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- MICT has also seen a jump in the number of trucks arriving earlier than scheduled, affecting those

showing up on time

MANILA International Container Terminal (MICT) is now handling more volumes than during pre-pandemic levels, averaging 3,000 truck transactions a day from the previous 2,300 to 2,800, according to a port executive.

"We are actually busier than ever," MICT management services and government affairs director Voltaire Wycoco said during a recent virtual forum organized by the Chamber of Customs Brokers, Inc.

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PH imports, exports post double-digit growth in 1H

- Philippine imports jumped 31.4% while exports increased 21.1% in the first half of the year
- The total merchandise trade grew 27.1% to US\$89.96 billion
- Trade deficit rose 58.4% to \$18.02 billion
- Electronic products was still the top imported and exported commodity, while the top type of goods was raw materials and intermediate goods for imports and manufactured goods for exports

PHILIPPINE imports and exports registered double-digit increases in the first half of the year from the same period last year.

Imports jumped 31.4% to \$53.99 billion from \$41.080 billion while exports grew 21.1% to \$35.97 billion from \$29.71 billion, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Total merchandise trade increased 27.1% in the first half of 2021 to US\$89.96 billion from \$70.79 billion.

Trade has been recording monthly improvements since February 2021 after posting 12 straight months of decline. Restrictions in production supply chains and global trade flow as well as local lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic affected local trade last year, especially in the second quarter.

Imported goods represented 60% of the total external trade and exported goods the rest.

Trade deficit grew 58.4% to \$18.02 billion in the first half of 2021 from \$11.374 billion year-on-year. This is a reversal from the 44.3% decline in deficit in the same semester last year and 34.7% decrement in the second half of 2020.

The jump in imports was due to

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increases in all of the top 10 major import commodities. The annual rate of increase was observed to be fastest in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (51.8%); plastics in primary and non-primary forms (42.3%); and other food and live animals (41.2%).

Of the top 10 major commodity groups in terms of export value, nine recorded annual increases, led by chemicals (66.3%); metal components (63.4%); and ignition wiring set and other wiring

sets used in vehicles, aircrafts and ships (57.7%).

By commodity group, electronic products remained the country's top import with an import value of \$14.81 billion or a share of 27.4% in the first semester of 2021. It was also the top exported commodity with \$20.27 billion or 56.3% share to total.

By major type of goods, imports of raw materials and intermediate goods accounted for the largest share with \$21.85

billion or 40.5% share of the total in the first semester of 2021. In terms of exporters, manufactured goods had the highest share, amounting to \$29.97 billion or 83.3% share.

China remained the Philippines' biggest supplier, while Japan, South Korea, Indonesia and the United States were the other major import trading partners.

For exports, the US was the top destination, followed by China, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Inter-agency task force to probe sale of smuggled carrots

- An inter-agency task force will be created to investigate the reported sale of smuggled fresh carrots in local markets
- The inter-agency task force will be composed of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Customs, and Bureau of Internal Revenue
- Local cooperatives earlier reported that smuggled carrots from China have proliferated and are being sold at lower prices in several key markets, particularly in Divisoria, Manila

AN inter-agency task force will be created to investigate the reported sale of smuggled fresh carrots in the local market, according to the Department of Agriculture (DA).

The inter-agency task force will be composed of the DA, Department of Trade and Industry, Bureau of Customs (BOC), and Bureau of Internal Revenue, DA assistant secretary Noel Reyes said in a press briefing on September 27.

Reyes surmised that the fresh carrots can only be smuggled because DA does not issue permits for importation of fresh vegetables. He noted the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) only grants import permits for frozen mixed or processed vegetables for use by embassies and in hotels.

The Highland Vegetable Multipurpose Cooperative (HVMC) and Benguet Farmers Cooperative (BFC) earlier said they received reports that the smuggled carrots were being sold at lower prices in several key markets nationwide, particularly in Divisoria, Manila. The carrots were suspected to have come from

China.

The groups said the spread of smuggled carrots hurts local farmers, who are already reeling from the effects of the pandemic.

Reyes warned against the consumption of smuggled fresh vegetables as the DA cannot assure products were subjected to food safety regulations and are not carrying pests or pesticide residue.

The vegetables will be confiscated and suspects will be charged, Reyes added.

In a separate statement, BOC said it is already coordinating with DA, BPI, and BFC in looking into the alleged smuggling of carrots.

