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**Jamaica Expands Connections to Latin America with commencement of service from Lima, Peru**

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 06 December, 2019 // Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, welcomed a direct flight from Lima, Peru.

LATAM Airlines Flight # 2464, using an Airbus A320 arrived from Lima on Monday, December 2 at 5:06 p.m. carrying 151 passengers, including a delegation from Jamaica's Ministry of Tourism led by the Minister, Hon. Edmund Bartlett and six crew members.

The direct flight, which will operate three times a week, also acts as a connection to Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia.

The flight was met by diplomats representing Latin American countries - Chile, Brazil, Argentina and Peru, as well as officials from the Ministry of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board, Jamaica Vacations and MBJ Airports Limited.

Jamaican drummers welcomed the arriving passengers, who were gifted welcome beads. The captain and crew were treated to the commemorative book on Usain Bolt "Legend" and gift packages from Jamaica Tourist Board and MBJ Airports Limited.

Montego Bay is LATAM's 35th international destination from Lima. Paola Penarete, LATAM Airlines' vice-president for North America, Caribbean and Asia is excited about the new service and is anticipating that the service will increase in frequency very soon.

LA 2464 will arrive at 4:58 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays with the return flight - LA 2465 to Peru - departing at 6:00 p.m. on the same days.

LATAM Airlines Group is Latin America's leading airline group with one of the largest route networks in the world, offering air services to around 146 destinations in 26 countries, operating more than 1,300 flights per day and transporting 69 million passengers per year.

**About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record 4.5m passengers used the airport in 2018. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and provides employment for approximately 7,000 Jamaicans. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for the past 11 years in a row.

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Officials get ready to greet the first arriving passengers on the inaugural LATAM Airlines flight from Lima, Peru to Montego Bay on Monday, December 2 at the Sangster International Airport. Waiting in line are Ambassador of Argentina, His Excellency Luis del Solar; Custos of St. James, Bishop Conrad Pitkin; Mayor of Montego Bay, His Worship the Mayor Councillor Homer Davis; James Goren, Honorary Consul of Brazil, Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett; Ministry of Tourism Senior Advisor/Strategist, Delano Seiveright; Ambassador of Brazil, His Excellency Carlos Alberto Michaelson Den Hartog; Executive Director, Jamaica Vacations (JAMVAC), Joy Roberts and Deputy Director of Tourism - Sales/USA and Latin America, Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB), Donnie Dawson.



Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett presents a gift bag to Ambassador of Chile, His Excellency Francisco Javier Bernales, at the ceremony for the inaugural LATAM Airlines flight from Lima, Peru to Montego Bay, held on Monday, December 2 at the Sangster International Airport.