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ROYAL Brunei Airlines is setting the benchmark for low fares to Europe, vesterday releasing a bargain \$999 airfare to London - a saving of more than \$700.

The return Economy class fare is inclusive of taxes & surcharges and valid on select dates until 31 Aug.

On the airline's website, Travel Daily was able to hold seats for \$997.66 in late May/early Jun.

Royal Brunei operates daily flights from Melbourne to London Heathrow, via its hub of Bander Seri Begawan in Brunei and Dubai with an outbound journey time of 27hrs 10mins and inbound time of 25hrs and 15mins.

BI utilises Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft on the route. Book before 23 May to secure the offer - flyroyalbrunei.com.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news, including a photo page for Cox & Kings, a front cover page for JITO plus full pages from: (click)

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NZ extends tourism vision

NEW Zealand's tourism industry has been urged to continue efforts to grow shoulder and offpeak travel and improve regional dispersal of visitors.

The call-out was made in the Tourism Industry Association's Tourism 2025 document issued at the TRENZ trade show in Rotorua.

TIA ceo Chris Roberts said the industry was continuing to enjoy "record-breaking success" as it targets growing the sector to a NZ\$41 billion industry by 2025.

Roberts said this morning NZ was well ahead of the growth rate required to reach the target.

"Tourism businesses are reaping the financial rewards and New Zealand society has benefited

Melbourne gathering

THE Victorian travel industry is being invited to connect at the next Travel Daily/JITO networking night which takes place at Docklands on Tue 01 Jun.

The free event will also see a guest win a trip for two to Europe courtesy of Etihad Airways - for registration details see the cover page of today's Travel Daily.

with more jobs, more economic activity and the vibrancy visitors bring as they travel around our country," he said.

The updated Tourism 2025 -Two Years On document identifies about 30 priority areas, with a focus on building capacity and infrastructure development to ensure NZ has the facilities needed for sustainable growth.

NZ aims to capitalise on the ongoing shift in the global economy from "west to east" meaning Asia's rising middle class is coming closer to New Zealand.

Bollywood Land

DUBAI Parks & Resorts has released a video giving a sneak peek behind the scenes of Bollywood Parks Dubai which is scheduled to open this Oct.

The massive attraction will feature film studios where guests can be part of their own Bollywood movie, as well as live music venues, a Broadway-style theatre, rides and a replica of Mumbai's iconic Victoria Station.

See traveldaily.com.au/videos.

Amadeus expenses

AMADEUS has announced what it is describing as a "game changer for corporate travel." with the Australian launch of Amadeus cytric Travel & Expense.

The integrated solution allows corporations to manage all aspects of their travel programs, including trip planning, booking, accounting and reimbursement.

Cytric operates under a 'software as a service' model and with a full, rich range of content means employees won't need to look anywhere else, ensuring they stay in policy, according to Amadeus md Tony Carter.

"Like most of us, I'm a compulsive business traveller and travel enthusiast, and we all know what a great travel experience should look like," he said.

"We're going to put corporations in the driving seat by giving them control and visibility over their travel spend, as well as flexibility to their travellers".

The solution will launch locally later this year alongside Amadeus e-Travel Management, with the IT firm working towards a "one solution offering" combining the best features of both packages.











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Ascend into Canberra

CHOICE Hotels Asia-Pac has bolstered its presence in the ACT, adding Clifton Suites on Northbourne to its portfolio.

The 153 one- & two-bedroom serviced apartment has this week been rebadged as Pacific Suites Canberra, an Ascend Hotel Collection member.

It's the first Ascend branded property in the capital and joins 11 other Ascend Hotel Collection locations around the country.

Vanuatu roadshow

THE Vanuatu Tourism Office will hold three events as part of their roadshow next month, with the first in Brisbane on 20 Jun, followed by Melbourne on 21 Jun and Sydney on 22 Jun.

Agents will be privy to Vanuatu entertainment; opportunities to sample some of the flavours of the South Pacific paradise; and multiple chances to win prizes, including a trip to Vanuatu.

The events will run 6-9pm, to register **CLICK HERE**.

PPHG appointment

PAN Pacific Hotels Group has named Kurt Otto Wehinger as its new Area General Manager Oceania, with the appointment concurrent with a new role as general manager of Parkroyal Darling Harbour in Sydney.

