

## News Releases

## Air Canada Proudly Brings Canada's Olympic Athletes Home -Competitors from PyeongChang to arrive on February 26

MONTREAL, Feb. 26, 2018 /CNW Telbec/ - Air Canada will be flying members of Canada's Olympic team back to Canada from the PyeongChang Olympic Games. Flights are scheduled to arrive from Korea at Toronto Pearson and Vancouver airports on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> with several athletes connecting to flights across the country includingCalgary and Montreal. Details of athletes' arrivals are provided by the Canadian Olympic Committee:

https://olympic.ca/press/arrival-details-for-the-pyeongchang-2018-canadian-olympic-team/

"Congratulations to Team Canada for bringing home a record number of medals. Our athletes have inspired all of us at Air Canada with their skills, determination and sportsmanship. As an Official Sponsor of Canada's Olympic and Paralympic teams, we are proud to play our part by safely transporting competitors, team officials and their supporters home to Canada from the PyeongChang Olympic Games," said Benjamin Smith, President, Passenger Airlines at Air Canada.

Transporting Canada's team to the Olympics in PyeongChang was a large logistical undertaking requiring the dedicated efforts of hundreds of Air Canada employees. Here are some key facts about Air Canada's involvement:

- Renewed its Altitude Podium Program to provide qualified athletes 35K status and access to International Maple Leaf lounges while competing abroad;
- Sponsored the outdoor area, Air Canada Flight Deck, available to the public, at the Canadian Olympic House in PyeongChang;
- In total, Air Canada transported approximately 750 athletes, coaches and support staff with the Canadian Team to PyeongChang;
- Air Canada's "Our Time" ad supported the athletes by paying tribute to the unique Canadian values that make us all so proud to be a part of this country. Five high-profile athletes featured in the ad are figure skaters Patrick Chan, Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir; hockey player Marie-Philip Poulin; and freestyle skier (halfpipe) Cassie Sharpe.
- Air Canada's #FlyTheFlag initiative struck a chord with Canadians keen to show their pride throughout the games and achieved peak mentions in social media.

## **About Air Canada**

Air Canada is Canada's largest domestic and international airline serving more than 200 airports on six continents. Canada's flag carrier is among the 20 largest airlines in the world and in 2017 served approximately 48 million customers. Air Canada provides scheduled passenger service directly to 64 airports in Canada, 60 in the United States and 98 in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Air Canada is a founding member of Star Alliance, the world's most comprehensive air transportation network serving 1,300 airports in 191 countries. Air Canada is the only international network carrier in North America to receive a Four-Star ranking according to independent U.K. research firm Skytrax, which also named Air Canada the 2017 Best Airline in North America. For more information, please visit: www.aircanada.com/media, follow @AirCanada on Twitter and join Air Canada on Facebook

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