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L to R: PJIAE N.V. CEO, Brian Mingo, Director of the Project Management Unit, Mirto Breell, Hon. Minister of VSA, Omar Ottley, Project Manager of Ballast Nedam International Projects B.V., Mr. Baris Haboglu, at the walkthrough tour of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project.

ACTING MINISTER OF TEATT OTTELY IMPRESSED BY PROGRESS OF AIRPORT TERMINAL RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Acting Minister of TEATT, Omar Ottley visited Princess Juliana International Airport (PJIAE) for an impromptu tour around the terminal building. The tour was hosted by the Management Board of PJIAE N.V., Project Director, Mirto Breell and the team of Ballast Nedam International Projects. The Minister was pleasantly surprised by the progress of the Airport Terminal Reconstruction Project.

CEO Brian Mingo of Princess Juliana International Airport: "Today I'm very happy and honored to welcome the Minister. It is of major importance that we work together as a team. Together we will be able to rebuild the airport of the future.

The new terminal will be beneficial for the whole island of Sint Maarten. With the design of the new icon, we want to create an airport that will be more efficient, be able to handle future growth with ease and a terminal which will give our travellers the facilities they love".

Honorable Acting Minister of TEATT, Omar Ottley reacts: "St. Maarten needs the airport completion, as it is our railroad to resiliency. Today, I can truly say that I see the light at the end of the tunnel. Besides the building and its progress, I am most proud of the faces that I see on the site. Over 40 legal citizens are working on this project

which equates to over 40 families being assisted locally".

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ELECTRONIC HEALTH AUTHORIZATION SERVICE, EHAS, TO GIVE AN IMMEDIATE AUTOMATED PRE-APPROVAL FOR VACCINATED TRAVELERS AS OF AUGUST 1ST

As of August 1st 2022, the intention is to make the Electronic Health Authorization Services (EHAS) more convenient by allowing vaccinated persons to receive an immediate pre approval, once the form is filled out in it's entirety.

The entry requirements will not change for the country, but by allowing an automated immediate response, many cancellations can be avoided. It is important to note that the checks on arrival will still take place at the airport, and persons may be required to test locally if their documents are not valid.

Despite claims that EHAS is detouring tourist from visiting the country, statistics show that this is far from the truth. In the high season of 2021-2022, Sint Maarten was at approximately 120% of its 2019 pre-COVID arrival numbers and to date we are at 90% of the 2019 arrivals.

We often look at other countries without realizing the full measures being taken there. For instance, while Aruba may not require any

testing to enter the country, they do require that an ED form be filled out prior to traveling and they still have a night life closure time of 1 AM during the week.

America has eased their entry requirements, non-citizens are required to be vaccinated to enter their country. This shows that everyone is trying to find a balance that would also protect their population, while still attracting visitors.

