



Airline Bulletin

KAL

Who has logged the longest flight hours among active commercial flight crew of the Korean carriers? A reasonable answer might be a pilot but that is a wrong one.

Korean Air chief cabin attendant Lee Chang-ho, 52, is the Korean flight crew that has flown for the longest period of time with an astonishing 25,000 hours up in the air during his 26 years with the Korean carrier.

Lee registered this landmark record up in the air over the Pacific on board KE018 departing Seoul and bound for Los Angeles on Aug. 26.

Lee's 25,000 flight hours are equivalent to 1,042 days up in the air and 560 flights around the globe.

Look back at his 26 years as a flight attendant, Lee recalls, "It was the love at first glance." He worked parttime while in college and the interior of the aircraft he stepped into for the first time fascinated him.

"I was hooked up on it and decided to try my luck with KAL," he said. Lee joined the company upon graduation.

Lee's career also stretches Korea's entire aviation history.

His first trip was with YS-11, a vintage 60-seat propeller aircraft that is no longer in production.

KAL held a ceremony for Lee on Aug. 30 at Gimpo International Airport.



KAL chief flight manager Lee Chang-ho poses with a bevy of flight attendants prior to his landmark flight to Los Angeles that gave him the 25,000th hour up in the air, a record among Korea's civil aviation crew.



Asiana Airlines president Park Sam-koo, second from left, poses together with BVQI president Roger Smith in a ceremony held to award an international environmental standard certificate to the Korean carrier at Gimpo International Airport last week.

point to purchase advanced aircraft that are low in noise and efficient in fuel, despite the added cost from its selective buying policy.

Asiana is determined to pursue its environment-conscious policies more strenuously, giving an added meaning to its reception of the ISO 14001 certificate. Included among the envisioned steps are the continued purchase of environmentally sound aircraft, the thorough treatment of waste discharge, and campaigns in and outside the company to promote the preservation of environment.

Off United

United Airlines has become the launch carrier for the V2500 powered Airbus Industrie A319 twinjet with firm

orders for aircraft plus an unspecified number of options. The value of the confirmed business to IAE is 260 million dollars, with Rolls-Royce's share totalling 85 million dollars.

United already operates a fleet of 34 V2500 powered A320s, an additional 16 aircraft still to be delivered.

Barry Eccleston, IAE's president and CEO, said, "This designation firmly establishes the V2500 on the A319 and shows United confidence in both the Airbus and V2500 product families. Reliability has been high on their A320 operation, and the engine's commonality means there are clear benefits with the choice." IAE, a partnership of Pratt & Whitney, Rolls-Royce, MTU and the Japanese Aero Engines Corp. — has 69 customers worldwide and an order book approaching \$12 billion.

HOTEL LOBBY



Yanbian Daewoo Hotel Opens New Chapter in Tourism Industry in Northeastern China

By Hong Sun-hee
Staff Reporter

YANBIAN, China — The newly-opened Yanbian Daewoo Hotel opens a new chapter in the history of the tourism industry in northeastern China as it boosts the morale of ethnic Korean-Chinese living in the area and enhances the image of the Daewoo Group and, consequently, that of Korea, says Kwon Hyouk-jung, the Group's general manager.

"Frankly speaking, the overall situation here does not yet warrant the building of a five-star hotel. However, we arrived here ahead of the others in keeping with the future-oriented and global-minded corporate philosophy of Daewoo."

"Though business is not satisfactory right now, it is improving month after month. We don't aim at guests of existing hotels but target new groups. We will make investments to expand the market and come up with new attractions for travelers," he said.

The hotel sits on Yanji in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture in Jilin Province, catering primarily to Koreans visiting here for business or to get to Chonji Lake at the summit of Mt. Paektu and the Changbaek Falls on the way to the crater associated with Korean mythology.

The seven-story hotel has 263 guest rooms, a swimming pool, a health club, banquet halls and other facilities for leisure.

The general manager said, "The



Kwon Hyouk-jung
hotel's general manager

tourism and hospitality sector here is busy from June to September while ordinary travelers avoid the low temperature and heavy snow at Mt. Paektu during the rest of the year. We will explore new market and introduce new attractions."

Daewoo will construct a 50-room hotel in the hot spa area near the waterfalls, develop slopes for skiing, hunting grounds, participate in or jointly host local events such as the

annual snow sculpture festival.

When the UNDP project on Tuman River takes its shape, Jilin province will become the triangular trade point between Korea, China and Russia, and the hotel is expected to share the pie.

The hotel, the largest among the service establishments in the three northeast Chinese provinces, is staffed by 324 employees, 60 percent of whom are Korean-Chinese.

"Local residents look at the hotel very favorably, and we try to make the best of their resources and talents," said the general director who has staged several performances by local Korean folk artists at the hotel.

For business promotion during the initial months, the Yanbian Daewoo Hotel offers rooms at 30-percent discount this season.

Kwon, 41, joined the Daewoo Group 16 years ago, and was in charge of hotel management at the Kyongju Hilton for the last five years.

The Daewoo Group has selected hotels as a strategic investment and development field for the coming century and is expected to invest in 30-40 hotels for the chain.

On July 1, it opened the Hanoi Daewoo Hotel, also a Five-star hotel, and has recently secured the Bulgarian government's approval to purchase a majority share at the Sheraton Hotel Sofia.

Other overseas investments include the Algeria Hilton Hotel, the Kempinski Hotel in Beijing and the Friendship Palace Hotel in Sudan.

pot set menu, priced at 35,000 won each.

Matsu introduces a pine-mushroom full course, butter sauted pine mushroom, fried pine mushroom and pine mushroom sukiyaki. For reservations, call 531-6477 (Matsu) and 531-6479 (Dasarang).



Grand Hyatt Seoul will hold a luxurious outdoor ball with a Russian theme on Sept. 16, 17 and 18. Tipped to be the top social event for summer, the St. Petersburg Ball will recreate the opulence and decadence of the Russian Imperial Court at the turn of the century.

Planning for the event has been underway for many months. The hotel will fly in entertainers, props and costumes from around the world for the extravaganza.

Tickets at 60,000 won are now on sale. For reservations, call 799-8475.



The two Oriental restaurants of the Novotel Ambassador Kangnam, Dasarang Korean and Matsu Japanese, are presenting various delicacies using pine mushrooms of the new autumn season.

Pine mushroom selections are one of the most well-known and loved culinary dishes of the Far East as they are rich in albuminous substances and especially vitamin B2 and D. They are low in cholesterol and healthy for people with high blood pressure, obesity and heart problems.

Menus at Dasarang includes a broiled-pine-mushroom set menu, broiled pine mushroom with beef ribs, a yellow-cornvina-with-ginseng-soup



Bice Italian restaurant, the Shilla's newest restaurant, has opened its new outdoor terrace. Designed in a motif reminiscent of the Mediterranean-style of architecture, the recent addition to the already popular Bice is sure to win guests and keep them coming back for more authentic atmosphere, romance and ambience.

Guests are expected to enjoy meals surrounded by nature in all its splendor within their own private garden and to dine to the sounds of a waterfall cascading in front of their eyes or stroll under the grape arbor while they await their meal selection. For reservations, call 230-3379.

Sheraton Walker Hill

Restaurant specials offer an array of tantalizing choices. Reasonably priced and always delicious, this month's specials range from European style Paprika beef goulash and herbed pork chop with Rosemary gravy, at the Cascade, to broiled pine mushroom in earthenware with tiger prawns, at the

SEOUL PLAZA HOTEL

After renovating its main facilities and guestrooms in preparation for its anniversary in October, the Seoul Plaza Hotel is making more innovations and additions to maximize guest comfort and convenience.

For a start, the operation division began applying a highly advanced "Fidelio" computer program for total efficiency on Aug. 16. Also, the new 18-story Hanwha building behind the hotel, now under construction, is set for completion next June as an annex. Interfacing with the Sogong Shopping Arcade, Seoul Subway Lines 1 and 2, and the hotel underground arcade, the new Hanwha building will feature a completely computerized intelligent building system.

PARADISE BEACH

Charlie's legend takes off at the third floor of the Kimhae International Airport's domestic terminal. Airport Charlie's houses five self-service restaurants which can seat 145 people.

Kimhae has also launched Cafe Terrace which offers sandwiches, coffee, draft beer and other fast food items complete with free computer games and the chance to catch up on the latest news plus flight information on wide screen TV. For more information, call 051-742-2121

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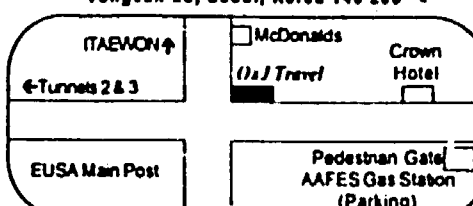
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First Thai Restaurant Debuts in Itaewon

Korea's first and only Thai restaurant opened in Itaewon, Seoul, Wednesday.

The Thai Orchid, the Baiyoke Group of Hotels franchise restaurant, will serve travelers and residents in the city with high-quality cuisine and services. It is located next to the Holiday Itaewon Hotel.

Food choices cover appetizers, herbed and spiced salads, dip dishes, soups, fried and steamed dishes, seafood specialties, rice and noodles and three full-course set menus.

Chefs from Thailand prepare indigenous Thai recipes with spices flown in from Bangkok.

"Korea and Thailand have enjoyed a long and splendid relationship. At all times the people of the two countries have exchanged visits and many Korean investors have opened restaurants in Thailand while there has been no Thai restaurant in Korea," Huh Jong-ye, the Korean investor, said.

"The Thai Orchid will become a unique place for Thai culture and tradition," he added.

Congratulatory visitors at the opening ceremony Wednesday included former Thai Deputy Prime Minister and former Bangkok Mayor Chamlong Srimuang, Hotel Shilla's general manager Eric Brand and Sheraton Walker Hill's deputy general manager



Phanlert Baiyoke, left, of the Baiyoke Group, receives a bouquet from director Nattera K. of the Tourism Authority of Thailand Seoul Office at the opening of Thai Orchid restaurant in Itaewon Wednesday. The first and only Thai restaurant in Korea is joint-ventured by Baiyoke and a Korean investor.

Bernhard Brender.

The 20,000-won set menu includes shrimp tartlets, salad, chicken in coconut milk soup, fried fish topped with chili and assorted vegetables in oyster sauce.

The 40,000-won set menu consists of Gai satay, noodles, sauteed squid with garlic pepper, hot prawn soup or mixed seafood soup, deep-fried fish with sweet-sour sauce, fried rice with

chicken and mixed vegetables.

Meanwhile, the a la carte menu is more expensive. Appetizers are priced 4,000 won to 12,000 won, herbed and spiced salads are priced 8,000 won and 12,000 won, and soup costs 8,000 won to 12,000 won.

The prices are subject to 10 percent tax and 10 percent service charges.

For further information and reservations, call 792-8836/8.