

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## Jamaica Welcomes Special Chartered Service from Nigeria.

Montego Bay, Jamaica, 23 December 2020 // Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica's leading gateway to the world operated by MBJ Airports Limited, welcomed a special flight from Nigeria, Africa.

P4 Flight # 7812 B772, a charter operated by Air Peace on behalf of Tour operator 'Nigerians Travel Too' arrived from Nigeria on Monday, December 21 at 10:05 p.m. carrying 132 passengers and 19 crew members.

This flight marks 50 years of diplomatic relations between Jamaica and Nigeria and is a special charter with the intention to further establish connectivity between our countries.

A water salute from MBJ Emergency Response Service firefighting units greeted the arriving flight, while Jamaican drummers and dancers welcomed the arriving passengers to the beat of African music. The flight was also met by Nigerian dignitaries H.E. Geoffrey Onyeama, Minister of Foreign Affairs and spouse Mrs. Sulola Onyeama, Mr. Emmanuel Oguntuyi Charge d'Affaires ai, H.E. Esmund Reid Jamaican High Commission to Nigeria, along with Jamaican Government officials Hon. Robert Montague Minister of Transport and Mining, Hon. Kamina Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Shane Munroe, CEO of MBJ Airports Limited and the Jamaica Tourist Board.

H.E. Esmond Reid stated that, "The direct flight is a historic and unique opportunity as part of our 50th-anniversary celebrations to reconnect with family and friends from Nigeria, Jamaica, the Caribbean and other parts of the world, in a world-class tourist destination. Both countries have worked hard to promote culture, education, industrial and economic development, at different levels. Jamaica has won many international travel and tourism awards and has developed special COVID-19 protocols for the tourism sector. These protocols will help to protect and enhance the tourism experience for visitors and workers in the industry, in the face of the global pandemic."

Air Peace Mission is to expand locations both domestically and beyond as the largest and most profitable airline company to achieve safe, efficient and affordable short and long-haul services.

Nigerians Travel Too provides and executes seamless travel management and have built relationships with various diplomatic mission and embassies over the years, with the aim to expand their geographical scope to cover more countries.

## **About MBJ Airports:**

MBJ Airports Limited, operator of Sangster International Airport, connects Jamaica to more than 60 international destinations. A record of 4.7m passengers used the airport in 2019. MBJ operates SIA under a 30-year concession awarded in 2003 and the airport provides employment to more than 7,500 persons. SIA has been named the Caribbean's Leading Airport by World Travel Awards for 13 years.

