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China Eastern Builds up Strategic Partnership with Delta Air Lines

China Eastern (CES) has signed an agreement with Delta Air Lines to expand their partnership, compete more effectively on routes between the U.S. and China and provide more travel options for customers.

CES, with its wholly owned subsidiary Shanghai Airlines, and Delta currently operate codeshare flights on 30 domestic routes in the U.S., 43 domestic routes in China and 7 trans-Pacific routes between China and the U.S. Delta serves the three largest cities in China with six daily nonstop flights from the U.S. and CES serves the three largest U.S. markets with four daily nonstop flights from Shanghai.

As part of the strategic partnership, a subscription agreement has been signed by CES and Delta with strings attached including a \$450 million investment by Delta to buy 3.55% of CES' shares.