Wehinger moves to Australia from his most recent role as Marina Mandarin Singapore gm.

Air NZ 787s to Buenos Aires

AIR New Zealand is set to boost capacity on its new route between Auckland and Buenos Aires, with increased frequencies and the deployment of its Boeing 787 *Dreamliner* flagship aircraft.

NZ ceo Christopher Luxon made the announcement today at the TRENZ trade show, saying the route had performed very well since launching in Dec.

Chief sales and commercial officer, Cam Wallace said traffic was strong in both directions.

"Forward bookings originating from both New Zealand and Australia, and Argentina, are looking very positive," he said, with the planned fourth weekly seasonal service to give customers more flexibility.

The additional flight is scheduled to operate 12 Dec 16 through to 27 Feb 17, with the route returning to thrice weekly effective 28 Feb.

Air NZ has also deployed its 787-9 aircraft to Honolulu, with the inaugural *Dreamliner* flight between Auckland and Hawaii departing last night.

Wallace said with Hawaii continuing to grow in popularity "we're thrilled to be adding additional capacity and are confident more Australian customers will be looking to connect through Auckland on our evening *Dreamliner* service".

MEANWHILE, Air New Zealand and Tourism NZ has today

announced a major marketing partnership worth more than NZ\$20m over the next year.

The MoU will see the two organisations undertake cooperative marketing activities in markets including Australia, China, North and South America, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Europe.

It's an extension of a longrunning partnership, with this year's agreement to particularly focus on off-peak visitation.

Marketing activity will be boosted in the US in conjunction with Air NZ's direct services to Los Angeles and Houston as well as the soon to launch non-stop San Francisco flights with Air NZ's Star Alliance partner, United Airlines.

TNZ ceo Kevin Bolwer said the country was enjoying "significant growth in arrivals and in particular, a significant increase in value from our priority markets.

"Given these clear signs of success we are even more committed to achieving the best possible outcome for our marketing dollars by working together," Bowler said.

Voyages brochure

VOYAGES of Discovery has released its 2017 brochure with 17 new ports of call in Europe.

In 2017, *Voyager* will return to Myanmar and stop by the African continent, Europe and the UK.

RCL sell Pullmantur

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises (RCL) is selling a 51% stake in its Pullmantur and Croisières de France (CDF) cruise brands to Madrid-based private equity firm Springwater Capital.

Under the new deal, RCL retains a 49% share with full ownership of the ships and planes operated by Pullmantur and CDF.

The move builds on an existing partnership between RCL and Springwater for the Wamos air transport, travel agency, and tour operation businesses.

The joint venture is expected to be finalised later this year, subject to closing conditions and approvals.

VA Alliance c'share

FROM today onwards Virgin Australia services between Brisbane and Emerald will be operated by Alliance Airlines.

VA will continue to offer more than 30 flights per week between the destinations with Alliance Airlines to operate the flights on their Fokker 70 jets.

Flights will function under VA flight numbers and arrival and departure terminals will remain unchanged, Virgin said.

Velocity members can still earn points and check-in will be completed through VA.

The waiver code SWF10190513EMD can be used by travel agents to refund guests wishing to change their travel plans.











EK profit tops US\$2b

THE Emirates Group has turned in a record profit of AED8.2 billion (US\$2.2 billion) for the financial year ending 31 Mar - an uptick of 50% from last year.

Latest figures mark the 28th consecutive year that Emirates has reported profit, with group chairman and ceo, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum commenting: "the group's performance is testament to the success of our business model and strategies".

"Our ongoing investments to develop our people and to our enhance business performance, enable us to react with agility to the new challenges and opportunities that every year brings," he said.

Group revenue reached AED93 billion (US\$25.3 billion), a decrease of 3% over last year's results, and the Group's cash balance increased strongly to AED 23.5 billion (US\$6.4 billion).

On the year ahead, Maktoum says the group expects that "low oil prices will continue to be a double-edged sword - a boon for our operating costs, but a bane for global business and consumer confidence.

"The strong US dollar against major currencies will remain a challenge, as will the looming threat of protectionism in some countries," he continued.

"We will continue to evolve and grow our business profitably, and work even harder to meet and exceed our customers' expectations."

Perisher snow deal

THE first snowfall of the ski season has arrived at Perisher in NSW overnight, with temperatures consistently dropping.

