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A 'BIG' DAY FOR TORONTO PEARSON

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TORONTO—Today is expected to be a very 'big' day for Toronto Pearson. In this case, 'big' translates to the largest passenger aircraft ever built. At 3:45 p.m. this afternoon, history will be made when the 486 passenger, double-decker A380 aircraft will touch down at Toronto Pearson for the first time.

"This is a tremendously exciting day at Toronto Pearson," said Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA. "We have been anticipating this amazing aircraft for a long time and today will be the culmination of years of work to get this airport ready to welcome an airplane of this magnitude."

This flight signifies the first regular scheduled service of the A380 aircraft into Canada and Toronto Pearson is thrilled to be its first destination. Emirates will offer this Toronto – Dubai service three times per week – on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

With a fuel efficiency of less than three litres per 100 kilometers per passenger, the A380 is one of the most efficient passenger aircraft in service today.

The GTAA spent ten years rebuilding and redeveloping Toronto Pearson. It has been rebuilt with the knowledge that larger aircraft such as the A380 would come to Toronto. The forward thinking that went into the airport redevelopment now is paying off for passengers in the GTA in the form of additional flight capacity on Emirates' busy Toronto-Dubai route.

Emirates flight EK241 is expected to arrive in Toronto at 3:45 p.m. The return flight to Dubai is scheduled to depart at 9:40 p.m. tonight.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2008, 32.3 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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