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Drukair Welcomes Pilatus PC-24, Marking a New Milestone in Bhutan's Aviation Capability

Press Release

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PARO, BHUTAN – Drukair, Royal Bhutan Airlines is pleased to announce the arrival of its new Pilatus PC-24 aircraft at Paro International Airport. Manufactured by Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. of Switzerland, the aircraft represents an investment of approximately Nu. 1.11 billion and marks a significant advancement in strengthening Bhutan's aviation capability.

The Pilatus PC-24, known as the Super Versatile Jet, is an 8-seater twin-engine aircraft designed for exceptional short-runway performance, making it ideally suited to Bhutan's demanding terrain. With a range of about 3,300 km, the aircraft enhances regional reach and operational flexibility. It will play an important role in supporting national priorities, including corporate travel aligned with the development of the Gelephu Mindfulness City, medical evacuation missions, commercial charter services, and selected domestic operations.

The aircraft was welcomed at Paro International Airport with a traditional ceremonial reception. The Hon'ble Prime Minister graced the arrival as the Chief Guest. Senior officials from the Royal Government of Bhutan, Druk Holding and Investments, Drukair management, and Paro International Airport were also present.

Commenting on the arrival, Mr. Tandi Wangchuk, Chief Executive Officer of Drukair, said "The arrival of the PC-24 is an important milestone not just for Drukair, but for Bhutan's wider development ambitions. With its ability to operate efficiently in challenging terrain, the aircraft will support critical national services, provide greater flexibility for corporate and charter travel, and contribute meaningfully to emerging initiatives such as Gelephu Mindfulness City. We are proud to strengthen our fleet in service of the nation."

The induction of the PC-24 enhances Bhutan's emergency response capability, supports specialized corporate travel, and strengthens the country's connectivity in alignment with broader national development goals.



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About Drukair – Royal Bhutan Airlines

Drukair Corporation Limited, the national flag carrier of Bhutan, was established in 1981. Operating from its hub at Paro International Airport, Drukair serves 10 international destinations across South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East, including India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Thailand, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates. In addition to its international routes, Drukair services 3 domestic destinations within Bhutan and offers helicopter services to enhance its range beyond fixed-wing operations.

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