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THE PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



Audley Deidrick

AAJ President & NMIAL CEO

Happy New Year and warmest greetings as we begin 2017!

The past year, 2016, has been another challenging but successful year for the Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ) and NMIA Airports Ltd (NMIAL).

Many would highlight that the preceding year, 2015, could be considered a "dream year" for the organization, filled with major developments and achievements such as:

- ◆ The smooth transition of organizational leadership (President and CEO) in March 2015;
- ◆ Visits by major heads of states, led by the President of the United States of America, Barak Obama, in April 2015;
- ◆ Strong traffic growth of 7% for fiscal year 2014/15 from a cumulative decline of 15% over the previous 4 years;
- ◆ Phenomenal improvement in Airports Council International (ACI) – Airport service Quality (ASQ) ranking in the Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Region from 15th place in March 2015, to 2nd place in December 2015.
- ◆ Airport (NMIA) was awarded by ACI World as the most improved airport in LAC for 2015 in our size category. NMIA also maintained its ASQ ranking in 2016, being rated 2nd in LAC up to the last review in September 2016.

I am happy to announce that the strident moves and impressive outcomes continued in 2016 where:

- ◆ The Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA) was awarded by ACI World as the most improved airport in LAC for 2015 in our size category. NMIA also maintained its ASQ ranking in 2016, being rated 2nd in LAC up to the last review in September 2016.
- ◆ NMIA was nominated by World Travel Awards, along with the Sangster International Airport (SIA) and other airports in the region, for the Caribbean's Leading Airport award. SIA won the award and as such we congratulate the team at MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) in retaining the award for Jamaica. In addition, the team at NMIA Airports Limited (NMIAL) feels sufficiently recognized for being in the select group of outstanding regional airports.
- ◆ The Government changed in February, and so were the Boards of AAJ and NMIAL. We welcome the new Boards as they seamlessly continued to support and guide the forward move of the organization. We also thank the previous Boards for their support and direction, which aided in our achievements.
- ◆ The impressive traffic growth continued, with a 6% out-turn for fiscal year 2015/16. We therefore posted an all-time best financial performance for the organization, driven by strong growth in traffic and the significant aeronautical rate increase, which combined to generate a phenomenal 41% growth in revenue for the Group. I must recognize the contribution of MBJ, our concessioned airport, to these outstanding results.
- ◆ Our airports were spared from the horrors of Hurricane Matthew during the year and for this we give thanks, while we empathize with our neighbors who were not so fortunate.
- ◆ Our NMIAL netball team went all the way to the finals of the Business House Netball Intermediate 'B' League. NMIAL was awarded with the runner-up place in a hard-fought match, with a score of 41 to 43 in extra time. We congratulate our netballers for their stellar performance.

I wish to highlight that the achievements

of the year were not accomplished by the efforts of a single organization. As such, I wish to thank our parent Ministry (Transport and Mining), and the Honorable Minister; the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, our Board of Directors, the Management and Staff of AAJ and NMIAL as well as the Board, Management and Staff of MBJ Airports Limited for the dedicated service given throughout the year. I also want to express sincere gratitude to our key stakeholders (the Airlines; Concessionaires; Jamaica Civil Aviation Authority; Jamaica Tourist Board; Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association; Passport Immigration & Citizenship Agency; Customs; Min. of Health; Min. of Agriculture; the Police; Port Security Corp and the private security firms; Manpower Maintenance Services; and the many others), whose combined efforts have enabled us to seamlessly deliver the high quality of service to which our customers (our travelers and the general public) have become accustomed to receiving.

For the New Year, 2017, there is much to anticipate and we are looking forward to the challenge. Some of the major activities will include: (a) The government's plan to re-launch the NMIA Public Private Partnership (PPP) transaction in January 2017, with Commercial Close before the end of the calendar year, and Financial Close around the end of Fiscal Year 2017/2018; (b) MBJ's plan to upgrade the airport terminal and extend the runway at the Sangster International Airport; (c) Initiatives, in partnership with key stakeholders, to optimize the operations of our domestic aerodromes and build general aviation; and (d) Plans to further upgrade the Ian Fleming International Airport to accommodate larger aircraft as well as facilitate increased commercial operations in support of the local tourism industry.

