

## Press Release

# Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited Receives Aerodrome Certificate from Myanmar's Department of Civil Aviation

**Yangon, 30 April 2019** – Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited ("YACL"), the Airport Operator of Yangon International Airport ("YIA"), announced today that Myanmar's Department of Civil Aviation ("DCA") issued the Aerodrome Certification for YIA, according to the national requirements and in compliance with ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) orientations for all its state members.

The mentioned Aerodrome Certificate attests the capability of the Aerodrome Operator "YACL" to perform and comply according to international standards and recommended practices, assuring a safe, secure and efficient airport operation at the country's main international air transport gateway.

The certification is valid for three years, until 28 February 2022, and YACL is committed to maintaining and develop the necessary standards according to national and international standards.

To reach the certification status, YACL engaged since 2015 an internal restructuring and excellence policy foreseeing the coming challenges. Significant improvements were done at the aerodromes' infrastructure, as well as the production of manuals, plans, programmes, operational procedures, and guidance materials, that were developed and submitted to the national regulator "DCA" for validation and approval.

Besides investment in training engaging International suppliers (ACI – Airports Council International) in specific areas of airport operations, management will continue to provide to our local human resources, knowledge, and skills envisaging the future, as one of the major YACL policy vectors.

Since the start of the Concession Agreement and with special emphasis in the last couple of years, YCAL has been eliminating non-compliances and increasing the infrastructure declared capacity as follows but not limited to:

- Building new aircraft parking areas (Aprons);
- Creation of new parking stands with the capability to allocate simultaneously different types of aircraft (Mix);
- Construction of 2 Rapid Exit Taxiways (RETs);
- New Taxiways layout and new aerodrome horizontal and vertical signage and markings;

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- Construction of RESA –Runway End Safety Area;
- Construction of AIPP Aircraft Isolated Parking Position;
- Increase of operation safety by the implementation of a dedicated Apron Management unit, introduction the Follow Me vehicles and Airside Traffic Rules and Regulations;

All those achievements were published and amended in the AIP – Aeronautical Information Publication, within DCA's competences and authority.



Mr. Jose Angeja, Chief Operating Officer of YACL, receiving the ICAO aerodrome certification from Director General U Min Lwin, Department of Civil Aviation Myanmar

"To get the Aerodrome Certification was somehow a "reward" for the serious hard work performed in last year, being also a motivation for the upcoming tasks."

"We are aware of our role and responsibilities as the airport operator and will spare no effort in the implementation of some requirements and standards, thru a strong liaison and coordination with the Regulator (DCA), as it has been."

"The Aerodrome Certification shows the achievements from YACL and DCA for the future of Myanmar/Yangon Aviation Industry," said Mr. Jose Angeja, Chief Operating Officer of YACL.



YACL operates YIA since 2015 under Public-Private Partnership, the busiest of Myanmar's three international airports, having processed 6.03 million passengers in 2018, registering a growth of 3.7% in the first quarter of 2019. Currently, 32 international airlines operate daily to 30 international destinations, as well as seven domestic airlines connecting 28 destinations within Myanmar.

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### About Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL)

#### Setting the standard for high performance

Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL) operates and manages Yangon International Airport (YIA), the gateway to Myanmar. As the company responsible for Myanmar's largest and busiest airport, YACL sets the standard for YIA as a high-performing aviation hub, built on a foundation of daily excellence in infrastructure, operations and management.

Strategically located between India and China, Myanmar is less than six hours by air from two-thirds of the world's population. With Myanmar gaining popularity as a travel destination, YACL is committed to scaling up YIA's handling capacity for visitor traffic while continuously providing quality experiences for passengers and airlines alike.

YIA has 47 retail and service stores and 23 F&B outlets. With 32 international airlines connecting Myanmar to 30 destinations, YIA served a total of 6.035 million passengers in 2018.