Perisher are reminding agents to lock in the Epic Pass before a price rise on 16 May.

SQ up SYD 1st options

SINGAPORE Airlines yesterday introduced First class on Sydnev's evening flight to Singapore.

The airline has deployed a retrofitted Boeing 777-300 on flight SQ242/241, offering eight Diamond Plus First Class seats in a 1-2-1 configuration.

A total of 50 Business class and 226 Economy seats have been installed on the 777-300.

SQ242 departs SYD at 1800 and SQ241 leaves SIN at 0705.

MEANWHILE, Singapore Airlines and United Airlines are seeking a green light from US regulators to provide reciprocal codeshare services in foreign markets under a blanket statement of authority.

The revised agreement is hoped to take effect from 01 Jul covering points between: the USA and Singapore; in Singapore; in the USA; beyond Singapore to any open-skies point; and beyond the USA to any open-skies point.



Window Seat

WHEN the outback Queensland town of Tambo realised tourists had a habit of nicking toilet paper rolls from public amenities they turned the problem into a cheeky tourism campaign.

Now when people visit local businesses they are being handed their very own free Tambo toilet roll.

The 'gift' is wrapped in paper that features a poem about the area where "dunnies are few" and "toilet paper is scanny".

The Tambo Tourism & Business Association thinks the initiative is working in their favour.

The association's Alison Shaw told ABC tourists are delighted.

"They just start laughing and think it's really quite a unique little joke," she said.





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Online booking use

NEW research in the UK, US and Europe found over two thirds (68%) of consumers exclusively book their travel online.

Conducted by market research company Opinium, 3,257 consumers across eight countries were surveyed and the online behaviour of consumers around booking travel online was analysed.

The MarkMonitor research reported seven out of every 100 respondents said their plans were not in line with their expectations.

Of those who had booked a trip which fell short of their expectations, 42% said posting a negative review was their first reaction, above trying to get a refund (40%) and complaining to a licensing body (35%).

Following the bad experience, over a third (37%) reported their debit or credit card details were misused or stolen.

To see the MarkMonitor Online Barometer report, CLICK HERE.

Flash Camp @ Kakadu

A NEW pop-up hotel option for visitors to Kakadu National Park has opened for the dry season.

Located at Cooinda Camping Ground, 'Flash Camp @ Kakadu' features a mix of double, twin and family bell tents, fitted with spring-foam mattresses on pallet bases, bed linen, towels, bamboo furniture, toiletries and rugs.

Toilet and shower amenities will be available to guests, as well as other facilities at Cooinda Lodge.

The project is a collaborative venture with Kakadu Tourism and AccorHotels which will jointly manage and staff the Flash Camp.

"It offers the perfect balance of comfort and reconnection with nature; conveniently positioned in our campground, it is a great base for families, couples and groups to experience the iconic Yellow Water Wetlands Cruise and explore southern Kakadu attractions," said Cooinda Lodge general manager Brett Skinner.

Rates start at \$140 per night.

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Wanda Sydney design

DEVELOPERS of the Wanda One Sydney project at Circular Quay are expecting to award a preferred designer of the new five-star hotel next month.

Submissions in a competitive design process are expected to be received by late May.

The 179-room luxury hotel at 1 Alfred Street, Gold Fields House is one of two towers forming the Wanda One development, backed by China-based Dailan Wanda.

According to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project which went on exhibition last week, the 25 level hotel will feature a "world class" grand ballroom, function space, retail and leisure facilities.

The yet-to-be-named hotel will offer suites, junior suites and a presidential suite, as well as a top level Chinese Restaurant with panoramic views of Sydney Harbour.

The EIS will remain open for public feedback until 19 May.

Scarborough facelift

THE Western Australia Govt will plough an additional \$18m into transforming the Scarborough Beach foreshore into a worldclass tourist destination.

In collaboration with the City of Stirling, the state government would inject close to \$75.4m over three years to "reshape the iconic coastal landmark".

Elements of the proposed revitalisation project include Scarborough Square - a central point for the redevelopment surrounded by cafes, restaurants and shops; and Sunset Hill which offers scenic views over the ocean, access to the beach, new promenades and nature-based activity spaces.

WA Planning Minister Donna Faragher said the precinct will be a "vibrant hub of activity with facilities, events and activities".

Work is expected to commence in the guieter winter months to minimise disruptions.