All these strategies, plans and activities will require the continued close working relationship with our many partners, stakeholders and clients. I wish to encourage everyone to proceed into the New Year with great anticipation and readiness to address the inevitable challenges, towards successfully attaining our respective goals. Once again, I wish for you and your family a peaceful, pleasant and productive 2017.

TRAVEL UPDATES



Delta Expands Flights To Jamaica For Holiday Season

United States airline Delta is laying on more seats for Jamaica's high tourist season in anticipation of heavy traffic during the period December 17 to January 7, 2017. The company announced the expansion of its Caribbean service for the peak holiday season last week.

Delta now serves 26 destinations in the wider Caribbean region and includes a 15 per cent increase in seat capacity. For Jamaica, it serves the Atlanta to Montego Bay and New York's John F. Kennedy to Montego Bay routes.

Paula Fisman of Delta's public relations department said that with the addition in the frequency of service on the Atlanta to Montego Bay route, the airline's capacity on that route is up 25 per cent for the holiday period. On this route, "Delta increased service from four to five daily flights," said Fisman in response to Sunday Business queries. For the New York John F. Kennedy to Montego Bay route, Delta increased its service from seven to 10 daily flights and this means that capacity will go up 40 per cent, according to Fisman.

GROWING CAPACITY

"We are constantly reworking our capacity to best respond to our customers' travel needs," said Jose Pepe Zapata, Delta's General Manager for Central America and the Caribbean.

"But it's not just about offering more seats," he said. "Our customers expect punctual flights to and from their destinations and a worry-free travel experience from the very beginning of their journey. That's why we strive to offer industry-leading reliability and better service during every stage of travel," Zapata added.

Information coming out of the Ministry of Tourism is that Jamaica will experience record stopover arrivals for the period December 22 to 28. Combined stopover and cruise visitor arrivals for January to November 2016 are up 5.6 per cent over the similar period for 2015.

With the increased airlift from Delta the company is reporting that it will be bringing in about 27,000 visitors over the December 17 to January 7, 2017 period. Fisman says this is in a bid to meet the needs of customers.

"The airline is offering over 9,000 weekly seats between the US and Jamaica. Delta's expanded seats offering meets high US traveller demand to Jamaican destinations," she said.

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Christmas Tourist Arrivals Hit Record High

Jamaica registered record stopover arrivals during the Christmas season, with history-making numbers of 60,886 tourists visiting the island between December 22 and 28. During the same period last year, the country welcomed 52,000 visitors. The latest numbers mark an 11.2 per cent increase over 2015, putting the country on track for significant growth in the sector, says Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett.

In line with the growth, revenue is up nine per cent over 2015, from January to November, with stopover earnings at US\$2.13 billion, 5.8 per cent over last year, and cruise shipping at US\$132.7 million, 12.7 per cent over the same period.

"Gross earning is US\$2.3 billion, or 6.2 per cent, firmly on track to surpass all previous records, which could see us recording four million arrivals in 2016, a million shy of the five million projected for 2021," stated Bartlett.

CANADA BACK ON GROWTH PATH

Speaking from Florida, in the United States, yesterday, Bartlett said Canada, once the country's second-largest source market, which dropped by 11 per cent up to April this year, has shown a new burst of energy, and in the month of November, was up 2.2 per cent in arrivals. Acknowledging that the North American gateway will close out the year flat, he noted that the hemorrhaging from that region has been cauterized.

"Canada is back on the growth path. The 11 per cent decline we had up to April is expected to be wiped out by year end," he projected.

Bartlett is crediting the increase to new airlift arrangements of 293,000 seats, a four per cent increase over 2015. In addition, a number of new rooms have come on board, including the new RIU Reggae, DeCameron Cornwall, and Sandals Royal Caribbean Overwater Suites, as well as Royalton Blue Waters in Montego Bay, which all opened their doors between mid-November and early December.

