

PRESS RELEASE

A milestone for the passenger traffic of Cyprus airports.

For the first time, they have exceeded the 10 million passengers!

Hermes Airports is celebrating the enormous success of Larnaka and Pafos airports, which for the first time in their history managed to surpass the ten million total passenger traffic.

This is a unique milestone in the course of the two airports, which also confirms the continual progress and stable development of the air transportation of Cyprus. Through the implementation of its strategy and in cooperation with the airlines, Hermes Airports has managed to maintain and strengthen existing markets, penetrate new ones, thus contributing to the efforts of stimulating the tourism industry of the country.

As part of the celebrations at Larnaka Airport, Hermes Airports honoured a departing passenger, who according to Hermes' calculations, was recorded as the passenger-number "10 million".

In his speech, Mr. Marios Dimitriades, Minister of Transportation, Communications and Works, expressed his satisfaction for this great achievement. *«I wish», he said «to congratulate both Hermes Airports and all those who contributed to this tremendous success. What is need now, is to avoid complacency, continue the good teamwork and the positive results».*

During his address, Mr. Panayiotis Hadjipantelis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Hermes Airports, stressed that *«as much work has been required to increase the passenger traffic, equivalent work is needed to maintain and increase it. The immediate tackle of the structural problems and malfunctions of the tourism sector must become an irreversible goal, along with the repositioning of our tourist identity. The challenge is there, in the same way that prospects are there too. Cyprus has several comparative advantages that makes the island an attractive tourist*



destination. It's our obligation to build on them with professionalism and in a methodical manner, so that we can achieve our goals» Mr. Hadjipantelis concluded.

In her address, Ms Eleni Kaloyirou, Chief Executive Officer of Hermes Airports, said that *«the company does not perceive the prospect of developing the two airports through a mathematical approach»*.

«On the contrary», she said, *«we are particularly interested in quality and it is precisely for this reason that alongside our efforts to increase the passenger traffic we have also undertaken specific initiatives, have invested substantial amounts and have given special emphasis to the efforts of improving our services»* Ms Kaloyirou concluded.

Present at the event held by Hermes on the occasion of reaching the 10 million passengers from the Cyprus airports, were representatives and officials of the government, stakeholders of the tourism industry, representatives of airlines, as well as representatives of various companies and services based at the Larnaka and Pafos airports.

It is noted that according to Hermes Airports' estimations, 2017 annual passenger traffic is expected to see an increase of about 14% at both airports of the country, compared to the total passenger traffic recorder in 2016.





