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AIR MARSHALL ISLANDS AND NAURU AIRLINES COLLABORATE TO SUPPORT REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY AND LONG-TERM AVIATION SUSTAINABILITY

Air Marshall Islands Inc (AMI) and Nauru Airlines (NAC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding strengthening ties between the carriers, to enhance regional aviation resilience, improve connectivity and service quality, and strengthen technical and professional capacity shared between the airlines.

The MOU was signed today by Nauru Airlines Chairman Mr Charleston Deiye and Chairman of Air Marshall Islands Mr Bobby Muller during the 27th Micronesian Island Forum taking place at Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands. Marshall Islands leaders are joined at the summit by counterparts from Kiribati, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Palau.

In recognition of the unique operating requirements faced by Pacific Island carriers, the two airlines will work collaboratively to address distinct regional aviation challenges including infrastructure constraints, skilled workforce supply and the streamlining of network and flight operations to improve regional connectivity.

Plans ahead include a wide range of initiatives including:

- **Joint Pilot Cadetship Program** - the joint establishment of a Pilot Cadetship Program incorporating rigorous training, structured mentorship, and professional development to produce a pilot workforce trained to operate in complex and remote Pacific environments.
- **Joint Marketing and Promotion** – the airlines will progressively implement inter-airline arrangements to enable Nauru Airlines Corporation to market, promote and sell Air Marshall Islands outer island services to destinations including Jaluit, Wotje, Kwajalein, Woja, Namdrik, Kili, Airok, Utrok, Likiep, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Bikini Atolls.
- **Schedule Harmonisation** – the airlines will pursue schedule harmonisation and network optimisation to facilitate convenient same-day connectivity between NAC and AMI services.
- **General Sales Agent Representation** - the airlines will each represent the other as the respective General Sales Agent for the sale of passenger air tickets within their home countries.

Air Marshall Islands and Nauru Airlines will also coordinate on charter and ad hoc services, including capacity allocation and operational planning to meet regional demand. The airlines will also explore opportunities for to collaborate on Operational Control Centre assistance, including situational monitoring, communication support, and continuity planning.

The airlines have also signalled their intention to identify further opportunities for mutual skills development and institutional strengthening through technical cooperation and training initiatives.

About Air Marshall Islands

Air Marshall Islands is a commercially operated airline owned by the Marshall Islands Government and based in the capital Majuro. The airline operates the two Dornier 228-212 aircraft and two DHC-8-100s. The airline has ordered three 19-seater Cessna Sky Courier 408s with the first aircraft scheduled for delivery in December 2025, the second in first quarter 2026 and the third to arrive in 2027.

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About Nauru Airlines

Nauru Airlines is the national carrier of Nauru. The airline operates a fleet of 7 x Boeing 737 aircraft – four dedicated to freight operations, three operating as passenger aircraft. As one of Australia's most experienced charter operators in the Pacific region, Nauru Airlines offers charter solutions to clients in Australia, New Zealand and the South/Central Pacific and Asia. The carrier provides ACMI (Aircraft, Crew, Maintenance, and Insurance), freight and passenger charter solutions to meet the needs of diverse clientele including government agencies, educational and religious organisations, emergency response service providers, corporate entities, entertainment, sporting and large private tour groups, and other transportation partners. nauruair.com

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