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## Scoot to Kuching

### **Asia/Pacific's Best Low Cost Airline<sup>1</sup> inaugurates services from Singapore to its first East Malaysia destination**

*Kuching* – Scoot launched its inaugural flight from Singapore to Kuching, the first-ever destination in East Malaysia for the award-winning value airline yesterday. The new Singapore-Kuching route with daily direct flights will be Scoot's fifth destination in Malaysia, after Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Langkawi and Penang.

The inaugural flight landed at the Kuching International Airport (KCH) at about 9.55pm on 29 October 2017, with passengers on Scoot's A320 aircraft receiving a warm welcome with a traditional dance organised by the Sarawak Tourism Board.

Vinod Kannan, Chief Commercial Officer of Scoot said, "Malaysia is a very important market for us as we see growing interest from Singaporeans to travel to different parts of our neighbouring country and vice versa. Hence, we are excited to launch our services to Kuching, which brings us a step closer to our objective of steadily increasing our network in the region. Through this, we also hope to continue enriching our Malaysian guests' travel experiences with a healthy dose of our unique Scootitude on board."

Sarawak Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Minister, Datuk Haji Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah said, "We are deeply honoured that Scoot has chosen Kuching as its newest and first destination in East Malaysia. Not only will this offer the people of Sarawak and the Borneo region a new avenue to fly to popular destinations, we are also immensely pleased to welcome Scoot and its passengers from the region and beyond to visit our beautiful state that is a prime destination for culture, nature and adventure tourism. We are confident that the launch of Scoot's direct flight between Kuching and Singapore will further help us to promote Sarawak and Kuching as the preferred nature tourism destination."

Located on the island of Borneo, Sarawak has vast stretches of tropical rainforests which are home to thousands of exotic flora and fauna. The largest state in Malaysia also offers a unique heritage and culture stemming from a diverse range of indigenous ethnic groups. With its status as the state capital, Kuching serves as the main gateway for adventure-seeking travellers visiting Sarawak and Borneo.

The addition of the Kuching service brings Scoot's current network to a total of 60 destinations in 16 countries. Scoot has also previously announced on 25 July 2017, in conjunction with the completion of the Scoot-Tigerair integration under the single Scoot brand, that it plans to inaugurate services to four other destinations – Kuantan in Malaysia, Honolulu in the United States of America, Harbin in Northeast China and Palembang in Indonesia.

Scoot's flight schedules to and from Kuching are outlined below.

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<sup>1</sup> Scoot was awarded Best Low Cost Airline Asia/Pacific for 2017 in the Airline Excellence Awards by AirlineRatings.com, for the third year running.

**Scoot Flight Schedule for Singapore-Kuching services (Effective 29 October 2017)**

<b>SINGAPORE – KUCHING (TR 430)</b>		
<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
2030 hrs	2155 hrs	Sunday – Thursday
1810 hrs	1935 hrs	Friday
<b>SINGAPORE – KUCHING (TR 432)</b>		
<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
0610 hrs	0735 hrs	Saturday

  

<b>KUCHING – SINGAPORE (TR 431)</b>		
<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
2235 hrs	2355 hrs	Sunday – Thursday
2015 hrs	2135 hrs	Friday
<b>KUCHING – SINGAPORE (TR 433)</b>		
<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
0815 hrs	0940 hrs	Saturday

*\*All times listed in local time.*

With the year-end holidays around the corner, now is the perfect time to plan your next vacation. Escape the ordinary and book your tickets now at [www.flyscoot.com](http://www.flyscoot.com)!

**Note:**

Appended below are some photographs of the inaugural flight yesterday.



*Scoot's inaugural flight to Kuching from Singapore: Passengers and crew greeted on the plane with traditional garlanding and a warm welcome by a Sarawak cultural troupe in traditional dress.*



*Left to right: Sarawak Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Permanent Secretary YBhg Datu Ik Pahon Joyik, Scoot Chief Commercial Officer Mr Vinod Kannan, and Sarawak Tourism Board Acting CEO Ms Mary Wan Mering.*

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### **About Scoot**

Scoot is the low-cost arm of the Singapore Airlines Group. Scoot took to the skies in June 2012 and merged with Tigerair Singapore in July 2017, retaining the Scoot brand and positioning it well for a new chapter of growth. Scoot has carried over fifty million guests and now operates a fleet of 15 state of the art, widebody Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 23 young and modern Airbus A320 family aircraft, with five more Boeing 787 Dreamliners and 39 Airbus A320neo aircraft on order. Scoot's network presently encompasses 60 destinations across 16 countries, with Harbin, Honolulu, Kuantan, and Palembang to join the network soon. Scoot provides – in addition to fantastic value airfares – a safe, reliable and contemporary travel experience with a unique attitude – Scootitude. Offering amenities including on-board Wi-Fi Internet connectivity and in-seat power on selected flights as well as the ability to redeem and accrue Singapore Airlines KrisFlyer miles, Scoot was voted 2015, 2016 and 2017 Best Low Cost Airline (Asia/Pacific) by AirlineRatings.com and ranked in the Top 10 of the World's Best Low-Cost Airlines in 2015 by Skytrax. Scoot is passionate about changing the way people travel long distance. Book your tickets at [FlyScoot.com](http://FlyScoot.com) or contact our [Call Centre](http://Call Centre). Find out more on [FlyScoot.com](http://FlyScoot.com), [Facebook.com/FlyScoot](http://Facebook.com/FlyScoot), [Instagram.com/FlyScoot](http://Instagram.com/FlyScoot), and [Twitter.com/flyscot](http://Twitter.com/flyscot).