

Beijing Capital Airport Established Friendly Partnership with Geneva International Airport

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On May 3rd 2013, Beijing Capital International Airport Co., Ltd (**BCIA**) and **Geneva International Airport signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on establishing "Sister Airports" partnership, to formally establish a friendly cooperative partnership between two sides.** Dong Zhiyi, the General Manager of Capital Airports Holding Co. Ltd. (CAH), ZhuangGuanghu, the General Manager of BCIA, Li Xiaomei, the secretary of the Party Leadership Group of BCIA, and Robert Deillon, the Managing Director of Geneva Airport, as well as leaders from the Embassy of Switzerland in Beijing, and Swiss Chinese Chamber of Commerce attended the signing ceremony.

According to the Memorandum, both parties will further strengthen their cooperation and communication in the aspects of hub airport construction, green airport, and airport operations, and seize the opportunity of the inauguration of the Geneva-Beijing direct air route, to constantly develop the fast raising Eurasian aviation market, and to build a smooth and efficient air bridge between China and Switzerland.

On the signing ceremony, Dong Zhiyi said, the establishment of the Friendly Partnership between Beijing Capital Airport and Geneva International Airport has historical significance. It opens a gate for the communication and exchange between two countries, and builds an air bridge for the communication of the two cities. Meanwhile, it also builds a bond of friendship for the exchange of civilizations between the *East* and the *West*.

Located at the *SwissborderwithFrance*, Geneva International Airport is a state owned enterprise. Within the scope of the airport, there are more than 200 residing units, with about 9,500 employees. The total passenger throughput, the number of handled flights and the cargo throughput of Geneva International Airport in 2012 reached about 13.9 million person-times, 193,000 flights, and 54,000tons respectively. From 2007 to 2011, the airport invested a total number of 345 million Swiss Franc for the construction and operation of the airport, with the total profits of 130 million Swiss Franc. Currently, there are more than 50 airline companies having their operations in Geneva International Airport, which provides about 3,711 flights each week to 120 destinations of Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

In 2012, the passenger throughput of Capital Airport reached 81.93 million, ranking the second place in the world; its world ranking of ACI passenger satisfaction degree was listed at the 3rd place in Q3. The airport has become the first Four-star Airport and the first airport to pass the ACI airport service quality certification in Mainland China. In the course of building "China Service", Capital Airport has long been taking the leading role in guiding the development direction of the airport industry of China; in the course of promoting industrial development, Capital Airport has won more and more concern and appreciation from the industry in the world.

Up to now, BCIA has established "Sister Airports" partnership with 23 airports, including Hong Kong International Airport, Athens Airport, Singapore Changi Airport, Vancouver Airport, Narita International Airport, Manchester Airport, Munich Airport, etc.

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