More at www.mra.wa.gov.au.





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AMAN and Alila Hotels & Resorts showcased a collection of luxury properties to a group of six

IASC QF allocations

THE International Air Services Commission has ruled in favour of Qantas' requests for allocations of capacity on the Philippines, China and New Caledonia routes.

On the Philippines route, QF rolled multiple determinations into one for an allocation of 1,927 seats of capacity per week in each direction and also consolidated its determinations on the New Caledonia route to be 788 seats of capacity per week.

For China, Qantas has been allocated 4,471 seats of capacity per week in each direction.

In each instance, capacity must be fully utilised by 30 Apr 2017.

agents on a recent Bali famil.

The agents stayed at Amankila, Amandari, Alila Seminyak, Alila Uluwatu and Amanusa, taking part in a number of unique activities such as rice field hikes and snorkelling with turtles.

Other highlights included viewing a traditional Balinese dance performance, massages, "happy yoga" and having their taste buds tantalised with a range of Indonesian & Western cuisine.

Pictured at Alila Seminyak, back row from left, are: Brenda Nash. Alila Hotels & Resorts: Mandy Dwyer, Main Beach Travel; Carolyne Evans, Low & James Travel Associates; Elliott Miller, AMAN & Ruth Leibson, FBI Travel. In front are Kirilly Plum,

Destination HQ; Louise Brown, Spencer Travel and Barclay Cox from Allure Travel.

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AIDAprima christened

CARNIVAL Corp's Germanbased cruise operator AIDA Cruises has christened its new flagship vessel, AIDAprima.

The 124,100-tonne ship has a capacity of 3,300 passenger and will home-port year-round in Hamburg, Germany.

AIDAprima commenced operations on 30 Apr and offers seven-day voyages through Western Europe to destinations including London, Paris & Brussels.

DoubleTree Fiji rates

SOON-TO-OPEN DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Fiji - Sonaisali Island has released an industry rate of FJ\$249 (AU\$160) inclusive of brekkie and taxes.

The hotel is scheduled to have a soft opening on 15 May ahead of an official launch on 01 Jun.

Industry staffers can take advantage of the mates rate until 24 Dec with no blackout periods.

To check availability or to book, email nansi.res@hilton.com.

Tigerair fares slashed

AIRFARES across Tigerair Australia's network are on sale from today until midday 14 May at up to 60% off.

The promo is based on travel between early Nov and mid-Dec with fares priced from \$25 on the Sydney-Coffs Harbour route and \$89 from Perth to Denpasar (Bali).

Venezuela blackouts

AUSSIES travelling to Venezeula are being warned by the Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade of possible increases in incidents of crime brought on by a series of rolling blackouts enforced by the government for at least 40 days.

The rationing of power as well as other goods and has resulted in demonstrations and unrest.

Rail Adventures 2017

GUIDEPOST Tours has unveiled its collection of planned rail trips for 2017 spanning Australia, Asia, the Americas and Europe.

Branded under the moniker Scott McGregor's Railway Adventures, options include the South East Asian Odyssey in Feb aboard the Eastern and Oriental Express, a journey through Cuba in Apr on the "interesting" Cuban railways and a Tasmanian Wine Adventure in Mar.

Other destinations include Southern India, Japan & Scotland. For more 2017 trip details, see www.railwayadventures.com.



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Pilbara centre opens

THE \$8 million East Pilbara Art Centre in Western Australia, which houses the Martumili Art Gallery has officially opened.

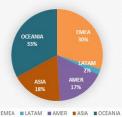
Home to an artists' work area and exhibition and function space, the centre plays an important role in the revitalisation of Newman.

The first exhibition now on public display is We Don't Need a Map by Martumili Artists.



THE TAAP TOP TEN Brought to you by Expedia

Expedia TAAP Destinations Apr 16



Expedia TAAP reported a strong trading month for April with 788 different destinations booked through Expedia TAAP agents last month. The top ten destinations booked were Sydney, Melbourne, New York, London, Singapore, Bali, Paris, Brisbane, Hong Kong, and Gold Coast. Los Angeles, Perth and Rome were just outside the top 10. EMEA showing strong growth to 30% OCEANIA still strong at 33% of the destination mix. USA up to 17%, while Asia up to 17% of the destination

Top countries have retained their order with Australia still dominant, followed closely by the USA, UK, Italy and France. Indonesia, Singapore and Hong Kong showing strong growth in the top 10.

