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## ***Las Vegas to Celebrate New First Flight from Beijing McCarran, LVCVA to welcome newest air carrier on Friday***

Clark County tourism leaders will gather at McCarran International Airport Friday morning to welcome Hainan Airlines' first flight from Beijing. Members of the media will be granted escorted access to the airport's ramp area in order to capture the ceremonial water arch welcoming the aircraft and its passengers to Las Vegas. A press conference will take place within the international arrivals lobby of McCarran's Terminal 3 approximately 30 minutes after the flight lands, allowing time for passengers to clear Customs.

A special performance from KÀ by *Cirque du Soleil* will kick off the welcoming festivities.

Chinese tourists are one of the fastest-growing and largest-spending groups of international visitors to Las Vegas. With the reciprocal 10-year tourist visas and the introduction of hotels, programming and amenities geared toward Chinese visitors, Las Vegas has established itself as a major draw for Chinese visitors traveling to the United States.

**WHO:** **Mr. Hou Wei**, Senior Vice President, Hainan Airlines  
**Mr. Luo Linquan**, Consul General of the People's Republic of China  
**Lawrence Weekly**, Chair, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority  
**Rosemary Vassiliadis**, Director, Clark County Department of Aviation  
**Rossi Ralenkotter**, President/CEO, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority

**WHEN:** Friday, December 2, 2016

- Media seeking ramp access should arrive no later than 10 a.m. to allow enough time for security screening, transit to the ramp area and camera set-up.
- Flight scheduled to arrive at 10:50 a.m.
- **Press conference to begin approximately 30 minutes after arrival.**

**WHERE:** McCarran International Airport -- Terminal 3

- At gate (ground level) for water arch welcome, followed by
- Press conference in the international arrivals lobby
- Park in T3 Long-Term Parking and bring stub inside for validation

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**Editor's Note:** ***Media wishing to access the ramp area must RSVP with Christine Crews no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, with the full legal name and date of birth of the assigned reporter and/or photographer.***

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