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### Press Release

#### **WORLD AIRLINES CLUBS ASSOCIATION held its 42nd Annual General Assembly together with the Interline Celebration 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

For the first time in its history, in Malaysia's Capital City of Kuala Lumpur, the World Airlines Clubs Association's (WACA) held its forty-second Annual General Assembly in conjunction with the 2009 Interline Celebration from the 4<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2009 at The Palace of the Golden Horses.

The event, organized by the Executive Committee of the Association, had the valuable support and contribution from the Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board and was attended by more than 300 participants from the commercial Airline Industry community. Active and retired employees and their guests, from over 30 countries worldwide visited Kuala Lumpur to join the representatives of the WACA's member Interline Clubs to commemorate the Interline Event.

During the opening ceremonies, the Director General of the Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, Datuk Mirza Mohammad Taiyab, welcomed all participants to Kuala Lumpur and declared the AGA officially open. During his address to the participating Interliners, WACA's President, Mr. Maga Ramasamy, stressed the main objectives of the Association, highlighting the Social Responsibility of its members with focus in the objectives of sustainable tourism, the protection of the environment and the contribution of the Airlines to the reduction of the emissions of CO2.

During the working sessions held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, the representatives of the WACA's 5 regions – Europe; Far East & Australasia; Latin America & Caribbean; Africa, Indian Ocean Islands & Middle East and North America- met to discuss the projects of their clubs within their respective region and the plans for future activities.

At the Annual General Assembly on the following day, the accounts and budget of the Association were approved and the strategy for the years to come was discussed. With the present financial and economical situation experienced worldwide new opportunities were also explored. During the Assembly, the Executive Committee was pleased to award the following clubs for the year of 2009:

WACA-Club of the Year	Montreal Interline Club
Best International Event:	Nile Cruise - Jordan Interline Club Mystical Landscapes of China – Hong Kong Interline Club
Best Media and Communication:	Jordan Interline Club
Regional Club of the Year:	Europe: Hungarian Interline Club Far East&Australasia: Sydney Interline Club Lat. America&Caribbean: Jamaica Interline Club Africa, Indian Ocean Islands &Middle East: Indian Ocean Islands Interline Club North America: Montreal Interline Club

Participants in the Event had the occasion to attend and participate in the Regional Cultural Events where each club had its own stand, promoting their country with brochures, dances and small souvenirs and cultural shows...

During the week all participants went on two tours organized by VIP Corporate Travel and Tours, where the most interesting places and buildings of Kuala Lumpur were visited. As part of our Social Responsibility a delegation of 30 club members visited the Pure Life Society and presented the President Mother Manganlin with a check from WACA of RM 1.470 and all the school supplies for the needy children brought by all participants. They were very well received and appreciation was expressed.

The President's Ball with Gala Dinner closed this successful event of the WORLD AIRLINES CLUB ASSOCIATION.

In conjunction with the Interline Celebration, some Pre- and Post tours were offered. The Interliners had the opportunity to visit Singapore and enjoy the Island of Langkawi. Visits to Malacca were chosen by most of the participants and after the event, a group of 100 Interliners joined the well organized tour to Sabah, Borneo.

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