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## **SENAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AWARDED ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL AIRPORT OF THE YEAR 2018**

**SINGAPORE, 8 November 2018** - Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd (Senai International Airport), a Member of MMC Group was named 'Asia Pacific Regional Airport of the Year 2018' under category less than 10 million annual passengers at the recent CAPA Asia Pacific Aviation Awards for Excellence 2018.

CAPA's Aviation Awards for Excellence are regarded as the pre-eminent awards for strategic excellence in aviation held annually with two award events, one covering the global industry and another for Asia Pacific including the Middle East. CAPA's Aviation Awards for Excellence are intended to reward airlines and airports that are not only successful but have also provided industry leadership in adjusting to a new environment. The awards are independently researched by an independent international panel of judges and not driven by customer surveys or sponsorship.

The Asia Pacific Regional Airport of the Year 2018 Award was presented to Md Derick Basir, Chief Executive Officer of Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd by CAPA Executive Chairman, Peter Harbison at a gala ceremony held in Sentosa, Singapore.

Dato' Seri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh, the Chairman of Senai International Airport remarked, "We are truly honored and excited to receive this Award as it signifies our presence in the aviation industry and recognises our unwavering efforts in providing value added services for our customers and passengers."

Senai International Airport was selected for its leading role in using new biometrics technology and its support of the LCC model, which has driven rapid growth.

“Senai International Airport has had tremendous growth and has emerged as a leader in airport technology while operating in the shadow of much larger KLIA and Singapore Changi,” Mr Harbison said.

“Senai has developed a close win-win relationship with AirAsia, positioning it for more rapid growth and providing a model for other small airports in the region seeking to attract LCC hubs.”

In early 2018 Senai International Airport became the first airport in Asia to implement AirAsia’s Fast Airport Clearance Experience System (FACES), a cutting-edge biometrics technology providing a seamless self-service travel experience from check-in to boarding gates. By embracing the new technology, Senai Airport has improved its customer service and operations efficiency, enabling the airport to accommodate further rapid growth. Senai International Airport is currently connected to 19 destinations, including 12 domestic and seven international links.

The airport welcomed its first three millionth passengers in 2017 and passenger traffic has nearly tripled over the last six years with at least 10% growth every year since 2013. International traffic has grown from only 17,000 passengers in 2012 to 444,000 passengers in 2017.

Md Derick said, “We believe the growing demand from air travelers going via our airport is spurred by Iskandar Malaysia’s rapid development and vibrant economic activities, in addition to the commitment by our airline partners to mount flights from Senai Airport”.

“We forecast that the passenger traffic for full year 2018 will grow by 11% from 3.1 million in 2017 to 3.5 million passengers in 2018. International passenger volume is expected to grow by 33% while domestics, taking 80% of the total volume will increase by 7% against the previous year”.

Md Derick also shared that the growth is mostly attributed by the increased capacity created with the introduction of new routes by AirAsia to Alor Setar and Ipoh, Malindo Air’s chartered flights to Sanya and Haikou and Jin Air’s scheduled flight to Seoul, Korea.



***Photo caption: Md Derick Basir, Chief Executive Officer of Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd (left) receives the award from Peter Harbinson, CAPA Executive Chairman***

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## **About Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd**

*Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd (SATSSB), a Member of MMC Group is the airport operator for Senai International Airport or formerly known as Sultan Ismail International Airport. Built in 1974, the airport was operated by Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad until November 2003 and subsequently acquired by Senai Airport Terminal Services which later acquired by MMC Corporation Berhad in 2009.*

*Senai International Airport serves as the aviation gateway for Iskandar Malaysia and southern region, and is dedicated to providing routes and services essential to cater the needs of both tourism and business traveler. Equipped with 3,800-metres runway, Senai International Airport can handle aircraft ranging from small Cessna's to large jets such Airbus A380 and Antonov 125. Currently, there are 5 airlines operating in Senai International Airport serving to 12 domestic and 7 international destinations with an average of 90 daily flight movements.*

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## **About MMC Corporation Berhad**

*MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC) is a leading utilities and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under three divisions, namely ports & logistics, energy & utilities and engineering & construction.*

*Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include the operations of Port of Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd and Kontena Nasional Berhad. Internationally, MMC has an associate stake in Red Sea Gateway Terminal Company Limited, a container port terminal within the Jeddah Islamic Port, Saudi Arabia.*

*Under the Energy & Utilities division, MMC is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad (Malaysia's largest independent power producer), and Gas*

*Malaysia Berhad (sole supplier of reticulated natural gas in Peninsular Malaysia to non-power sector).*

*MMC's Engineering & Construction division has further established itself in the sector with a leading role as the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) and underground works package contractor for the 51km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) project (Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line) and Line 2 project (Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line). Prior to this, MMC has successfully completed the 329km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project as well as the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) motorway, the first-of-its-kind dual-purpose tunnel in the world.*

*MMC continues to make inroads in the construction industry, securing key civil and infrastructure projects in the country namely Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant, civil and infrastructure works for RAPID Pengerang Cogeneration Plant. Additionally, MMC has a 20% effective interest in Borneo Highway PDP Sdn Bhd (BHP) which has been appointed as PDP for the Sabah Pan Borneo Highway Project.*

*In other businesses, MMC owns Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, a water treatment plant operator and Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru; a major aviation hub and the main air transportation gateway to Iskandar Malaysia. Additionally, MMC's Group Property arm manages close to 6,000 acres of industrial developments in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Kulim, Kedah, namely Senai Airport City, Tanjung Bin Petrochemical & Maritime Industrial Centre (TBPMIC) and Northern Technocity in Kulim. The Senai Airport City, TBPMIC and NTC (NTC) developments come under the ambit of Group Property's three operating companies – Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd respectively*

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