BOC noted that due to the perishable nature of all agricultural shipments, the current first border inspection is limited to opening and closing of reefer containers to avoid spoilage. A second border inspection

is conducted inside DA-accredited cold storage warehouses.

To further enhance border security and regulatory measures, BOC said it fully supports DA's establishment of agricultural commodity examination areas (ACEA) and the strengthened inspection at the second border in the cold storage warehouses.

DA earlier said it will establish in six ports this year the Philippines' first border inspection (FBI) facilities, or ACEAs, to be used to inspect imported animals, plants, meat, and other farm and fishery products.

The ACEAs will be set up at the Manila International Container Terminal, Manila South Harbor, Cebu, Batangas, Subic, and Davao.

Agriculture Secretary William Dar last May also ordered attached units of DA to implement intensified and stricter first border inspection and control of all imported food items and other agri-fishery related products to ensure optimum food safety levels.

PH, India sign air services agreement

- The Philippines and India have signed a new air services agreement (ASA)
- Signed on September 27, the ASA aims to promote international air services between the two countries and ensure the highest degree of air safety
- The new ASA revises the 2018 ASA after changes were approved last year

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Signed on September 27, the ASA

aims to promote international air services between the two countries, advance a quality international aviation system, and ensure the highest degree of air safety.

The agreement opens the market for competition, where multiple airlines can operate and more flights activated.

In 2018, the 1949 Philippines-India ASA was amended and a new agreement was signed. But in 2020 changes to the 2018 accord were proposed, with the revision approved by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Philippines.

In December 2020, the India Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also gave its approval to the signing of the revised ASA.

"I hope today [that] the signing of the Agreement will not just be limited to a relationship about an air bilateral agreement, but it is a relationship that goes far and beyond aviation. It will encompass other forms of business activity, economic activity in this country," Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade said in a statement.

"This agreement is a critical enabler of the partnership, whether it may be in terms of people-to-people contacts, trade and investments, tourism, and culture interactions, and overall in bringing our two great democratic republics in Asia closer together," Indian Ambassador to the

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Toyota inaugurates P4.7B Batangas logistics hub

- The 32-hectare Batangas Vehicle Center can hold 4,500 vehicles at any given time
- BVC is dedicated to handling completely built up units
- The facility is about 6 kilometers from the Port of Batangas, allowing for faster receipt of imported vehicles
- It comes with 18 covered truck lanes for vehicle loading and unloading

TOYOTA Motor Philippines Corp. (TMP) inaugurated on Sept 24 its P4.7-billion Batangas Vehicle Center (BVC).

The 32-hectare logistics hub has a pre-delivery inspection and post-production installation amenity that can accommodate 160,000 vehicle units annually with a stockyard able to hold 4,500 units at a time.

With the inauguration of BVC, the company's Laguna facility—Santa Rosa Vehicle Center—will be dedicated to locally assembled—completely knocked down—Vios and Innova models, TMP said in a statement.

BVC is about six kilometers from the Port of Batangas, allowing TMP to receive imported—completely built up—vehicles faster.

The facility comes with 18 covered truck lanes for vehicle loading and unloading. This weather-proof structure was designed to ensure safety, considering the weather conditions in the country. This design is also applied

Toyota Motor Phils' (TMP) Batangas Vehicle Center features comes with 18 covered truck lanes for vehicle loading and unloading. Photo from TMP.



at Santa Rosa facility, making TMP the first among Toyota logistics facilities to have such a structure in the Asia Pacific region after Japan.

BVC uses RFID-tagging technology in an integrated management system for real-time vehicle tracking.

The inauguration comes amid recovery in the auto industry. "In the first half of 2021, the automotive market recovered to 72 percent of pre-COVID levels and continues to show an encouraging upward trend. TMP maintains its market leadership with a share of over 40 percent, putting us squarely on the path to 20 consecutive years of the triple crown – marking leadership in passenger car, commercial vehicle and total vehicle sales," TMP chairman Alfred Ty said.

"This is our renewed commitment to better days ahead. This is part of our joint efforts with the government, business sector and Filipino people to win the war against COVID-19 and build a better tomorrow, together," he added.

Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez in his speech at the inauguration commended TMP for "streamlining its logistics operations as it poses an opportunity to expand local manufacturing capacities."

