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Bamboo Airways collabs with IATA to trial digital health pass

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Dhaka: Bamboo Airways signed an agreement with the International Air Transport Association to trial the IATA Travel Pass. This follows the airline's efforts to lay a solid foundation for the reopening of its international routes.

In coordination with IATA, <u>Bamboo Airways</u> will begin preparations to trial the IATA Travel Pass on international flights in the coming months.

With this move, Bamboo Airways demonstrates its commitment to relaunching international routes, opening borders safely as well as reviving the battered tourism industry.

IATA Travel Pass is a digital health wallet where passengers can upload and share their Covid-19 tests and vaccination certificates for travel. Health information is an essential factor for both governments and carriers to conduct safe flights during and after the pandemic.

The IATA Travel Pass is considered a safer and more effective solution compared to current paper-based procedures, especially when it comes to a multitude of test and vaccination data that needs securing.

The app has been developed with the highest levels of data privacy and security, so passengers always remain in control of their <u>Covid-19 health</u> information. Besides, governments can be confident that passengers who are OK to Travel are in full compliance with Covid-19 travel requirements, said Nick Careen, Senior Vice President for Airports, Passenger, Cargo and Security, IATA.

As of June, more than 60 airlines worldwide have announced the pilot of IATA Travel Pass, including Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airlines, Air New Zealand, Air Serbia, Emirates, Etihad, Ethiopian Airlines, Iberia, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas, etc.

As a member of IATA, Bamboo Airways is closely collaborating with the body, authorities, and related units to pilot the Travel Pass app in line with government regulations on "digital health passports" or "vaccine passports".

"Alongside the valuable partnership with IATA, it's our conviction that Bamboo Airways will substantially contribute to the revival and sustainable development of aviation in the future," said Dang Tat Thang, CEO, Bamboo Airways.

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