

Jardine welcomes China flight

Edinburgh West MP Christine Jardine has described the [first ever direct flight between Scotland and China](#) as 'momentous for Edinburgh Airport'.

There will now be two outgoing and two return flights a week, all year round, on the link between Scotland and Beijing which includes a stopover in Dublin.



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Following the inaugural flight, Ms Jardine said: 'This is momentous for both Edinburgh and Scotland in terms of economic, cultural and educational opportunities. Edinburgh already has substantial links with China in a variety of areas, including being second only to London for Chinese tourists in the UK, and this announcement will only make our ties stronger.'

'In particular, I am excited at the prospects that this new connection with Hainan Airlines will have for businesses and tourist destinations across the city and within my constituency. It not only cements Edinburgh's position as a truly global city, but acts as a springboard for even more

trade and investment from the Far East. Not to mention the better opportunities that it creates for Scots to visit China.

'With this in mind, I hope that this is only the start for what will be more routes added between the two countries.'