Expanded Zamboanga airport unveiled

- The Department of Transportation and Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines inaugurated the newly improved Zamboanga International Airport on September 28
- The expanded passenger terminal building can now accommodate 50% more passengers--750 at any given time from the previous 500
- Also completed were two halls
- Other projects are underway, such as repair and asphalt overlay of the runway, and grading of the runway strip for safer and smoother aircraft landing

development project. Under the project, the airport's passenger terminal building (PTB) was expanded, allowing it to handle 50% more passengers--750 from the previous 500.

The PTB's floor area was also expanded with the addition of 691.2 square meters for a total area of 3,456 sqm.

In addition, a Malasakit hall and a gender and development multipurpose hall were constructed.

For the second phase of airport development, projects underway include runway repair and asphalt overlay, and the grading of the runway strip for a safer and smoother landing of aircraft.

DOTr said it expects improvements at ZIA—one of the busiest airports in Mindanao—to provide enhanced air connectivity and mobility as well as usher into the region economic, tourism, commerce and livelihood opportunities.

THE Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines inaugurated on September 28 the first phase of the Zamboanga International Airport (ZIA)

Lucena port project inaugurated

- A 2-story port operations building at the Port of Lucena was inaugurated by Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade on Sept 25
- An additional pier was also unveiled
- The projects were undertaken to address congestion at the old port

(POB) and an additional pier on September 25.

The two-story POB covering 1,537 square meters and the new Pier 3 were inaugurated by Secretary Arthur Tugade. He was joined by Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) general manager Jay Santiago, Quezon Governor Danilo Suarez, Quezon 2nd District Representative David Suarez, Lucena City Mayor Roderick Alcalá, and other transport officials.

The POB and Pier 3 were constructed to address congestion at the port for vessels

THE Department of Transportation (DOTr) unveiled the Port of Lucena's completed Port Operations Building



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going to Marinduque and Romblon and back, DOTr said, and are expected to bring down the cost of logistics and shipping fees at the Port of Lucena.

The project includes a pumphouse, and concrete pavement as well as installation of a six-meter-high steel tapered lamp post with solar lamp fixtures.

PPA previously rented a commercial building in Lucena City, which was under the Port Management Office Marinduque/Quezon. With the POB and Pier 3 at the Port of Lucena, travelers can now enjoy a

more comfortable and convenient travel by sea as well as improved port services, according to DOTr.

During the construction of the POB and Pier 3, about 50 jobs were created.

Meanwhile, Tugade also inspected the Lucena station of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) South Long-Haul Project or the PNR Bicol.

The Lucena segment is one of 35 stations of the PNR Bicol—a 560-kilometer long-haul rail line connecting Metro Manila to provinces in Southern Luzon.



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MICT volumes surpass...

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He noted the terminal is processing higher volumes than in 2019, the year it recorded its highest throughput.

For August 2021 alone, MICT handled 8.3% more volumes at 225,000 twenty-equivalent units from 207,000 TEUs in 2019. Truck counts for the same month were also 4.5% higher at 90,000 compared to 86,000 in 2019.

Despite more truck transactions, MICT maintains operational efficiencies, mainly due to the organized arrival of trucks with the implementation of the Terminal Appointment Booking System (TABS), Wycoco said.

TABS is a government-approved system that requires port stakeholders to secure an online appointment before trucks can enter the container terminal to discharge and/or pick up cargo. It was piloted in October 2015 and fully implemented on March 16, 2016.

Wycoco said with TABS, truck gate-in up to last execution takes only 50 minutes on average, faster than the one and a half hours it took pre-TABS. Last execution to gate-out takes about 30 minutes as long as a Bureau of Customs (BOC) inspection is not required.

In the last few months, however, MICT users claimed to have been having issues with TABS, including difficulty booking slots, which they said can now take days to accomplish. Customs brokers said the situation has resulted in shipment delays and additional costs.

A customs broker during the online forum complained of experiencing booking slots for

about three months now.

Another TABS issue is the jump in the number of early truck arrivals, affecting those that arrive at their appointed time. According to Wycoco, early arrivals increased 25% in September from an average of 14% in January.

There are some trucks, he said, that arrive as early as three days before their appointed schedule.

Wycoco acknowledged the entry of early arrivals cannot be prevented. Automatically adding slots is also out of the question: TABS slots are pre-determined by the Philippine Ports Authority under PPA Administrative Order No. 06-2018, which provides rules on the implementation of TABS.