Year-to-date performance in stopover arrivals is at 1.95 million, and cruise, 1.47 million. Combined, the two represent a 5.6 per cent increase in tourist arrivals to the island.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AAJ ART AWARDS

Wednesday, December 14th

Norman Manley International Airport

CATEGORY A

Age: 5 - 9 years

Presenter:

The Hon. Lester 'Mike' Henry, CD, MP.
Minister of Transport & Mining

1st Place Winner

Prudent Salmon
Corinaldi Avenue Primary



2nd Place Winner

Sade Sinclair | Corinaldi Avenue Primary



3rd Place Winner

Tyler Brown | The Queen's Preparatory School

CATEGORY B

Age: 10 - 14 years

Presenters:

(l) Carole Fox
- Country Manager, InterCaribbean Airways

(r) Dr. Meredith Hypolite Derby
- Director Airports Authority of Jamaica

1st Place Winner

Janoy B. Hall
Sydney Pagon S.T.E.M. Academy



2nd Place Winner

Michael Bent | Newell High School
(Art teacher collects award on behalf of student)



3rd Place Winner

Chantae Samuels | Herbert Morrison Technical High

CATEGORY C

Age: 15 - 19 years

Presenter:

Director Juliet Mair Rose
- Airports Authority of Jamaica

1st Place Winner

Oneil Mullings
Newell High School



2nd Place Winner

Javon Turner | Manchester High School



3rd Place Winner

Haleem Lazarus | Pembroke Hall High School

CATEGORY D

Special Needs < 20 years

Presenters:

(l) Renee A. Campbell
- Delta Air Lines Inc. - Station Manager (KIN)

(r) Laura Facey
- Award Winning Jamaican Sculptor

1st Place Winner

Ashley Hussey
Genesis Academy



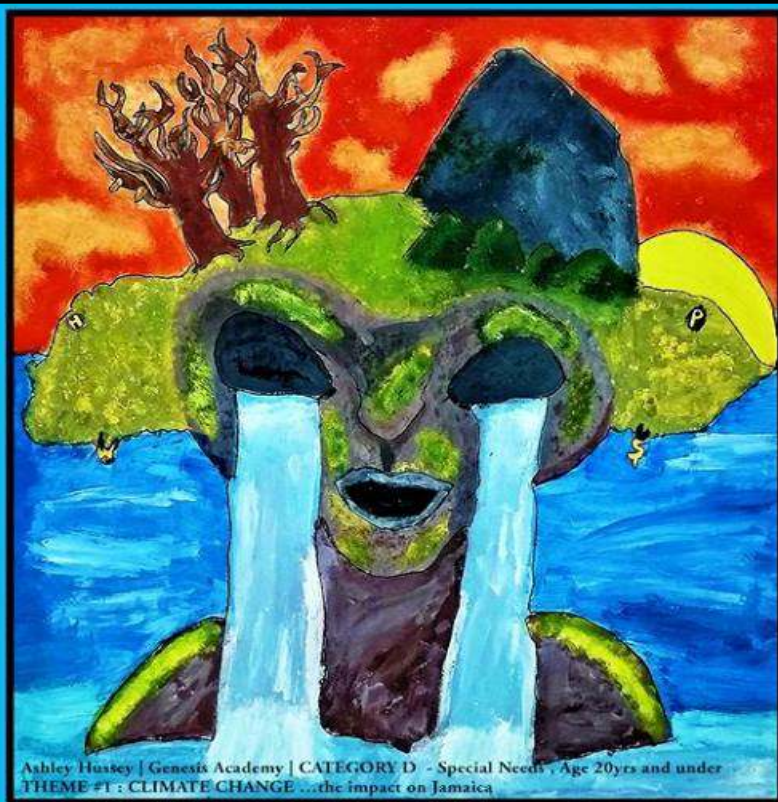
2nd Place Winner

Courtney Thompson | Genesis Academy
presenter: (l) Kim Lee - FLOW



3rd Place Winner

Andre Hibbert | Genesis Academy



BRUNCH, ART TALKS & AWARDS CEREMONY

Wednesday, December 14th

Official Tour of COLLECTION 2016
AAJ Learning & Development Centre @ 10:00am

Brunch with Laura Facey
Viewing Gallery Café @ 11:00am

Presentation of Awards
The Carl Abrahams Corner @ 12:30pm

NORMAN MANLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PALISADOES, KINGSTON

SCHOOL COUNTY AWARDS

Highest quality / quantity submissions



CORNWALL | HERBERT MORRISON TECHNICAL HIGH | St. James
Presenter: Audley Deidrick - AAJ President & NMIAL CEO



SURREY | THE QUEEN'S PREPARATORY | Kingston



MIDDLESEX | MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL | Manchester
Presenter: (c) Hon. Lester 'Mike' Henry, CD, MP, Minister of Transport & Mining



Congratulations!

