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Finnair will begin flying to Xian, China, in summer 2013, further deepening the airline's network of Asian destinations. Finnair will begin service to Xian from its hub in Helsinki with three frequencies per week starting June 14 until the close of the summer season on Oct. 26. The first direct connection between Xian and Europe is Finnair's latest step toward its goal of doubling Asian revenue by 2020. Finnair recently announced a [new summer connection to Hanoi](#) from June 15, also with three frequencies per week.

Located in central-northwest China, Xian is a metropolis of about 8 million people and a growing center in the development of China's aerospace and software industries. The city is also an ancient imperial capital and an historic cradle of Chinese civilization. The world-famous Terracotta Army, the vast collection of burial sculptures found around the mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shi Huang, is located about 40 kilometers east of the city center.

Earlier this year, Finnair became the first airline to directly connect Europe with Chongqing, another fast-growing inland megacity. Elsewhere in China, Finnair also flies to Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. A further eight destinations round out Finnair's Asian network -- Bangkok, Delhi, Hanoi, Nagoya, Osaka, Seoul, Singapore and Tokyo. Finnair carries more than 8 million passengers annually and connects 13 cities in Asia with more than 60 destinations in Europe. Finnair is a member of oneworld, the world's leading quality alliance.

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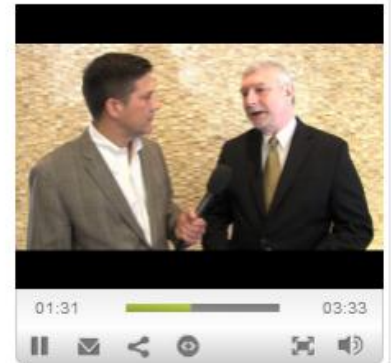
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