



**YANGON AERODROME COMPANY LIMITED**

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## **Press Release**

### **Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited Completed FOD Campaign to Enhance Safety and Efficiency of Airport Operations**

Yangon, 17 May 2019 – Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (“YACL”), the operator of Yangon International Airport (“YIA”), today announced it has completed a two-week foreign object debris (“FOD”) campaign in line with its commitment to safe, secure and efficient airport operations.

The campaign was geared towards preventing damage caused to aircraft and injuries to people involved in the airside operations of the airport. It ran throughout the first half of May 2019 and aims to raise awareness on the effects of FOD.

FOD are inanimate objects within the airport’s movement area which have no operational or aeronautical function but has the potential to be a hazard to aircraft operations. Such objects include unattended garbage, bolts, and nails, small aircraft parts, as well as pieces of concrete and bitumen.

This year’s FOD campaign addressed two main areas: Taxiways, and Apron, where loose objects have the highest potential to create damage. Left uncleared, these objects could damage aircraft engines or tyres, or if projected by a jet blast, could cause injury to staff.

Costs due to FOD-related damage are significant, ranging from engine or tyres repairs, flight delays, and cancellations, among others.

The FOD Control Program consisted of three areas: Training, Inspection, and Coordination. Participants were taught how to accurately identify, eliminate, and report the presence of FOD, and were briefed on the standard operating procedures for daily inspection.

Throughout the entire campaign, a total of 238 participants, from various entities such as Aviation Police, Airlines Partners, Ground Handling Agents, Asia World Company Construction, Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (“YACL”), among others, took part in the campaign, clearing over 86.5kg of FOD across 258056 square metres of land.

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Beyond safety campaigns, YAACL has implemented advanced technology to ensure a safe environment, such as Cyclone Technology's pressure washing machines. A build-up of residual rubber on runways reduces aircraft landing capabilities. Regular use of this technology reduces airfield rubber accumulation in an environmentally friendly manner.

YAACL Safety Team mentioned: "Safety is not simply a goal to achieve, but a culture: Everyone has a role to play in creating a safe environment. Having a yearly campaign is a timely reminder for everyone that safety can never be compromised. Safety is everyone's responsibility."

Mr. Ho Chee Tong, Chief Executive Officer of YAACL, said: "The FOD Campaign was a success, and could not have been achieved without the cooperation and efforts of all airport stakeholders. We are thankful to all those who participated and hope to foster a culture of safety and vigilance throughout the airport."

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## **About Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL)**

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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.