Official Cake Cutting of THE CHAMPIONS

From left to right:

Renee A. Campbell - Station Manager (KIN) Delta Air Lines Inc., Audley Deidrick - AAJ President & NMIAL CEO, Kim Lee - HOS Channel Marketing FLOW, Janoy B. Hall, Ashley Hussey, Onell Mullings,
Hon. Lester 'Mike' Henry, CD, MP - Minister of Transport & Mining, Prudent Salmon, Elizabeth Emanuel - Programme Director of Vision 2030 Jamaica, Laura Facey - Distinguished Jamaican Artist, Trudy Dixon - Country Manager Copa Airlines

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**SOME GOOD NEWS **



Emancipation Park with the new Courtyard Marriott Hotel in the back drop. **NEW KINGSTON, JA.**

KINGSTON, Jamaica — New York Times has designated Kingston as one of the top 52 Best Places to Go in 2017,

24. Kingston, Jamaica

The capital of Jamaica furthers its case as cultural destination, not just a stopover to the beach. Stay at the Courtyard by Marriott, Kingston's first new hotel in over a decade, or the SoHo-style Spanish Court Hotel, which has added a second pool, and will open its Montego Bay branch in the summer. Eat like an Olympic legend at Usain Bolt's restaurant Tracks & Records, or get all things jerk at the latest hot spot Chateau 7 Gourmet Jerk Centre. Take in old-school reggae at the One World Ska and Rocksteady Music Festival, launched this November; at the newly opened Peter Tosh Museum, honoring the former Wailer; or at one of the dub music parties debuting around the city. And if you still want beach, hop on the freshly completed North-South Highway and arrive in Ocho Rios in under two hours. — **BAZ DREISINGER**



#KINGSTONWAYUP



VLOGGER RAMONA WILLIAMS—Winner of **#kingstonwayup** Competition recently had her own amazing Kingston experience and can't wait to share the thrill with you. Visit our [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) for her blogs, videos and candid pics of her whirlwind tour— from Trench Town Culture Yard to Strawberry Hill and everything in between. All courtesy of the Courtyard Marriott, Caribbean Airlines and NMIAirport—Your Kingston Gateway to the world!

THE PALISADOES-PORT ROYAL PROTECTED AREA: *An Ecological and Cultural Treasure*

The Palisadoes-Port Royal Protected Area (P-PRPA) is the home of Jamaica's first international airport, the Norman Manley International Airport (NMIA). P-PRPA includes both marine and terrestrial areas covering an area of approximately 75.23km², and is bordered by the Kingston Harbour, the world's 7th largest natural harbour, and the Caribbean Sea. It includes the town of Port Royal and the 16km long Palisadoes Tombolo which runs from the Harbour View roundabout to the tip of Port Royal. Up until the 17th century the Port Royal area was cay off the south coast of Jamaica, but by 1661, due to longshore drift, the cay was connected to the Palisadoes strip to form what is now referred to as Palisadoes-Port Royal.

The P-PRPA boasts a rich natural and cultural heritage. It was designated a protected area on 18 September 1998, and the following year on 22 July 1999, it was established as one of Jamaica's five Heritage Districts, the Port Royal and the Palisadoes which share the same boundary with the P-PRPA.

The marine and terrestrial archaeological site include remnants of the forts such as Fort James in the Sunken City beneath the sea and forts on the dunes and in parts of the city of Port Royal. Other sites include Fort Charles, Fort Rocky, Old Naval Dockyard, Old Naval Cemetery, Old Goal, Royal Artillery Store/Giddy House, St. Peter's Church, and the Old Naval Hospital, Chacolata Hole and Admiralty Buildings.

