

# Hactl to handle Bismillah Airlines flights to Hong Kong

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Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals (Hactl) is to handle Bismillah Airlines' first scheduled service to Hong Kong.

The Bangladeshi carrier is to operate two Boeing 747 Freighter flights a week from Dhaka and Hactl will provide services including ramp handling, cargo terminal operations, crew transportation and cargo documentation. Smart-Trans will be the general sales agent for the flights.

Bismillah Airlines managing director, M.A. Mannan says: "We are excited to launch this new service to Hong Kong, which is a strategic step in our country's international trade plans."

"We are also very happy to be working with a handling agent of the high standing of Hactl, and are confident it will play a key role in the success of our services."

Hactl chief executive, Mark Whitehead adds: "The Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor is a component of the Belt and Road initiative, and all additional transport links which are introduced to serve it will benefit from the increasing cooperation between the countries it connects. We congratulate Bismillah Airlines on this major and visionary step in its development."

Imports are likely to include fruit, seafood, marine products and textile products. Bangladesh is developing manufacturing industries and the new freighter is expected to provide important trade links with the entire Asian region.

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