Wycoco denied the port operator is selling TABS slots, as some allege, adding the matter is now being investigated. He also noted no changes have been introduced to TABS to make booking slots difficult.

Another TABS issue, according to stakeholders, is that it takes truck drivers longer to get through the terminal gates.

MICT's gates are automated and truck drivers can either scan their gate pass or use the biometrics to pass through, a process that should take just 70 seconds.

"For some reason we can't explain," Wycoco said truck drivers are now taking up to five minutes to enter the gates, triggering the need for manual intervention, and in the process delaying entry of trucks in queue and ultimately losing gains from implementing automated gates.

Wycoco said MICT management is working to stop the rise in number of early arrivals at the same time looking at other ways to address booking difficulty.

One of the proposed solutions is to allow clients to book as early as they want, but to activate slots only 12 hours before the actual slot time.

In addition, MICT management is working to make more transparent viewing of available slots, including sending notifications to clients once slots free up.

For early arrivals, a three-strike rule is proposed: a 15-day suspension of account for first offense, 30-day suspension for second offense, and six-month to a year's suspension for third offense.

MICT management will also be re-training truck drivers soon on proper gate entry. Meanwhile, Wycoco gave stakeholders tips for easier TABS booking.

He said stakeholders should not to wait for a gate pass before booking a TABS slot. Instead, he said TABS slots may be booked right after securing their Online Release System (OLRS) from the BOC.

Based on August and September TABS data, only about 14% of clients book their slots immediately after securing their OLRs. And since most clients traditionally only book slots three days after receiving their OLRs approval from BOC, Wycoco said clients potentially lose the same number of days to bag an appointment.

He said stakeholders may also want to take advantage of "slower" weekends and Monday mornings to book a slot. Most, he said, go for the busier night time slots. — **Roumina Pablo**

PH, India sign air services...

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Philippines Shambu Kumaran said the highest degree of safety and security in international air travel between the Philippines and India," Philippine Ambassador to India Nathaniel Imperial said.

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P95B Pasig River Expressway breaks ground

- The 19.37-km Pasig River Expressway (PAREX) officially broke ground on Sept 24
- The P95-billion six-lane elevated expressway will run along the banks of the Pasig River, from Radial Road 10 in Manila to C-6 Road, or the South East Metro Manila Expressway, in Taguig
- It aims to cut travel time between Manila and Rizal province from two hours to only 15 minutes
- The expressway will integrate various modes of transportation beyond cars such as dedicated bike lanes, walkways, a bus rapid transit system

THE government and San Miguel Corporation (SMC) officially broke ground on the 19.37-kilometer Pasig River Expressway (PAREX) on September 24.

The P95-billion, six-lane elevated expressway will run along the banks of the river, from Radial Road 10 (R-10) in Manila near the Port Area to C-6 Road, or the South East Metro Manila Expressway, in Taguig.

It aims to cut travel time between Manila and Rizal province from two hours to only 15 minutes.

The groundbreaking took place a few days after the SMC-funded project was approved by the government through the signing of the supplemental toll operations agreement (STOA) on September 21. The STOA was signed by the Department of Transportation, Department of Public Works and Highways, Toll Regulatory Board, Philippine National Construction Corp., and SMC subsidiaries Pasig River Expressway Corp. and Skyway O&M Corp., more than a year since the proposed project was approved as a toll road in June 2020.

PAREX will have three major segments—Segment 1 from R-10 to Plaza Azul, Manila; Segment 2 from Pandacan to C-5, and Segment 3 from C-5 to C-6.

PAREX will also connect to, and utilize a 2.7-km portion of, the new Skyway Stage 3 from Nagtahan to Plaza Azul.

Once operational, PAREX will link the eastern and western cities of Metro Manila and will connect to the Skyway system.

Aside from vehicles, SMC said PAREX will feature a bus rapid transit system, bike lanes, and pedestrian walkways.

SMC president Ramon Ang said the integration of green architecture principles and multiple modes of transportation will make PAREX “a truly inclusive infrastructure project that will benefit pedestrians, motorists, cyclists, and the environment.”

Relatedly, SMC is undertaking a P2-billion, five-year initiative to clean up and rehabilitate the Pasig River to extract some 3 million metric tons of silt and solid waste from the river to improve the flow and carrying capacity of the river and in order to mitigate flooding.

