

# Boeing, ANA celebrate 1st 787 Dreamliner delivery

Boeing celebrated the delivery of the first 787 Dreamliner to launch customer ANA (All Nippon Airways) during a ceremony adjacent to the factory in Everett, Wash., where the airplane was assembled.



More than 500 employees representing the 787 program walked alongside the all-new jetliner to present it to ANA executives as a crowd of thousands looked on.

“Today we celebrate a significant moment in the history of flight,” said Jim McNerney, Boeing chairman, president and CEO. “The 787 Dreamliner is the biggest innovation in commercial aviation since the Boeing 707 introduced the world to passenger jet travel more than 50 years ago. I want to thank ANA and all the employees of Boeing and our partner companies for the talent, technology and teamwork that have brought this game-changing airplane to life.”



During the ceremony, Commercial Airplanes President and CEO Jim Albaugh presented a ceremonial key to Shinichiro Ito, president and CEO of ANA.

“It’s not often that we have the chance to make history, do something big and bold that will change the world in untold ways and endure long after we are gone,” said Albaugh. “That’s what the 787 Dreamliner is and what ANA and Boeing have done together -- build what truly is the first new airplane of the 21st century.”



It told the crowd: "The road that led to today was full of unimaginable challenge. The whole world was involved in the production of the 787 Dreamliner – brand new technologies were invented and things were attempted that no one had ever tried before. But we overcame the challenges and arrived at this day. To the men and women who gave their all in the development and production of the 787, I say to each and every one of you: You have my utmost respect and my deepest gratitude."

Made from composite materials, the 787 Dreamliner is the first mid-size airplane capable of flying long-range routes and will enable airlines to open new nonstop routes preferred by the traveling public. In addition to providing airlines with unprecedented fuel economy and low operating costs, the 787 features a host of new technologies designed to greatly enhance the passenger experience.

"Today you join the ranks of the legends of our industry," said Pat Shanahan, Commercial Airplanes vice president and general manager, Airplane Programs. "I have no doubt that 30 or 40 years from now, another outstanding Boeing team will be celebrating a new version of the 787 Dreamliner. They will struggle to find the words to express their deep respect and admiration for the hard work you have done in getting us to this day and laying the foundation for a strong future for Boeing and for our industry."

Scott Fancher, Commercial Airplanes vice president and general manager, 787 program, said to those gathered: "I've been inspired by your passion, your commitment and your

dedication. You made the 787 Dreamliner a reality. Your achievement we celebrate today is extraordinary, and it will be remembered for years to come."

ANA and Boeing completed the contractual delivery of the airplane on Sunday. ANA will fly the airplane to Tokyo Haneda Airport on Tuesday, with a scheduled departure of 6:35 a.m. Pacific time from Paine Field. A live webcast of the flyaway can be seen at [www.newairplane.com](http://www.newairplane.com). Video highlights of all 787 first delivery events also will be posted to the website.

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