



Backgrounder – A380

The double-decker Airbus A380 is the world's largest passenger aircraft. The A380-800 series aircraft, currently under initial testing, is capable of carrying 555 passengers nearly 14,800 kilometers. Empty, the aircraft weighs 281 tonnes, but has a maximum takeoff weight of 560 tonnes. The aircraft is nearly 73 meters long, with a wing-span of nearly 80 meters, and a tail-height of 24 meters, the latter being the approximate height of an 8-story building.

THE PARIS AIR SHOW

With nearly 2,000 exhibitors from over 40 countries the 46th bi-annual Paris Air Show, is the world's premier aerospace event. In 2003 the event attracted nearly 95,000 trade visitors and investors, as well as 3,500 accredited journalists from all over the world. The star of this year's show is the Airbus A380 Super Jumbo jet and much attention will be focused on this highly anticipated aircraft.

IQALUIT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Iqaluit International Airport is strategically located at the mid-point of high latitude and newly emerging intercontinental polar air routes. Iqaluit International Airport is one of Nunavut's largest employers. There are over 400 direct and indirect jobs related to aviation activity in Iqaluit. It is owned and operated by the Nunavut Department of Economic Development and Transportation.