

## Air India CEO awaits security clearance

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Dhaka: Air India is ready to hand over the reins to Campbell Wilson, an aviation veteran with over 25 years of industry experience.

Since the announcement of his selection as the top boss of Air India, Wilson has been taking stock of the situation with the airline and shared his vision for Air India's future.

However, before officially taking over control, he has to get the all-clear from the Government of India.

On May 12, Tata Sons announced the appointment of Campbell Wilson as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India.

The new owners had been looking for a candidate who could steer the airline in the right direction for a long time before that.

So far, everything seems to be going according to plan, and Wilson is expected to formally take control of Air India once he gets the security

clearance from the Indian government.

According to reports, the Ministry of Civil Aviation is following up with the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the matter, and approval is expected in the coming weeks.

Reports added, an application for security clearance to Wilson is before the home ministry.

The task of scrutinising Wilson's candidature has been given to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), a branch of the Indian government that looks after the country's internal security and domestic policy.

Appointments at such high levels, particularly when it goes to a foreign national, require clearance from the MHA. Whenever needed, the ministry can also take the help of R&AW, which stands for Research and Analysis Wing.

Wilson has over 26 years of aviation experience, starting out as a management trainee with Singapore Airlines in New Zealand in 1996. He has worked for the airline in various roles and in several countries before eventually returning to Singapore as the CEO of its low-cost arm Scoot.

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