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JKIA meets international aviation standards with new terminal

Terminal 1E separates arrivals and departures

NAIROBI OCTOBER 15, 2015 – Jomo Kenyatta International Airport has attained key international aviation standards with today’s unveiling of the new Terminal 1E, which now enables the facility to separate arriving and departing passengers.

The modern Terminal 1E that was unveiled by President Uhuru Kenyatta will serve as the International Arrivals terminal has capacity to handle 2.5 million passengers every year. At the moment, the airport’s parking garage serves as a temporary international arrivals terminal. Separation of the arriving and departing passenger is a key security requirement under international aviation standards.

Also unveiled was a new security screening yard at the entrance of JKIA, a state-of-the-art facility fitted with modern security equipment that is one of its kind in Africa.

Speaking during the event, President Kenyatta said that the attainment of the international standards by the airport is not only a reason for huge national pride, but would also enhance the stature of the airport and boost its contribution to the GDP.

“Expansion and modernization of JKIA is a key flagship project under Vision 2030, our long term national development plan. This is because of the very critical role that the airport plays, contributing over 10 per cent of our national economy. At the moment, JKIA alone, supports over 10,000 jobs for Kenyans directly and an additional 600,000 more indirectly, making it the nerve centre of the national economy. This is replicated in varying scale, across the country where other aerodromes are located.

The Acting Managing Director of Kenya Airport Authority (KAA), Yatich Kangugo said: “This has not only been a long held dream for the airport, KAA and the country at large, but is also a key requirement for attaining Category 1 hub status that will pave way for direct flights from JKIA to the US”.

The new terminal is the latest in a series of new facilities that have significantly boosted the capacity of JKIA. This includes: Terminal 2 that has a capacity of 2.5 million passengers annually, and Terminal 1A that is dedicated to the exclusive use of national carrier Kenya Airways and its partners. Work is ongoing on Terminal 3,

Meanwhile, KAA has a revised service charter. Inaugurated by President Kenyatta, the charter outlines what our customers can expect from the authority.

“This landmark document provides a framework of our commitment to deliver on our promise to offer world class service efficiently and effectively to our different stakeholders and the people of Kenya,” explained Mr Kangugo.

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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. For further information please contact Dominic Ngigi, the Corporate Affairs Manager at Kenya Airports Authority on: Email: Dominic.Ngigi@kaa.go.ke OR visit www.kaa.go.ke.