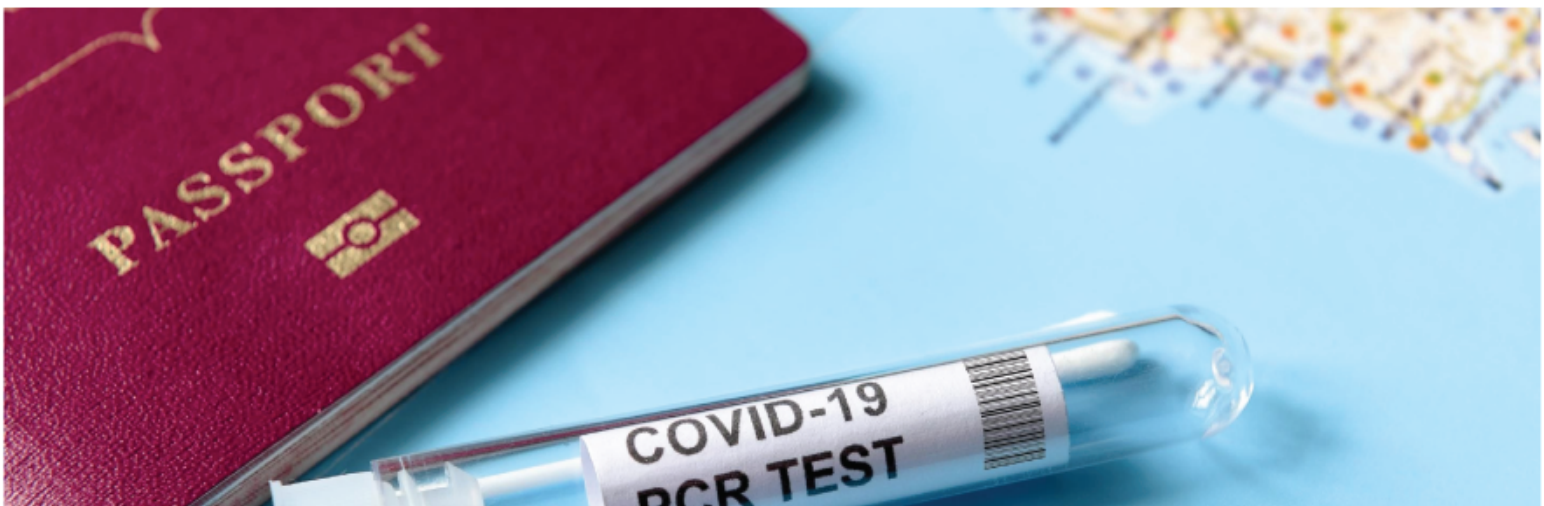
Sint Maarten is no exception, the intention is for EHAS to transition into our Port Health Authority, which is mandatory for all the countries within the kingdom. An international health regulation (IHR) meeting was held last month in Aruba and is scheduled to be a yearly event. The IHR requires each country to be able to detect, asses, report, respond and stop outbreaks of infectious diseases before they spread internationally.



Hon. Minister of VSA, Omar Ottley

This means that Sint Maarten must have a Port Health Authority at all points of entry, to meet our obligations as international ports.

"I am not someone that likes to remove regulations and then have to replace them later". said Ottley. The Minister is working on transitioning the EHAS to a more effective system that fosters safety without negatively affecting our visiting numbers. The plan is to allow this automated approval to be accessible for all visitors regardless of their vaccination status by October 15th 2022.



THE FIRST GIRLS IN AVIATION ON ST. MAARTEN

Female students of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. primary school attended the first “Girls in Aviation Day” event on St. Maarten at the Edeis Grand Case Airport on Friday June 17, 2022. The Women in Aviation International (WAI)-sponsored event was also coordinated by the Honorable Member of Parliament, Ludmilla De Weever. The event had been under discussion since last year’s aviation conference, “Caribavia”, when several conference attendees, including WAI Director of Communications, Kelly Murphy, met with the Member of Parliament when she held the role as the Minister of Tourism, Economic Affairs, Transportation and Telecommunication.

A total of eleven (11) stations, were on exhibit for the girls, such as the “talk like a pilot” (introducing the phonetic alphabet), marshaling aircraft, learning about air traffic controllers and aerodynamics. At hand was also the female Corporate Aviation Pilot, Kristina Tervo, who demonstrated how to read a sectional chart.

As a part of the exhibition was hosted at the Airport’s HeliRiviera hangar, as an added treat, the students witnessed the arrival of a pair of U.S. Marine Corps MV-22 Ospreys loading troops on a training mission.



Students of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School attending the first Girls In Aviation Day



(L- R) Air Traffic Controller, Sophia Rismay, Senior Business Development Officer, Jovanka De Randamie, Corporate Communications Specialist, Audrey St. Luce-Jack, and Air Traffic Controller, Cassidy Walker. Local Women in Aviation of SXM Airport.



