

WEST AFRICA DIRECTLY LINKED WITH ASIA AGAIN



The Emirates airline has recently announced that as of 1st September, they would service a crucial link between West Africa and Asia, the Senegalese capital Dakar will be connected to Dubai via a direct flight.

The Senegalese capital, Dakar, has become a diverse metropolis with boosting trade and tourism. Due to its growing economic status and appeal, the city has been attracting a lot of 'traffic' yet the one issue most complained about was the actual journey there. Specifically links with Asia were basically non-existent. However, **Emirates airline has recently announced a new service which is to become a key link between West Africa and Asia**; the first direct link between Dakar and Dubai will launch on 1st September.

Tim Clark, the airline president, shares his excitement; "the route will establish a whole new artery of trade," Mr. Clark said, "Dakar will become significantly closer to key global markets including Middle and Far East." Local business community has been suffering for more than a year after Air Senegal International collapsed in 2009 and a **link to Dubai which offers five flights a week is a fantastic piece of news**. Also, plans are currently underway to establish an aeronautical training centre and airplane maintenance station which presents a very welcomed value added.

While many other destinations in the West African region are only accessible through links in Europe, the new service gives hope to Dakar. More business and traffic will undoubtedly secure a better economic position and will help promote tourism in the area.

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