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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport wins its 15th Top Efficiency Excellence Award

The Air Transport Research Society (ATRS) has just released the key results of its 2018 Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Task Force report.

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is once again named as the most efficient airport in the World in 2018, marking the 15th-year for ATL as the recipient of Efficiency Excellence Award by Air Transport Research Society (ATRS), a worldwide research network headquartered in Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland.

Other top performers in North America include Minneapolis–Saint Paul in the 25-50 million passengers category, Vancouver International Airport in the 15-25 million passengers category, and Raleigh–Durham in the 5-15 million passenger category.

In Asia Pacific, Hong Kong is at the top among the airports over 40 million passengers per year; Guam International is ranked as the most efficient airport among those below 10 million passengers. Jeju International and Gimhae International also won the top efficiency awards in their respective categories, both are operated by Korea Airports Corporation that is ranked as the most efficient airport group in the Asia Pacific region. Sydney Airport continues to be the top efficiency airport in Oceania, its eighth win in a row.

Amsterdam Schiphol airport is ranked again at the top among the airports with over 40 million passengers, Copenhagen won the top efficiency award among the airports with 25-40 million passengers. Athens International Airports is ranked at the top among the airports with 15-25 million passengers.

The ATRS Global Airport Benchmarking Project measures and compares the performance of several important aspects of airport operations: **Productivity and efficiency**, **unit costs and cost competitiveness**, **financial results and airport charges**. The report also examines the relationships between various performance measures and airport characteristics as well as management strategies in order to provide a better understanding of observed differences in airport performance. The 2018 report includes 204 airports and 24 airport groups of various sizes and ownership forms in Asia Pacific, Europe and North America.

About the Air Transport Research Society

The Air Transport Research Society was established in 1995 to enhance the research capability for multi-national and multi-disciplinary issues on air transportation, and to foster interaction between international and national aviation academics dealing with policy, management strategy and infrastructure issues.

The ATRS Annual Global Airport Performance Benchmarking Project was initiated in 2000. The project is now hosted at College of Business at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Daytona Beach, FL (USA). The ATRS Research Team is guided by a 16-member task force of leading academics from Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. The 3-volume reports can be ordered at www.atrsworld.org.

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