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JKIA boosts capacity with new Terminal 2

Airport's capacity now sufficiently meets existing demand

NAIROBI FEBRUARY 3, 2015 – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) now has sufficient capacity to effectively handle current passenger demand with the completion of a new state-of-the-art terminal.

The prefabricated terminal building, named Terminal 2, has capacity to handle 2.5 million passengers annually; and will cater for both international and domestic departures and arrivals.

The additional capacity injected by the new terminal brings the capacity of JKIA to 7.5 million passengers annually. At the moment, JKIA handles an estimated 6.5 million passengers annually.

Kenya Airports Authority Managing Director Lucy Mbugua said the completion of Terminal 2 is a huge step forward in the concerted efforts made to expand and modernize JKIA.

“We have a number of other projects that are on-going and in different stages of implementation. The task at hand now is to ensure that JKIA meets the projected demand in order to enable the airport effectively play its role as a gateway into the region,” Ms Mbugua added.

Terminal 2 that spans 10,000 square meters has been installed and fitted and is ready for use. It is expected to commence service on by the end of February 2015.

The completion of Terminal 2 comes only months after Terminal 1A that is dedicated for the exclusive use of national carrier Kenya Airways and its partners came into use.

These expansion and modernization works at JKIA are geared towards upgrading it to world-class status and positioning the airport as the preferred hub of Africa.

Ms Mbugua said: “Aviation plays a critical role in the economy as an enabler. By availing capacity to meet demand, we will be able to unlock stifled demand in other sectors of our economy”.

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About Kenya Airports Authority



The Kenya Airports Authority is an autonomous body established in 1991 through an Act of Parliament and is charged with an umbrella responsibility of providing and managing a coordinated system of airports in Kenya. KAA manages 4 International airports, 4 domestic airports and several airstrips. The main airports managed by KAA are:-Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), Moi International Airport (MIA), Eldoret International Airport (EIA) and Kisumu International Airport (KIA). All the airports handled a total of 8 million passengers in the year 2012 with JKIA, the flagship currently handling 6 million passengers per annum. JKIA which directly contributes about 10.9% of GDP is currently undergoing expansion and rehabilitation that will see it handle 9 million passengers by end 2013.

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