social problem of traffic safety and greenhouse gas emissions, I think this is one of the most important social issues that need to be addressed. The number of motorcycles and automotives is only increasing, and it takes time to develop roads and parking lots. We would be happy to contribute to solving Vietnam's social issues by providing eVTOLs, a means of transportation using the sky, as

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one of the country’s new transportation infrastructures. Working with such a respected Vietnamese company with a wide variety of business networks within the country, SkyDrive expects to accelerate its ability to enter the Vietnamese market. Together with Pacific Group, we look to offer the Vietnamese community and market a new way to move around and a new way to enjoy air travel within the country.”

Le Ngoc Anh Minh, the Executive President and Founder of Pacific Group, said: “Vietnam Government committed at COP26 to go net-zero by 2050. Several companies and localities in Vietnam trend to zero-emission energy consumption and the zero-emission transportation is a must in the coming time. On the other hand, we can foresee the need of eVTOL in big cities in Asia e.g. Ho Chi Minh city, Hanoi to provide new generation of transportation means.Of course, we will have to work closely with SkyDrive and several authorities such as Vietnam Transport Ministry, Civil Aviation Agency of Vietnam, Vietnam Ministry of Defense from time to time to explain and present the trend and technology of eVTOL to get approval and to enhance regulations updated. There are many hurdles of transport facilities and regulation and also perception of the community in the time to come but we shall work together with SkyDrive to solve each from time to time. Next year 2023 remarking 50th year anniversary of Vietnam and Japan diplomatic relation and we really hope to create several activities with SkyDrive to promote this eVTOL not only for our business but also for contribution to the two nation’s scientific and friendship collaboration.”

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