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### **Press Release**

# Yangon International Airport and Jetstar Asia welcome 3 millionth passenger of 2018

• Lucky passenger receives 1 Million MMK worth of cash and 1 Million MMK in other gifts

**YANGON** – **29 June 2018** – Yangon International Airport (YIA), the largest and busiest airport in Myanmar capable of handling 20 million passengers, welcomed its 3 millionth passenger today. Traveling from Singapore aboard Jetstar Asia flight 3K 581, the lucky winner Mr. Jefferson Olivieri Costa arrived at YIA Terminal 2 at 10:25 AM and was warmly greeted by our welcoming party.



Mr. Jefferson Olivieri Costa (in light blue shirt) - the 3 millionth passenger at YIA in 2018 with the YIA and Jetstar Asia teams

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To celebrate the milestone, Mr. Costa was treated to a 1 Million MMK cash prize as well as other gifts valued at over 1 Million MMK. These include a two-night stay in Horizon Lakeview Hotel and Resort in Nay Pyi Taw, a Samsonite travel luggage, an Artisan made-in-Myanmar bag, a Samsonite passport holder, JBL wireless headphones, as well as other travel accessories. Travelers on the same flight also received complimentary duty-free vouchers and luggage tags as part of the occasion.

Mr. Costa said "Congratulations for your 3rd millionth passenger and I'm thrilled to be the lucky winner today. The hospitality is so warm here and I hope more people will fly and visit Myanmar as this is an awesome country."

Mr. José Angeja, Chief Operating Officer, Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited commented, "As we cross the first half year of 2018, we are glad to welcome our 3<sup>rd</sup> millionth passenger today. YIA continues to work hard towards being a high-performance airport and also strives to be an airport that gives back to our customers in meaningful ways. Jetstar Asia is one of our valued airline partners at YIA catering to the low-cost segment and we are pleased to be aligned in delivering good experiences to our customers through such co-curated events. With the impending move of all international airlines from Terminal 2 to Terminal 1, we strive to deliver even better experiences to all Jetstar Asia passengers as well as international passengers alike moving forward."

Mr. Bara Pasupathi, CEO of Jetstar Asia said, "As the front-runner in offering low-fare services from Singapore to Yangon since 2005, our services have made travel between the two cities more accessible for tourists and visiting families and relatives. Having served close to 1.5 million customers between Singapore and Yangon, we have also seen a more diverse group of visitors including business travellers and passengers connecting through Singapore from Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines visiting the country."

#### Ready to handle long-term capacity needs

YIA is ready for future passenger demand as it is built to handle up to 20 million passengers, welcoming 5.92 million passengers in 2017. This represents 8.48% growth over 5.45 million passengers in 2016. Of these, 66% or 3.93 million comprised international passengers and the other 34% or 1.99 million were domestic passengers. Overall air traffic movements increased by 11.05% in 2017 to 78,076, compared to 70,307 movements in the same period a year ago.

Currently serving 28 international airlines and 8 domestic airlines, YIA has attracted renowned full-service airlines such as Emirates Airlines, Malindo Air and Cathay Dragon in recent years. These airlines have

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opened new routes to Yangon over the last two years since Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited took over the operation of YIA.

Moving forward, YIA targets a growth rate in line with Myanmar's forecasted GDP growth of 7.2% for 2018 by way of World Bank's estimates. Looking at growth trends across the 3 current international airports – YIA, Naypyitaw International Airport and Mandalay International Airport – YIA is well ahead of its handling capacity of 20 million passengers per annum to cater to future needs for the next decade.

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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, the main gateway into Myanmar. As the largest and busiest airport in Myanmar, YIA sets the standard as a high-performance airport with its overall approach towards achieving excellence in key areas such as infrastructure, organisation and management.

Over the last few years, Myanmar has seen steady growth in visitor traffic. As the country is set to experience long-term growth in tourism, YIA is built to handle up to 20 million passengers a year and is geared to provide quality experiences and services for passengers and airlines.

Yangon International Airport (YIA) is strategically located between India and China with two-thirds of the world's population within six hours flying range including cities such as Tokyo, Dubai, Singapore, Beijing and New Delhi. Serving 28 international airlines and 24 international destinations, YIA handled a total of 5.92 million passengers in 2017.