The target is to expand water transport through the use of ferry boats and link cities along the waterfronts of Metro Manila—including Laguna Lake, Pasig River, Manila Bay, and Marikina River, among others.

During the groundbreaking, Ang addressed allegations that the project is bad for the environment, and that it would ruin views of the river.

“This is a private investment. We will spend our own money, so we will not be beneficial to the public. We are not the type of people who will build something that will be bad for the public, the environment, and our country, for the sake of profits. In fact, we are investing a lot of money and other resources for these projects, even if the returns will take a while because our country needs them,” Ang said.

He said some sectors appear to be spreading misinformation about the project, claiming, among others that it will cover the Pasig River.

“That is not true. This will be built on the side of the river, along the easement of the Pasig River to be exact. It will not cover the river. The posts for the project will only take

up one meter of space, while the average width of the Pasig River is 200 meters,” he explained.

He added that as part of its rehabilitation efforts for the Pasig River, the company will widen and deepen the tributary in critical areas where the river has become too shallow, based on findings of a bathymetric survey conducted by the company.

Ang cited the area at the mouth of Marikina River and Manggahan River as

examples, saying the depth of these sections has been reduced to just 1 ½ meters, while the Pandacan and Manila Bay areas are only at two meters. The ideal depth of the river is at least eight meters, he said, to allow for enough floodwaters to flow through.

Even when they start operating the expressway, Ang said they will continue to dredge and clean up the river “because we know that no matter what, garbage will still make their way into the river.”



Cebu Pacific to increase local, international flights in Oct

- Low-cost carrier Cebu Pacific will increase flights to tourism havens Siargao, Boracay, and Bohol in October following the easing of quarantine restrictions
- For international destinations, Cebu Pacific will resume its daily flights to Dubai and will fly twice weekly to Nagoya and Osaka
- The airline will resume flights to Fukuoka in November and restart flights to Kuala Lumpur on October 4
- To encourage fliers, flexible options with unlimited rebooking will be offered
- Cebu Pacific in March made permanent its policy not to charge change fees

LOW-COST carrier Cebu Pacific will increase flights to tourism havens Siargao, Boracay, and Bohol in October following the easing of quarantine restrictions.


In October, the airline will expand flights to Siargao from five times to six times weekly; raise its frequencies to Boracay from four to five times daily; and bump up flights to Bohol from nine to 10 times weekly.

“We believe reopening domestic travel and the promotion of responsible travel is critical to rebuilding the trust and travel confidence in the industry,” Cebu Pacific vice president for marketing and customer experience Candice Iyog said in a statement.

For international destinations, Cebu Pacific will resume its daily flights to Dubai on September 30. For Japan, Cebu Pacific will fly twice weekly to Nagoya starting October 2, and Osaka on October 4, and resume flights to Fukuoka on November 5. Meanwhile, flights to Kuala Lumpur will restart on October 4.

To encourage fliers, the airline continues to offer flexible options with unlimited rebooking following the permanent removal of change fees in March 2021.

Cebu Pacific currently operates 32 destinations locally and eight international destinations.



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CALLAO BRIDGE	0199N	10/11	10/15	HMM PROMISE	0023E	10/22	11/12	SKIP
GREEN OCEAN	0047N	10/18	10/26	HYUNDAI EARTH	0030E	11/07	11/28	12/04

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GREEN OCEAN	0047N	10/18	10/26	SEASPAN YANGTZE	0018E	11/05	11/12	11/16

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FEEDER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD MNL	ETA KAO	MOTHER VESSEL	VOY. NO.	ETD KAO	ETA LAX	ETA OAK
YM CREDIBILITY	0037N	10/04	10/06	CONTI CRYSTAL	0123E	10/12	10/30	SKIP
YM CREDIBILITY	0038N	10/11	10/13	YM UNIFORMITY	0058E	10/22	11/02	11/08
YM CREDIBILITY	0039N	10/17	10/20	YM UNIFORMITY	0058E	10/22	11/02	11/08

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SEASPAN NEW YORK	030S	10/10	10/16	YM WARMTH	0029E	10/30	11/20	11/23	11/26	11/28
ALS JUNO	021S	10/17	10/23	YM WARMTH	0029E	10/30	11/20	11/23	11/26	11/28

