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President Kenyatta to launch Terminal 2 at JKIA

New prefabricated terminal to ease congestion through additional capacity

NAIROBI MAY 13, 2015 – President Uhuru Kenyatta will on Friday launch the new Terminal 2 at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi.

The state-of-the-art prefabricated terminal that has capacity to handle 2.5 million passengers every year, grants sufficient capacity to JKIA to handle current demand. The terminal's additional capacity brings JKIA's capacity to 7.5 million passengers annually, compared to the estimated 6.5 million passengers who go through the airport annually.

President Kenyatta will be accompanied by acting Cabinet Secretary for Transport and Infrastructure James Macharia and other senior government officials.

Speaking when he unveiled plans to launch the terminal, the acting Managing Director at Kenya Airports Authority (KAA), Yatich Kangugo, said that Friday's commissioning of the facility is a huge milestone in efforts towards expansion and modernization of JKIA.

"The launch and coming to stream of this new Terminal 2 will significantly ease congestion at JKIA and deliver a better experience to passengers travelling through the airport. The additional capacity will also enhance JKIA's capacity to effectively play its role as the gateway into the region," Mr Kangugo added.

Terminal 2 that sits on 10,000 square meters has been installed, fitted and is ready for use. The terminal was procured, shipped and installed at a cost of KSh1.7 billion. It will cater for both international arrivals and departures.

Besides Terminal 2, as part of the expansion and modernization of JKIA, KAA is also in the process of constructing Terminal 3 (formerly Greenfield Terminal), with an annual handling capacity of 20 million passengers. Its first phase is expected to be complete by 2018. Terminal 1A that is dedicated to the exclusive use of national carrier Kenya Airways and its partners began operations last year.

The expansion and modernization of JKIA has been designated as a flagship project in Vision 2030, Kenya's long term economic development blueprint.

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