

THAI set to raise domestic airfares

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THAI Airways International Plc is set to raise domestic airfares following the implementation of a new jet-fuel tax that will drive up costs.

"The new tax definitely reflects operating costs, same as other airlines. THAI is considering increasing domestic airfares. Our commercial department is monitoring and working on that," Charnporn Chotikasthira, the airline's president said yesterday.

The extra charges will be based on distance and passenger volume and are likely to be similar to other airlines.

Earlier, budget airlines including AirAsia and Nok Air announced a Bt150 extra fuel surcharge. Bangkok Airways announced that it was necessary to raise its domestic fares by Bt200 from February 8.