P-PRPA has a high biodiversity and variety of wetlands which include lagoons, mangrove forests, seagrass beds and coral reefs. The aquatic sections of the P-PRPA were declared Jamaica's second Wetland of International Importance (Ramsar Site) under the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as a Waterfowl Habitat, on 22 April 2005. Each year, 2 February is observed worldwide as World Wetlands Day, and the National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) usually partners with the University of the West Indies/Port Royal Marine Laboratory (UWI/PRML) to give educational tours and presentations on the flora and fauna of the wetlands within the P-PRPA.

Some of Jamaica's fauna which call the P-PRPA home include Jamaica's vulnerable (VU) and critically endangered (CR) species the American Crocodile (*Crocodylus acutus*) (VU), Hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) (CR) which nests on the cays and beaches within the P-PRPA, and stony corals/*Scleractinia* species (CR), as well as, the Bottlenose Dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*). The protected area provides a habitat for birds such as Brown Pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis*) which nest in the mangroves on Refuge Cay, marine fauna including commercially important fish (e.g. Snapper, Grunt, Parrot) and Mangrove Oyster *Crassostrea rhizophorae*.

The P-PRPA's high biodiversity also includes plants such as the endemic *Opuntia jamaicensis*, and Beach Morning Glory (*Ipomoea pes-caprae*).

The P-PRPA provides opportunities for commercial activities such as fishing, as well as, recreational activities such as watersports, swimming and bird watching. Two of the cays, Lime Cay and Maiden Cay are popular weekend spots for recreational activities. However, with the increased use of the resources by visitors, there are related anthropogenic threats to the Protected Area, such as improper garbage disposal, and the driving of vehicles on the beach which impact negatively on the sea turtle nesting sites. Therefore, NEPA has erected bollards along the road to prevent access of vehicles to the beaches. NEPA also regularly monitors the area for environmental breaches such as illegal dumping and the injuring or capture of protected species. The Agency recently launched the "Adopt A Beach" Programme which is an initiative to encourage persons to do regular cleanups of their community beach outside of the annual International Coastal Clean Up Day which is observed annually on the third Saturday in September.

For more information:
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Aerial view of the Palisadoes-Port Royal Protected Area showing runway of the Norman Manley Intl.

TEAM AAJ / NMIA OUT n' ABOUT ... FIREWORKS on the WATERFRONT !



LIGHTS! ...CAMERA!HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

TEAM AAJ / NMIA rang in the new year at the exciting FIREWORKS on the WATERFRONT, Downtown Kingston. The Airports Authority of Jamaica is a proud sponsor of the annual, family oriented event which also serves very well to showoff Destination Kingston.

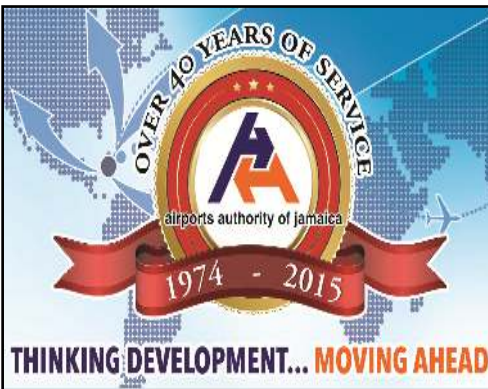


HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the AAJ/NMIA family to yours!



PIC of the MONTH



THE MISSION

"To develop a modern, safe and profitable airport system that is environmentally responsible, provides world-class service and contributes substantially to the national economy while promoting the expansion of air transportation and its related industries"



NORMAN MANLEY INT'L AIRPORT
KINGSTON

MKJP (KIN)



SANGSTER INT'L AIRPORT
MONTEGO BAY

MKJS (MBJ)

IAN FLEMING
Int'l Airport



IAN FLEMING INT'L AIRPORT
BOSCORREL

MKBS-(OCJ)

DOMESTIC AERODROMES

Tinson Pen - MKTP (KTP)

Commuter airport located in the Capital City, Kingston.

Ken Jones - MKKJ (POT)

Located in Portland, east of the island

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Negril - MKNG (NEG)

Located in the tourist mecca, west end of the island



RAMONA MEETS ROMAINE

#KINGSTONWAYUP VLOGGER - RAMONA WILLIAMS

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