

EDITORIAL NOTE

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This month's Airline Spotlight features SriLankan Airlines. We would like to congratulate Mr. Kapila Chandrasena, CEO of low cost operator Mihin Lanka, on his appointment also as CEO of SriLankan Airlines. It is intended that the two carriers will complement each other with the objective of further developing the nation's tourist industry and economy as a whole.



Today SriLankan operates A340s, A330s and A320s, and is renewing and expanding its fleet. In May this year, SriLankan received the first of three new A320s featuring the latest interior including leather seats and in-seat IFE. Mihin Lanka is also an Airbus single aisle operator - operating two A320s.

SriLankan Airlines also includes a very active Engineering arm. SriLankan Engineering offers in house, as well as third party, MRO services on a wide range of Airbus aircraft from the A300 to the A340.

We wish Mr. Kapila all the best in his new position as CEO of SriLankan Airlines.

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-  Qatar Airways and Gulf Air took delivery of new A320 aircraft.
-  Etihad Airways took delivery of two new A330-300 aircraft.
-  Senegal Airlines took delivery of its third A320 aircraft in August 2011.

Airline Spotlight

SriLankan Airlines

SriLankan Airlines, the national airline of Sri Lanka was launched in 1979 as Air Lanka. The airline's hub is located at Bandaranaike International Airport in Colombo.

During the 1980s, the airline increased the number of destinations served and made additions to its fleet. By 1990, Air Lanka served 26 destinations and in 1992, the airline received its first Airbus A320. Later in 1999, the Air Lanka brand was replaced by SriLankan Airlines. Today SriLankan Airlines enjoys a global route network of 52 destinations in 33 countries in Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Far East, North America and Australia. In addition, the airline commenced operations to Moscow in September and plans to open flights to Zurich in December.



Currently SriLankan Airlines operates a modern fleet consisting of mainly Airbus A320 and A330/A340 family aircraft.

At present, SriLankan Airlines employs nearly 5,000 professionals in Sri Lanka and overseas. In addition to the airline's continuing expansion, SriLankan has achieved a number of awards over the years including World's Most Reliable Operator of Airbus A330s and A340s for small fleet, issued by Airbus.

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- **First ever widebody twin-engine**, the A300B, in the 1970s
- **Forward-facing crew cockpits** – which reduced the crew to two pilots while improving safety and introducing new standards for civil aircraft.
- **Introduced fly-by-wire** flight controls and side-stick controllers into civil aviation.
- **Raising the bar for environmental standards** with its low fuel consumption and noise levels – as well as reduced CO2 and nox emissions.
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