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**SIA Named Caribbean’s Leading Airport for 14th Year at World Travel Awards**

Sangster International Airport (SIA), Jamaica’s leading gateway to the world, is once again named the Caribbean’s Leading Airport for the 14th year by World Travel Awards (WTA).

SIA was among 13 Caribbean competitors nominated for the prestigious award. The accolade was first bestowed on SIA in 2005, then again in 2009 after which the title has been won every year since.

The traditional gathering for the Caribbean & North America Gala Ceremony was not possible given the ongoing effects of the pandemic. However, WTA announced the 2021 Caribbean and North America winners on 18 October 2021 showcasing the best of the region’s travel and tourism sector.

The Honourable Minister Robert Montague, Minister of Transport commended the airport team on this award with the following statement, “Congratulations to Sangster International Airport for once again living up to its reputation as the Caribbean’s Leading Airport in the World Travel Awards. I anticipate that this 14 year streak will not soon be broken. Continue delivering world class service in the Caribbean’s premier tourist destination!”

“The Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ) is very pleased to congratulate MBJ Airports Limited (MBJ) operators of the airport and the wider Sangster International Airport (SIA) team for being named the Caribbean’s Leading Airport 2021 by World Travel Awards. The distinction of copping this award for the 14th year, a year in which the travel and tourism industry was decimated by the incidence of the COVID-19 pandemic, is testimony to the resilience and authenticity of SIA, a feat for which the Concessionaire (MBJ) and all SIA stakeholders must be commended” stated President & CEO of the Airports Authority of Jamaica (AAJ), Audley Deidrick.

MBJ's commitment to ensuring a safe, passenger-centric, sustainable and efficient airport operation is evident in the renovations, upgrades and expansion being undertaken to develop the airport terminal into a modern and functional international facility, bringing us closer to becoming a leading destination airport, exceeding the expectations of our passengers, while being uniquely Jamaican.

Shane Munroe, CEO of MBJ Airports Limited which has been managing and operating the Sangster International Airport since 2003 commented, “We are honored to be awarded this coveted title of Caribbean’s Leading Airport year after year for the 14<sup>th</sup> time and the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and this year in particular with the challenges faced by our industry. This recognition annually indicates the developments and upgrades continuously being undertaken is valued by all.”

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**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 14 years as well as Conde Nast Traveler Readers’ Choice Awards 2020 – Top 5 Best Airports in the World.

**About World Travel Awards:**

World Travel Awards™ was established in 1993 to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel, tourism and hospitality industries. Today, the World Travel Awards™ brand is recognized globally as the ultimate hallmark of industry excellence. World Travel Awards™ celebrates its 28th anniversary year in 2021. Its annual programme is renowned as the most prestigious and comprehensive in the global industry.

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