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# Malaysia Airlines adds culinary authenticity on flights to Japan

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Malaysia Airlines recently announced a newly enhanced Business Class Japanese meal service on its non-stop return flights from Kuala Lumpur to Tokyo and Osaka.

Beginning June 1, passengers had the option of a multi-course traditional Japanese meal service presented in specially crafted Japanese tableware inspired by Japan's seasons.

"In addition to the delicious and wholesome Japanese menu, we have also paid great attention to the finer details of the service and overall presentation," said Malaysia Airlines' Chief Commercial Officer, Arved Von Zur Muehlen in yesterday's announcement. "From the chrysanthemum inspired pickle dish right down to the pebble chopstick rest and water ripple design of the soba and rice bowl. We want to be able to offer our customers an authentic piece of Japan onboard our flights."

Caterers in Japan worked with the airline's in-house team to specially design the onboard menus, which reflect traditional seasonal culinary delights. This enhanced meal service will include nimono (simmered vegetables), pickles, soba/udon, steamed rice, miso soup and Japanese green tea served in a delicate Japanese teapot. All the airline's Business Class passengers on the flights will also be able to enjoy the airline's signature dish, the Malaysian Satay.

The menus will vary from season to season from June 1 to August (Summer), September 1 to November 30 (Autumn), December 1 to February 28 (Winter) and March 1 to May 31 (Spring).

"Today's offering is only one of the many improvements we have identified to continue our efforts in enhancing the overall dining experience. We work very closely with our catering partners in Malaysia and overseas to address feedback from guests on our meals. We will also be introducing more signature dishes incorporating the best of Malaysia. Look out for our new and improved recipe for our multicultural Malaysian favourites like Nasi Lemak, Roasted Chicken Rice, Chicken Biryani and Nasi Goreng Kampong (authentic Malaysian fried rice)," added Arved.

Malaysia Airlines flies twice daily to Tokyo via MH MH070/71 and MH088/89 and once daily to Osaka via MH052/053 on its A330.