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Virgin planning to launch Canadian-based airline

IFALPA News has received so far unsubstantiated reports that Virgin Group Chairman Sir Richard Branson will shortly announce the launch of Virgin Pacific. The Vancouver based airline will initially operate a fleet of 737-800s on Canadian domestic routes with 777s for trans Pacific operations expected to follow in the medium term.

Boeing GPS satellite cleared for lift-off

Yesterday morning at Kennedy Space Center, United Launch Alliance (ULA) launched the first Boeing GPS IIF satellite. This newest equipment replaces the GPSF-21 satellite, launched in 1993. The GPS IIF satellites will now broadcast on five frequencies instead of four. The fifth frequency, called L-5, is to be used for air traffic control and rescue. The L-5 signal is essentially unusable without at least one additional satellite, and coverage will not be complete until more satellites are operational.

The US Air Force has three more satellites GPS IIFs on standby, which will be launched as deemed necessary. Boeing expects to have 6 additional satellites ready by mid-2013.

SkyTeam Cargo welcomes China Airlines

Wednesday, Taipei-based China Airlines' (CAL) announced its partnership with SkyTeam Cargo. As such, it becomes the first airline in the nation to team up with the global airline cargo alliance. It joins fellow members carriers Delta Cargo, China Southern Cargo, and Air France Cargo.

As part of SkyTeam, CAL will expand its shipping network from 84 destinations in 27 countries to 864 destinations in 174 countries, boosting the company's global competitiveness.

Additionally, the partnership means the airlines will share resources including terminals and ground handlers, which translates into faster connections for customers.