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**Canada and Korea To Have Open-Skies Agreement – First agreement with Asia**

Canada announced a Open-Skies Agreement with South Korea starting this summer 2009. This will allow air carriers in either country to operate as many passenger and cargo airlines scheduled as they wish. Airlines will also be able to increase traffic of each other's country and continue to a third country as part of service to or from their home country. This would have a chance to create cheaper flights and more traffic between the two.

"This agreement will help create new jobs for our economy, expand market potential for our businesses and build connections for our citizens," said the Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, Stockwell Day. Air Canada Spokesperson, Angela Mah said "It's too early to say what new Air Canada services will result from the new agreement, but we regularly review opportunities to improve services in our entire network," as its current flights provide daily services between Vancouver and Seoul for both cargo and passengers.

This agreement with Korea is Canada's 18th under the federal government's Blue Sky policy since 2006 to aim at opening more travel and goods movement between Canada and other countries.

**Source : The Alberta Korea Office**

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