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ALS JUNO	021S	10/17	10/23	ONE HONOLULU	0214E	10/26	11/21	SKIP	11/27	11/30

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ALS JUNO	020S	10/03	10/09	NYK VENUS	0069W	10/13	10/31	11/03	11/06
SEASPAN NEW YORK	030S	10/10	10/16	ONE HAMBURG	0069W	10/25	11/14	11/17	11/20
ALS JUNO	021S	10/17	10/23	ONE HAMBURG	0069W	10/25	11/14	11/17	11/20

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SEASPAN NEW YORK	030S	10/10	10/16	ONE EAGLE	0021W	10/19	11/06	11/09	11/12	11/15
ALS JUNO	021S	10/17	10/23	ONE BLUE JAY	0023W	10/27	11/13	11/15	11/19	11/22

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YM CREDIBILITY	0038N	10/11	10/13	BRUSSELS EXPRESS	0019W	10/22	11/19	11/22	11/25	11/28
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HYUNDAI GRACE	0116N	09/08	09/17	SEASPAN BRAVO	15E	09/20	10/05	10/07	10/11	10/13	10/16	10/21

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KMTC GWANGYANG	0040S	10/18	10/21	10/24	10/25	10/29

CHINA SOUTH EAST 2

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HAIAN WEST	0003N	10/11 - 10/12	10/16	10/17	10/19 - 10/20	10/23
HYUNDAI GRACE	0117N	10/15 - 10/17	10/21	10/22	10/24 - 10/25	10/28

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By late October 2021, PAL eyes increased flights to San Francisco, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Guam, Singapore, Dubai, Doha, Nagoya, and Fukuoka, while continuing special flights to Auckland, Vietnam and points in Australia. More flights to Honolulu and Taipei will come online by the last week of November 2021, the flag carrier said in a statement.

The airline's winter season schedule also includes regular flights to New York John F. Kennedy International Airport, Seoul, Saudi Arabia, Vancouver, Toronto, and other Asian destinations.

On domestic routes, the flag carrier is set to add flight frequencies to Iloilo, Legazpi, Butuan, Puerto Princesa, Bacolod, Dumaguete and Roxas City.

PAL's Cebu hub will see additional frequencies between Cebu and Zamboanga,

Cagayan de Oro, Bacolod, Butuan and Davao.

"As travel restrictions ease, we are progressively increasing flights on high-density routes and operating special commercial and repatriation flights to build passenger traffic. While demand may not come back to pre-pandemic levels until 2024, we will implement a fleet and network plan that will maintain Philippine Airlines as a market leader in the international and domestic sectors," PAL senior vice president and chief strategy and planning officer Dexter C. Lee said.

PAL has now ramped up to daily basis flights each to Los Angeles, Tokyo, Osaka and Singapore. Multiple weekly flights to San Francisco, Vancouver and other points in Japan and Middle East are continuing. London is being served with special flights in September and October.

With the shift to a looser quarantine status for the National Capital Region, PAL presently operates multiple daily flights between Manila and Cebu, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Boracay (Caticlan), Tacloban, Legazpi, Bohol and Cotabato.

PAL received US court approval on September 9 for the first phase of its Chapter 11 restructuring plan, which will allow fresh capital to flow in even as the airline sustains its full range of flights and services.

To help jumpstart domestic tourism, PAL launched the new Hiraya Flight Pass, a personalized set of pre-purchased flights with open travel dates for use on all PAL domestic routes.

In August, the flag carrier launched a new Forever Flyer promotion featuring digital raffle draws

every week until December 17, 2021, awarding up to 80,000 yearly miles for life to winning PAL passengers.

PAL also introduced digital innovations such as FX Box multi-currency pricing to make online ticket purchases more convenient, and a self-service option for customers rebooking flights, in partnership with Amadeus.

The airline continues to mount repatriation flights to bring home overseas Filipino workers and other Filipinos from

countries as diverse as India, Oman, Bahrain and Lebanon, as well as Bayanihan services from Bangkok, Jakarta, Dubai and Kuala Lumpur. These flights use several Philippine gateways such as Davao, Subic and Cebu in addition to Manila.

The flag carrier is also the first Asian airline accredited by the State of Hawaii to be a Trusted Testing and Travel Partner, allowing PAL passengers to bypass mandatory quarantine stays in Hawaii if they secure negative swab test results from PAL's accredited test centers and partner laboratories.



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