

Deccan to meet needs of domestic tourists

Ready to assist in oil exploration projects

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Deccan Aviation Lanka is ready to enhance its fleet to meet the needs of the domestic tourism industry and assist in oil exploration projects.

CEO Aviation Aerospace, Denham Schokman said Deccan operates a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft to cater to the current market requirement.

Since starting operations in 2004 our reach has grown to cover a range of aviation related businesses in Sri Lanka and in the region.

“Though the tourism industry is down due to the drop in the number of arrivals, the company has been able to sustain busi-

ness as a charter operator. Deccan’s tie-ups with overseas private flight operators will help to expand its aviation activities”, he said.

Schokman said the up-market sector of the tourism industry developed in 2002 and 2003 but due to the tsunami the industry was hit badly and Deccan had to transport VIPs.

The company operates a 17-seater Beach 19100 fixed wing aircraft which flies 10 times to Jaffna and twice to the Maldives per week for First Choice, a UK company.

The aircraft could fly non-stop to the Maldives or India while being able to take off and land in most airstrips in Sri Lanka.

The Bell 206 B3 Jet Ranger, the four-seater heli-



copter caters to the needs of domestic tourism.

The Favourite Group has

entered into a partnership with Jet Charter Asia, a company in Singapore to trans-

port patients as a charter operator for medical evacuations.



Denham Schokman

The Group has also tied up with Best Air of Bangladesh to coincide with the 15th SAARC Summit to connect Dhaka and Colombo with direct air services.

The Embassy of Bangladesh issues around 400 to 500 visas per month for Sri Lankans to travel to Bangladesh. Best Air flights connect Male, Bangkok and Colombo. Deccan Aviation Lanka is a joint venture between the Favourite Group and Air Deccan Kingfisher Group, India’s largest airline operator.

Deccan Aviation Lanka is the only helicopter and fixed wing aircraft operator in the country.