

SPEED READ

Mae Sot-Mawlamyine flight launched by Nok Air

Thailand's Nok Air launched its maiden flight from Mae Sot, in Thailand's border province of Tak, to Mawlamyine in the southeast state of Mon on Sunday. Thirty-three passengers onboard – mostly Thai businessmen looking to boost regional tourism – landed at Mawlamyine Airport, in Myanmar's fourth-largest city.

"The airport building is too small. It needs to be upgraded as this area will become developed commercially. Many Thais are planning to come here," said a Thai passenger who gave her name as Suwarnum.

"It won't be long before we can visit here without any visa requirements, as in other Asean countries," commented a fellow Thai passenger.

Nok Air also flies from Mae Sot to Yangon daily.