



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MBJ Airports Limited celebrates 15th Anniversary

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 12 April 2018 // MBJ Airports will celebrate its 15-year anniversary, the halfway point in its 30-year concession as operator of Sangster International Airport, on Thursday 12 April.

To mark the occasion, MBJ is hosting a celebration with the community in Sam Sharpe Square on Friday 13 April from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. MBJ will present an exhibit at the event showcasing its contribution to the development of Sangster International Airport and detailing plans to further modernize the facility.

MBJ invites the public to join in the festivities and learn about the development and economic impact of Sangster International Airport. Lunch hour entertainment will commence at 1 p.m. with a performance by Tennshann Invasion followed by “Dat a Gwaan Jamaica”, a play by Dahlia Harris. Giveaways, prizes and surprises will bring excitement and MELLO FM’s Barry G will be broadcasting live throughout the afternoon. A student art competition accepting entries from students attending schools island-wide will be officially launched during the celebration.

The 15-year anniversary event is being hosted with the support of government partners Jamaica Customs Agency and the Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency, alongside American Airlines, Caribbean Airlines and COPA Airlines. Club Mobay, GCG Group, Margaritaville, Hospiten, Palisadoes Co-operative Credit Union and Knutsford Express are also sponsoring the event.

MBJ Airports has several other events scheduled throughout 2018 to commemorate the 15-year milestone. On 26 April, an official celebration at the airport will showcase the historical exhibit and a commemorative sign will be unveiled, followed by the Airport Forum at 1:00 p.m. On 27 April, airport stakeholders, schools and civic groups will be invited to view a Hurricane Hunter aircraft at the airport.

MBJ will continue to support the community throughout 2018 with its “Change for Children” initiative among several other programs. Change for Children funds projects that support the growth and development of children in the Montego Bay area. MBJ also continues to support The Autism Centre in Brandon Hill and Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf through this initiative. MBJ recently partnered with Spot Valley High School to provide mentorship support and will host a Labour Day Project at the school on 23 May. MBJ will also continue to participate in charity marathons and coastal clean-ups.

In October, the airport operator will host an event to announce the MBJ Scholarship awards for employees and a health fair for Sangster International Airport staff. Then, in November, MBJ will host an exhibit featuring selections from the International Reggae Poster Competition for the second consecutive year and announce the winners of the student art competitions. A Black Tie Gala event is planned for December to end the year’s celebrations.

About MBJ Airports:

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 50 international destinations. A record 4.2m passenger used the airport in 2017. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment to more than 150 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean’s Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past nine years.

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2003-2018
15 YEARS
 in Figures




52.3 Million Passengers

655,000 Aircraft Movements

USD 230 million in Investments

Air Services in 2017
 61 Destinations
 29 Airlines
 16 Countries

USD 160 million in Direct Contribution to the Jamaican Economy in Taxes and Fees

7,500 Jobs in 2017

81% of businesses operated at the airport are Jamaican owned

Awards
 10 times Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards
 ACI-ASQ Award 2009-2015 and Roll of Excellence in 2014

Over **430,556** square feet constructed





MBJ Airports Limited celebrates milestone event in Sam Sharpe Square 13 April

MBJ Airports Limited celebrates its 15th anniversary in April 2018.

As part of our celebration, MBJ along with several partners will “take the airport” to **Sam Sharpe Square on Friday April 13th, from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Join the MBJ team as we share with the community our contribution to the development of the Sangster International Airport and plans to further modernize the facility, with the support of government partners the Jamaica Customs Agency & Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA).

As we take the airport to the community, join us and our partners for:

- Free blood pressure and blood sugar checks by Hospiten Montego Bay
- Loan sale by Palisadoes Co-operative Credit Union
- Giveaways and free trips from COPA, Caribbean Airlines, American Airlines, Knutsford Express & Cellairis
- Refreshment provided by Goddard Catering Group, Margaritaville, Club Mobay
- Lunch hour concert at 1 p.m. and live play “Dat a gwaan Jamaica” with Dahlia Harris

Come Celebrate with us! MBJ... creating an “Irie Airport Experience”

Event Partners:

