Mumbai International Airport sees increased passenger traffic to Southeast Asia

Mumbai International Airport is adding 24 daily flights to Southeast Asian countries after witnessing increased passenger traffic travelling to Southeast Asian countries

Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) will add 24 daily flights connecting Mumbai to Southeast Asia as it has observed increased passenger traffic travelling to Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore and Thailand, among many others.

MIAL currently caters to 48.8 million passengers. From FY2018-19, MIAL had a total of 488,538 passengers (669 passengers per day each way) travelling between Mumbai-Bangkok-Mumbai.

Passenger traffic growth

CSMIA said that while it sees a massive outflow of passengers travelling to destinations via Mumbai, it also experiences a heavy passenger inflow from countries like Dubai in United Arab Emirates, Singapore, London, Bangkok and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

With 24 daily flights, on an average, the GVK-led Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) caters to 27% of the total passenger traffic between Mumbai and the Southeast Asian countries.

The MIAL believes that the expansion of GoAir, IndiGo, Vistara and nSpiceJet flights to the existing fleet to these countries will boost MICE travel (Meetings, incentives, conferencing, exhibitions) and also accelerate leisure tourism.

Additionally, CSMIA also witnessed passenger traffic to Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Muscat among other prominent Middle Eastern countries. Specifically, during FY 2018-19, a total of 171,041 passengers (234 passengers per day each way) travelled between Mumbai-Abu Dhabi-Mumbai. 221,708 passengers (304 passengers per day each way) travelled between Mumbai-Muscat-Mumbai.

CSMIA is also actively expanding its reach to other Asian destinations with SpiceJet's direct route launch between Mumbai to Hong Kong on July 31. It is the fourth non-stop international route introduced by MIAL in the last 60 days with the first one expanding RwandAir's connectivity from Mumbai to China's trade capital Guangzhou on 18 June 2019. On July 19, MIAL welcomed GoAir's

newest international route to Muscat, Bangkok, and Abu Dhabi on 19 July 2019.