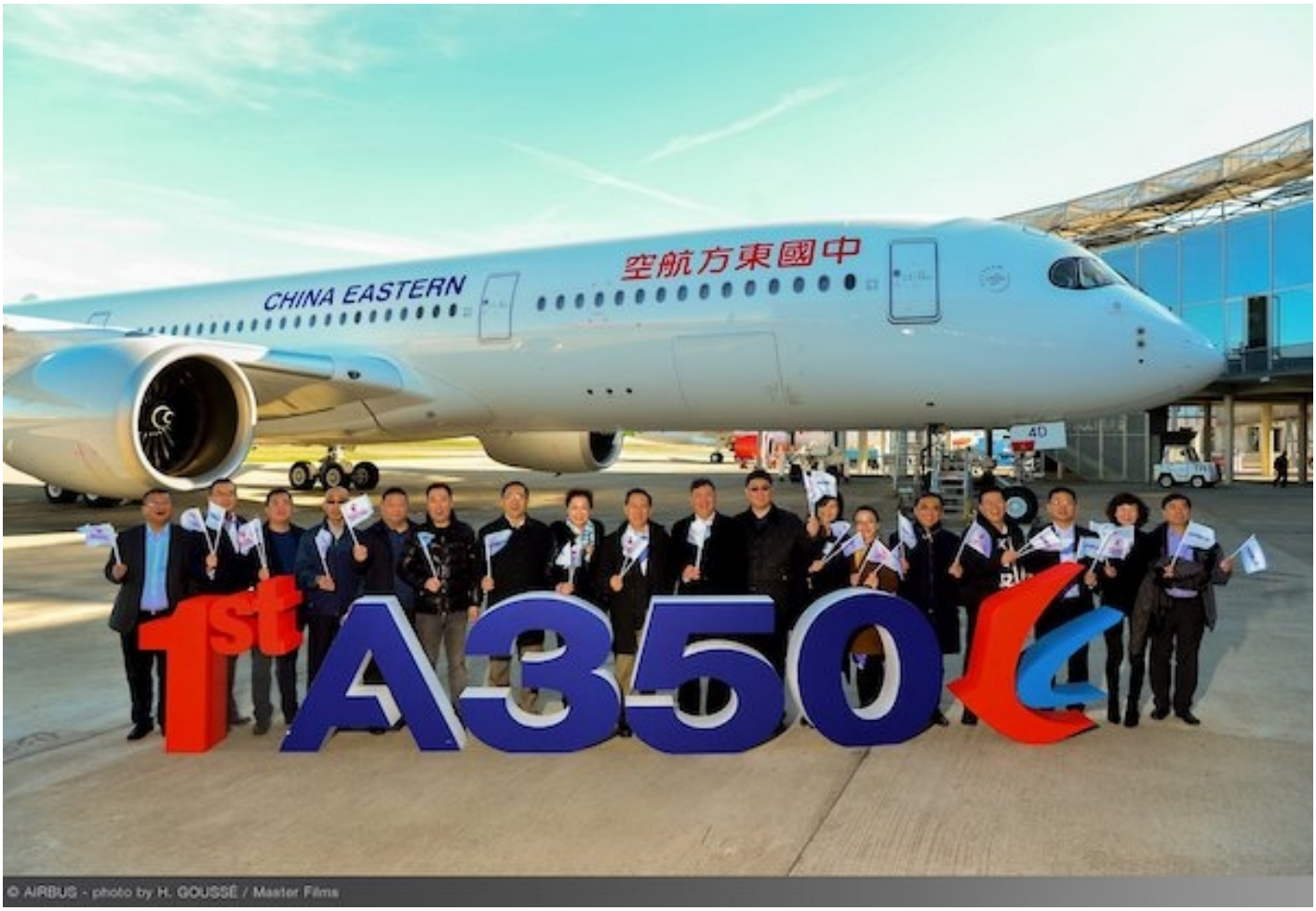
CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES TAKES DELIVERY OF ITS FIRST AIRBUS A350-900

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China Eastern Airlines has taken delivery of its first A350-900 in Toulouse, becoming the latest operator of this efficient twin-engine widebody aircraft. The Shanghai-based carrier now operates an Airbus fleet of 356 aircraft, including 306 A320 Family aircraft and 50 A330 Family aircraft (figures at the end of October 2018). China Eastern is the largest Airbus operator in Asia and second largest in the world.

China Eastern's A350-900 aircraft features a modern and comfortable four-class cabin layout of 288 seats: four first, 36 business, 32 premium economy and 216 economy. The airline will initially operate the new aircraft on its domestic routes, followed by flights to international destinations.

Bringing new levels of efficiency and comfort to the long-range market, the A350 XWB Family is particularly well suited to the needs of Asia-Pacific airlines. To date, A350 XWB firm orders from carriers in the region represent over a third of total sales for the type.

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The A350 XWB is an all-new family of mid-size widebody long-haul airliners shaping the future of air travel. It is the world's most modern widebody family and the long-range leader, ideally positioned in the 300-400 seat category. The A350-900 and the A350-1000, and derivatives, are the longest-range airliners in operation, with a range capability of up to 9,700nm. The A350 XWB features the latest aerodynamic design, carbon fibre fuselage and wings, plus new fuel-efficient Rolls-Royce engines. Together, these latest technologies translate into unrivalled levels of operational efficiency, with a 25% reduction in fuel burn and emissions.

The A350 XWB's Airspace by Airbus cabin is the quietest of any twin-aisle and offers passengers and crews the most modern in-flight product for the most comfortable flying experience.

At the end of October 2018, Airbus has recorded a total of 890 firm orders for the A350 XWB from 47 customers worldwide, making it one of the most successful widebody aircraft ever.

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