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Larnaka International Airport at the head of Europe! Awarded as the Best Airport in providing services for people with disabilities

For the first time in the history of the Cypriot airports, Larnaka International Airport won the first place among 500 other European airports from 45 states, at the ACI Awards and in the category of *"Most Accessible Airport for People with Disabilities"*.

The awards of ACI Europe (*Airports Council International*) were announced last night during the 13th Annual General Assembly of the Organization, held in Paris and attended by representatives from all the airports in Europe.

As stated in an official announcement by ACI Europe, the first prize was awarded to Larnaka International Airport, as the jury evaluated that the Cyprus airport stands out for its remarkable accessible friendly initiatives, namely in terms of boarding equipment, such as the use of the "Eagle lift" facilities for the embarkation and disembarkation of people with disabilities and mobility difficulties and in terms of the level of accessibility with regard to check-in machines and E-gates.

The jury, in its decision to award the first prize to Larnaka Airport, also pointed out that the Cyprus airport offers disabled people a number of other interesting additional features, such as sockets for electric wheelchairs, free parking for 120 minutes and cooperation with senior travel groups, as well as much improved accessibility features on the airport website.

Receiving the first prize on behalf of Hermes, Ms. Eleni Kaloyirou, Chief Executive Officer of the company, said that she felt proud for the award that Larnaka International Airport has won and noted that it is the first time that a Cypriot airport occupies the first place in Europe, in such a demanding category.

Ms Kaloyirou congratulated Ms Sophie Christofidou, Terminal Services Manager of Hermes Airports, also responsible for facilities and services for people with reduced mobility, as well as the company S & L Airport Services Ltd, who are responsible for the delivery of the services for people with disabilities at Larnaka Airport.

In addition, Ms Kaloyirou highlighted the strong commitment of Hermes to remain dedicated to the efforts for continuous improvement of this sector in providing high quality services to people with mobility problems or disabilities.





