



# YANGON AERODROME COMPANY LIMITED

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## Press Release

### **Yangon International Airport and Air KBZ welcome 2 millionth passenger of 2018**

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

**YANGON – 20 April 2018** – Yangon International Airport (YIA), the largest and busiest airport in Myanmar capable of handling 20 million passengers, welcomed its 2 millionth passenger of 2018 today. Ma Aye Aye Aung, traveling on board Air KBZ flight K7 245 from Than-Dwe arrived in YIA Terminal 3 at 12:05 PM and was warmly greeted by our welcoming party.



*Ma Aye Aye Aung (in red, centre) - the 2 millionth passenger at YIA in 2018 with the YIA and Air KBZ teams*

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To commemorate the occasion, Ma Aye Aye Aung received 1 Million MMK in cash in addition to a variety of other gifts valued at over 1 Million MMK. These gifts include a two-night stay in Horizon Lakeview Hotel and Resort in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, a Samsonite travel luggage, an Artisan made-in-Myanmar bag, a Fossil passport holder, a JBL travel speaker, as well as other travel accessories. Travelers on the same flight also received complimentary duty-free vouchers as part of the occasion.

Ma Aye Aye Aung said “This prize was really unexpected and I am very happy to be the 2 millionth passenger at Yangon International Airport. What made it more unexpected was that I did not plan to travel on this flight initially, so I’m really blessed. I went to Than-Dwe for charitable work and thanks to YIA’s 2 millionth passenger programme, now I can donate this cash prize as well.”

Mr José Angeja, Chief Operating Officer, Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited commented, “Passenger traffic has grown in these first 4 months of 2018, and today we are delighted to welcome our 2<sup>nd</sup> millionth passenger of the year. As we strive towards our goal of being a high-performance airport and as Myanmar’s busiest international airport that handled 5.92 million passengers in 2017, we look forward to more of these types of initiatives. Together with airline partners such as Air KBZ which connects with iconic domestic destinations, we can celebrate and appreciate our lucky travellers.”

Capt. Kyaw Han, Senior Chief Operating Officer, Air KBZ said “YIA started operating the domestic Terminal 3 in December 2016 and we are happy to see that the airport has served many passengers within this short period. Air KBZ is thankful and honoured to be able to serve the 2 millionth passenger with our airline as part of this meaningful programme to honour travellers. As the largest domestic airline in Myanmar flying to 9 domestic destinations from Yangon on 8 aircraft, we look forward to continue serving more and more passengers in the future.”



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### **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 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 26 international destinations, YIA handled a total of 5.92 million passengers in 2017.

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