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Malaysia can mount 6 flights to Mongolia

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ULANBAATAR, Tue: Malaysia can mount six A330s services into Mongolia with the signing today of an air services agreement between the two countries.

Under the agreement, Malaysia can carry 1,800 passengers into Mongolia a week with Shanghai and Beijing in China and Seoul in South Korea as intermediate points.

Malaysia is also allowed to fly into Moscow in Russia from Mongolia, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik told the Malaysian media here.

Dr Ling signed the agreement with Mongolian infrastructure minister Mr G Niamdavaa at the Government House, following bilateral talks between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Mongolian Prime Minister M. Enkhsaikhan.

He said the rights are reciprocal, whereby Mongolian Airlines can also carry 1,800 passengers into Malaysia a week. One of its three intermediate points will be Seoul while its beyond point would be Singapore.

"We have not decided when operations will commence ... we are looking at code share as a viable option as we have to build up the traffic and strengthen the route first.

"This (code share) would probably be the best direction to take," he said.

Under code share, airlines of both countries share the International Air Transport Association (Iata) coding for their aircraft operating on the sector. "Either we use their planes or they can use ours," he said.

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