Some of the out of the way destinations last month included Vilnius Lithuania, Yvelines France, Toowoomba QLD, Sedona AZ and Ghana.

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Kids free at Falls Crk

NEXT month kids can stay free at Trackers Mountain Lodge at Falls Creek Alpine Resort in the Victorian Alps.

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Three-nights accom starts from \$630 and five-nights kicks off at \$998, including breakfast.

For more, phone 03 5758 3346

QFFF Meridian deal

NEW Zealand electricity provider Meridian has partnered with Qantas to give its customers free membership to the QF frequent flyer program plus 10,000 points, enough to book a one-way Jetstar flight within NZ.

Avalon bike revamp

AVALON Waterways has a new fleet of bicycles available on board all of its European ships.

Guests can reserve the lightweight, foldable treadlies free of charge, giving them more opportunity to explore local villages and riverside scenery while on cruises.

Six bikes are carried on each of Avalon's 135 metre vessels and five on its 100 metre ships.

MH Economy meals

MALAYSIA Airlines has revamped its Economy class meals in a bid to improve service.

Highlights include "heartier" three-course meals on shortand long-haul flights, as well as doubling the size of the protein.

The oneworld member will also be improving ingredients and presentation as well as introducing hot meals on shorthaul flights.

The new offering starts this month and will be served on all Kuala Lumpur outbound flights.

India workshops

INDIA Tourism. Sydney and Air India have announced the winners from their online workshops as Susan Matthew from Andrew Jones Travel, Hobart in Tasmania and TravelManagers Deborah Davies from Woombye in Queensland.

The winners both won return flights to Delhi with Air India from either Melbourne or Sydney.

AZ, Lavazza p'ship

ALITALIA and Lavazza have inked a three year agreement that will see Lavazza Italian coffee served on AZ's flights and at airport lounges.



Wednesday 11th May 2016

Joanne celebrates 15 yrs!



JOANNE Davis (pictured above) is celebrating her 15th year with Sylvania Travel & Cruise.

Staff enjoyed an evening out last night to celebrate the milestone.

Through her work in the industry, Davis has pinpointed Hawaii, the Gold Coast and Hamilton Island as her all time favourite destinations.

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Bentours takes agents on an icy adventure

A LUCKY group of Australian travel agents enjoyed the delights of Iceland last month courtesy of Bentours. Bentours ceo Damian Perry hosted the consultants who experienced key attractions including the iconic Blue Lagoon, the spectacular landscapes and of course some of the fascinating local cuisine.

The participants included Margaret Ong, Seniors Holiday Travel; Tania White, Bentleigh Travel Centre; Claudia Crasnich of Figtree Travel; Sandra Ponton from Platinum Travel Corporation; Monica Ernst, Cairns

Central Travel; Clare Duband, East Burwood Travel; Nathan Darke from Andrew Jones

Travel and Damian Perry & Marcus Dunn of Bentours.

RIGHT: Bentours ceo Damian Perry celebrates joining the "Rotten Shark Club" with local fisherman Elvar Reykjalin, the selfproclaimed King of Cod.

Yes - the group had just tried eating rotten shark which is one of the local delicacies.

BELOW: Nathan Darke from Andrew Jones Travel samples the local beer Kadli from North Iceland.

The brewery is located in the town of Árskógssandur north of Akureyri, and makes one of the most popular beers in Iceland.





Irave

First with the news

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ABOVE: Claudia Crasnich, Figtree Travel and Sandra Ponton from Platinum Travel Corporation during the first group dinner of the trip, held at Oslo's Continental Hotel.











EK triple daily to CPT

EMIRATES will commence new third daily services between Dubai and Cape Town on 04 Jul, not Johannesburg (TD yesterday).

EK operates four daily services between Dubai and INB.

JAL joins Mileage Plan

ALASKA Airlines has overnight announced plans for a codeshare agreement and frequent flier partnership with Japan Airlines.

The deal will take effect from 29 Jun pending govt approval.

The JL code will be added on AS routes from JAL's California gateways, plus Vancouver.

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CamperMate app

A NEW mobile app has been designed to help traveller find public bathrooms, recycling stations, rubbish bins and other facilities as they travel across Australia.