(R) Organizer Hon. Member of Parliament, Ludmilla de Weever with a student of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. school (Photo by Alvin Prescod Photography)



Some members of Women in Aviation International and students of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. school of St. Maarten



L to R: Project Manager of Ballast Nedam International Projects B.V., Mr. Baris Haboglu, employees receiving the Safe Worker Award, Director of the Project Management Unit, Mirto Breell,

BALLAST NEDAM INTERNATIONAL PROJECT EMPLOYEES RECEIVED FIRST SAFE WORKER OF THE MONTH AWARD

Three (3) employees of Ballast Nedam International Projects (BNIP) have recently been awarded with a Health and Safety incentive award. The award is part of the Ballast Nedam International Project (BNIP) program, BNIP kicked off the project on June 1, 2022, with an inaugural ceremony at Princess Juliana International Airport. The goal of the program is to maintain and improve a healthy and safe working environment on the Ballast Nedam Construction site on the airport for all.

Mirto Breell, Project Director of Princess Juliana International Airport: "Safety is everyone's responsibility. This is the core of the Airports' Safety Management System which also applies to this reconstruction project. We applaud

this initiative by our contractor and look forward to this and more innovations as we continue to enhance the corporate social responsibility of PJIAE and I'm very happy that BNIP shares our vision on health and safety".

Baris Haboglu from Ballast Nedam

International Projects: "I would like to thank all the employees of BNIP, the Project Management of PJIAE and Engineers team for continuous support and dedication on safety. This can only be achieved because all of us take full responsibility on health and safety matters".



Group photo of the employees of Ballast Nedam International currently working on the reconstruction project at the Princess Juliana International Airport.



(L to R) - Cultural performers, Captain Marcelo Gallino and crew, PJIAE CEO, Brian Mingo, President of the Tourist Office and Territorial Councillor, Valerie Damaseau, Minister of VSA, Omar Ottley, Copa crew, Management of Halley Aviation Services, Ariana and Priscilla Halley and St. Maarten Tourist Bureau Representative, Gianira Arrindell

RETURN OF COPA AIRLINES: BI-WEEKLY FLIGHTS BETWEEN PANAMA CITY AND ST. MAARTEN

It was a festive atmosphere at the Princess Juliana International Airport on Wednesday, when a delegation representing both the Dutch – and French Tourism Offices, dignitaries, as well as representatives of the Airport, were on hand to welcome the return of Copa Airlines.

The airline resumed flights between St. Maarten (SXM) and Panama City (PTY), nearly two years after the airline suspended its service, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Copa Airlines is currently the only carrier offering non-stop services from St Maarten to Central America and will operate twice a week, with

flights on Wednesday and Friday, using a Boeing 737 with a seat capacity for 160.

CEO Brian Mingo of Princess Juliana International Airport: “Today I’m very happy and honored to welcome Copa Airlines again to our airport and the island of St Maarten. Copa plays a vital role via its Central American hub and is increasingly important for our hub network in the Caribbean. It was also a pleasure to welcome the Director Chief Pilot of Copa Airlines, Captain Marcelo Gallino, as he flew on the first flight to St. Maarten in 2010”.

Karen Sanne, Regional Sales Manager for Copa Airlines, stated,

“Copa Airlines is excited to start operations once again in St. Maarten and continue supporting the development of the region through the connectivity offered by the Hub of the America’s in Panama, connecting the Caribbean with the rest of the continent”.

“With new gateways opening, this gives an opportunity for destination St. Maarten to be able to target new areas in Panama as well as other surrounding regions in Central – and South America. This is definitely a positive development for the island of St Maarten” said May-ling Chun, Director of the St. Maarten Tourism Bureau.





SXM AIRPORT QUIZ:

What is the length of the runway at Princess Juliana International Airport?

Answer: 2300 Meters



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COVID-19 TEST CENTER CLOSED EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST, 2022

Following the decision from many countries to no longer require air passengers travelling from foreign countries to show a negative COVID-19 viral test upon arrival, it has been decided to close the Test Center at the Princess Juliana International Airport.

Persons are advised to ensure that all their travel documents are in order prior to arriving at the airport.



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