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Nippon Cargo Airlines Takes Delivery of First 747-8 Freighter

Nippon Cargo Airlines (NCA) will take delivery of the latest Boeing 747-8 Freighter at Boeing's Everett factory on July 25 (local time). The aircraft, registration number JA13KZ, will depart Puget Sound for Japan on July 27, arriving at Tokyo's Narita Airport at 09:25 on the morning of Saturday, July 28. It will be greeted on arrival by a water cannon salute. The 747-8 program was launched by a firm order from NCA and Cargolux on November 14, 2005. NCA was part of the Working Together Team that contributed to the development of Boeing 747-8F and is the first Japanese airline to take delivery of the newest edition to the 747 family.

Longer than the 747-400 Freighter that it replaces and capable of carrying more cargo, the 747-8 Freighter benefits from technologies developed for the 787 Dreamliner. Thanks to its super efficient, aerodynamic wing and General Electric-manufactured GEnx-2B engines, the 747-8 Freighter provides double-digit improvements in fuel efficiency and produces equivalently fewer CO₂ emissions than its predecessor. It also boasts a smaller noise footprint.

In addition, the delivery flight will be powered by a blend of traditional jet kerosene and 15% biofuel made from used cooking oil, validating the use of this sustainable technology in flight.

NCA will put the 747-8F into service in mid-August, mainly on routes to Asia and North America. The airline intends to maximize the fuel efficiency and exceptional environmental performance of the aircraft in both scheduled and charter operations.



LEFT: B747-8F RIGHT: GEnx-2B engine

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