CamperMate, first launched in New Zealand five years ago has had over 200,000 downloads, cementing it as the country's most popular travel app.

Local authorities and State Emergency Service (SES) have also utilised the tool to warn travellers of natural disasters such as bush fires or flooding.

Remarkables parking

UPGRADES to parking and road access into The Remarkables ski resort just outside Queenstown are now complete.

Road safety has been improved with upgraded barriers & signage.



Accommodation Updates

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with floor to ceiling windows.



The Ville Resort, Casino in Townsville has completed its first stage of its \$35 million redevelopment. The 66 Resort Rooms over three floors feature abstract palm-leaf print carpet and a v-groove timber panelling. Construction of an infinity pool, swim-up

bar and private cabanas will be the focus of the next stage of the redevelopment.

DESTINATION Latin America is set to be showcased at a series of events planned for Sydney and Melbourne this month.

Hosted by the Australian Travel Association for Latin America (ATALA), the events will be open to public, with all attendees to go in the draw to win a \$40,000 Argentina and Antarctica holiday for two (including return flights).

The show will bring together airlines, hotels, cruise lines, tour and travel operators, tourism bodies and specialist agents from Australia and Latin America.

The events will be held between 10am and 4pm at the Sydney Town Hall on 15 May and the

Latin Am travel show

Melbourne Town Hall on 22 May.

agents the chance to win a trip to New Caledonia. The prize includes: · Two return economy class flights on Aircalin

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Q8. Name the exclusive new 18-hole Dye Design golf course located



Secret Garden dinner

THE Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands have today opened bookings to its Dinner in the Secret Garden on 21 May.

Held at the Botanic Gardens in Mount Annan, attending guests will be treated to sunset drinks and canapes, followed by a torchlit walk through the park.

A bush-themed dinner and dessert will follow.

Tickets are \$120 per person including drinks - for more, see australianbotanicgarden.com.au.

Balmoral norovirus

THE US Centers for Disease Control has this week confirmed more than 250 cases of norovirus on board the Fred Olsen ship Balmoral.

It is understood that 252 passengers of the 919 on board contracted the bug, along with eight crew members.

The ship stopped in Portland, Maine on Sun, but quarantined passengers affected with symptoms to their cabins.

Fred Olsen Cruise Lines confirmed in a statement that the group has been "undertaking extensive sanitisation measures and cleaning of the ship, in accordance with its strict illness containment and prevention plan".

SriLankan sells A350s

SRILANKAN Airlines has announced it will sell four of its new Airbus A350s - two weeks following the order cancellation for four of the aircraft.

Deputy State Enterprise Minister Eran Wickramaratne told Reuters the group has already sold one of the four planes for a "reasonably good price" to a leasing company.

The group is currently in talks to sell the remaining three.

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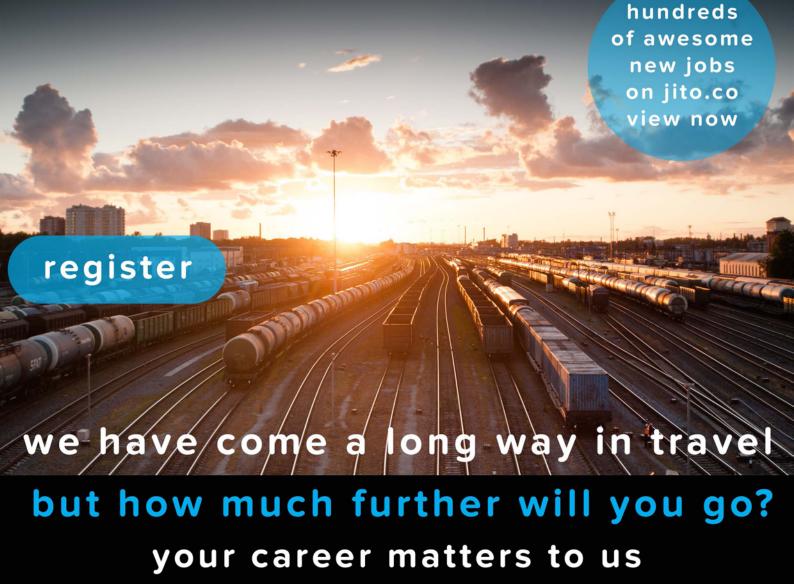
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