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## **China Eastern Becomes World's Seventh Largest Airline Company**

China Eastern (CES) is now the 7th largest airline company in the world, according to the latest statistics from International Air Transport Association. Meanwhile, due to its exceptional performance in 2014, CES also moves up to the 15th place, best amongst Chinese airlines on Top-Performing Airlines ranking issued by Aviation News Weekly.

In a bid to build itself into a world-class airline company and proactively plan and develop domestic and international air networks, CES will continue to beef up long-range international routes such as Los Angeles, New York and Paris to further improve its international competitiveness. The fleet is estimated to reach 550 aircraft, carrying more than 90 million passengers by the end of this year.

CES is to keep up the investment in flight operation with a plan to purchase long-range wide-body aircraft. Airbus 350-900 or Boeing 787-9 will be the most likely option.