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Chinese airliner makes first commercial flight – 1st June 2023

Level 0

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COMAC hopes to be like Boeing and Airbus. It started making the C919 in 2008. In 2022, it was allowed to fly passengers in China. COMAC will make 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has more than 1,000 orders from Chinese airlines. It hopes to get orders from other countries too.

Level 1

The first Chinese-made airplane with passengers flew from Shanghai to Beijing on Sunday. The C919 plane was made by a company called COMAC. China's president called the C919 a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers called it "a symbol of skill and national pride". A passenger said: "The flight was extremely smooth and comfortable". He said he would remember it "for some time to come".

COMAC hopes to compete with companies like Boeing and Airbus. It started developing the C919 in 2008. In September 2022, it was passed to fly commercially in China. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has orders for more than 1,000 C919s from Chinese airlines. It hopes to get international orders. COMAC said its airplane was an "important milestone" for China.

Level 2

China is now making airplanes. The first Chinese-made airplane with passengers took off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing. The C919 plane was made by the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is shortened to "COMAC". China's president called the C919 aircraft a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called it "a symbol of industrial skill and national pride". A passenger said: "The flight was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember it fondly for some time to come."

COMAC hopes to compete with airline industry giants, like Boeing and Airbus. It started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began in 2011. In September 2022, it was passed to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first customer was China Eastern Airlines. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. It has orders for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. It hopes to get international orders. COMAC said its airplane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft industry.

Level 3

China has entered the business of making airplanes. The first Chinese-made commercial aircraft took off from Shanghai on Sunday and landed at Beijing Airport. The narrow-bodied C919 plane had 128 passengers on board. The company that made the plane is the Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Ltd. This is shortened to "COMAC". China's President Xi Jinping hailed the C919 aircraft as a "triumph of Chinese innovation". Newspapers in China called the C919 "a symbol of industrial prowess and national pride". A passenger on the flight was impressed with the plane. He said: "The flight was extremely smooth, comfortable and memorable. I'll remember this fondly for some time to come."

COMAC hopes to be a major player in the commercial airplane market. It hopes to compete with industry giants such as Boeing and Airbus. COMAC started developing the C919 in 2008. Production began in late 2011. In September 2022, it passed the standards to fly commercially in China. COMAC's first customer was China Eastern Airlines, which bought five of the aircraft. COMAC plans to build 150 planes each year for the next five years. A spokesperson said there were orders for more than 1,000 C919s from different Chinese airlines. He hopes airlines from other countries will soon start making orders. He added that the plane was an "important milestone" for China's aircraft industry.