



**The airplane was solemnly welcomed at the Tashkent International Airport named after Islam Karimov.**

Medium-haul airline was purchased from China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited (CALC) under a long-term lease. Airbus A320neo, in a single-class layout for 168 seats, arrived from Kuala Lumpur to Tashkent in the traditional livery of Uzbekistan Airways. The aircraft will mark the beginning of a long-term cooperation between the national air carrier and the leasing company CALC.



To date, Airbus A320neo aircraft type is the most popular and one of the best among medium-haul liners, demonstrating the highest level of safety and efficiency. It is worth noting that, compared to the previous generation, the level of nitrogen oxide emissions reduced by 50%, which makes the aircraft the most environmentally friendly among competitors.



“We are pleased to present the first A320neo of Uzbekistan Airways as our first partner in the Central Asian region. Thanks to the trust and support of Uzbekistan Airways, CALC opens up new opportunities in the Asian region by starting a partnership with the national air carrier from the Republic of Uzbekistan. With our global footprint and extensive aircraft portfolio, we see new opportunities to continue our growth path in the coming years as an active aviation supplier in the region”, Mike Poon, executive and CEO of CALC said.



“This is the first aircraft purchased from our new partners, CALC, which will increase passenger traffic on Uzbekistan Airways medium-haul routes. Today, the airline successfully operates 19 aircraft of the Airbus A320 family, and in the near future we plan to replenish the fleet with two more aircraft of this family. In total, during 2023, Uzbekistan Airways will expand its fleet of aircraft with five Airbus A320neo aircraft and two LET L-410 aircraft”, Shukhrat Khudaykulov – CEO of Uzbekistan Airways JSC said.

The airline plans to use the new aircraft on a number of routes for flights from Tashkent and regions of the Republic.

#### ***About CALC:***

*China Aircraft Leasing Group Holdings Limited (“CALC”) is a one-stop aircraft full value-chain solutions provider for global airlines. The businesses and subsidiaries of the Group are engaging in two main businesses of new aircraft leasing and aircraft aftermarket services. CALC’s scope of business includes conventional businesses such as aircraft operating leasing, purchase and leaseback, and structured financing, as well as*

*value-added services such as fleet planning, fleet upgrade, aircraft disassembling and component sales.*

**About the solemn welcome of the Uzbekistan Airways' airliner:**

*Up to now, the airline operates 30 Boeing and Airbus aircraft, as well as the regional LET L410 and the Pilatus PC-24 business jet. As the airline's fleet expands, pilots and flight attendants are also actively trained. Airbus A320neo, which arrived in Tashkent, was met by the airline's management, employees, as well as invited media representatives and air spotters.*



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