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Targets smashed at Budapest Airport

Budapest Airport continued the seasonal celebrations today as its 16-millionth passenger walked through its doors, marking the highest-ever number of passengers served in the airport's history. Driven by the dynamic expansion of its route network and airline partners, the Hungarian gateway effortlessly reached another passenger traffic milestone, witnessing a solid 9% year-on-year traffic growth.

The outstanding landmark represents six million more passengers than in 2015, an extraordinary 63% increase: "It's quite something to not only witness the growth of an airport but also to be part of the development and progression," enthuses Kam Jandu, CCO, Budapest Airport. "Today's memorable moment speaks volumes for the hard work of everyone at the airport which was unforgettably recognised when we were crowned this year's World Routes Marketing Awards Overall Winner – a first for the airport. But we won't rest, we will always continue to ensure Budapest remains an attractive market for our passengers, as well as our partners, and look forward to another thriving year ahead," added Jandu.

Budapest remains one of the fastest growing airports in Central and Eastern Europe, with 16% more destinations this year the gateway now offers close to 200 routes. Boosting its development further, Budapest has added 33 new links this year and 16 already announced for 2020. While handling one million long-haul seats this year – 100% more than when compared to 2016 – Hungary's capital city airport proudly has 12 non-stop long-haul routes namely: Beijing, Chengdu, Chicago, Chongqing, Doha, Dubai, New York, Philadelphia, Sanya, Shanghai and Toronto.

Photo caption: Budapest Airport's CCO, Kam Jandu (fourth right) and team celebrate the highest number of passengers served in the airport's history – ever!

- Budapest Airport is the best airport in the Region, as recognised by Skytrax in six consecutive years from 2014 to 2019, based on passenger ratings. Budapest Airport has become the lead airport in terms of passenger growth and together with its airline partners is a key contributor to the development of tourism in Hungary and Budapest.
- Budapest Airport's terminals are home to 44 airlines which transported 14.9 million passengers to 125 destinations in 45 countries in 2018 (13.5% growth rate in 2018 vs. 2017).
- Budapest Airport in 2018 handled 146.113 tons of cargo (15.9% growth rate vs. 2017).
- Monthly passenger traffic growth November 2019 has exceeded +14.4%.
- Budapest Airport's route development includes:

  Already launched:
  - Shanghai Airlines three times weekly service to Shanghai Pudong, 3 June 2019;
  - Ryanair weekly service to Palma de Mallorca, 6 June 2019;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Castellón, 16 June 2019;
  - Air Serbia twice-weekly service to Nis, 1 August 2019;
  - Ryanair four times weekly service to Catania, 13 August 2019;
  - LOT Polish Airlines three times weekly to Seoul, 22 September 2019;
  - Ryanair four times weekly service to Tel Aviv, 27 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lappeenranta, 27 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Poznan, 28 October 2019;
  - Ryanair three times weekly service to Lisbon, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Porto, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Bordeaux, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Gothenburg, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair three times weekly service to Luxembourg, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Odesa, 29 October 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Toulouse, 30 October 2019;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kazan, 30 October 2019;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Odesa, 2 November 2019;
  - Jet2.com twice-weekly service to Birmingham, 8 November 2019;
  - Wizz Air three times weekly service to Edinburgh, 21 December 2019;
  - Hainan Airlines twice-weekly service to Chongqing, 27 December 2019.

  To launch:
  - Ural Airlines three times weekly service to Zhukovsky, 28 December 2019;
  - Shanghai Airlines twice-weekly service to Xi'an, 30 December 2019;
  - Shanghai Airlines three times weekly service to Chengdu, 31 December 2019;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Kharkiv, 16 January 2020;
  - Sunday Airlines weekly service to Sanya, 23 February 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to Brussels, 29 March 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to Bucharest, 29 March 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to Prague, 29 March 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 12 times weekly to Stuttgart, 29 March 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 7 times weekly to Sofia, 29 March 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines 7 times weekly to Belgrade, 29 March 2020;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Zaporizhia, 29 March 2020;
  - Ryanair twice-weekly service to Lviv, 29 March 2020;
  - American Airlines four times weekly service to Chicago O'Hare, 4 May 2020;
  - Wizz Air daily service to Brussels, 1 June 2020;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Kharkiv, 1 June 2020;
  - Wizz Air twice-weekly service to Lviv, 3 June 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines weekly service to Dubrovnik, 7 June 2020;
  - LOT Polish Airlines weekly service to Varna, 7 June 2020.