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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## Piarco International Airport - Best Airport in the Caribbean

Airports Authority of Trinidad and Tobago ("the Authority") is pleased to announce that the Piarco International Airport (POS) has topped the region as the Best Airport in the Caribbean, as declared by the Skytrax World Airport Awards for 2023. In the wider Central America and Caribbean region, POS ranks as the Third Best Airport, with Panama's Tocumen International Airport, in first place and San Jose International Airport, in Costa Rica, in second position.

General Manager of the Authority, Mr. Hayden Newton, is currently attending the International Passenger Terminal Conference, in Amsterdam, where the Skytrax winners are presented. He stated that "this achievement is a testament to the perseverance and diligence of our employees, who work hard to ensure that we attain high standards of safety and security, operational efficiency and service excellence".

It is noteworthy that Mr. Hayden Newton, is representing Trinidad and Tobago, at this global conference, and has addressed attendees as a panellist, at a forum focused on the topic 'The Future Airport Workforce - Competing For Talent in a Global Market'. This Conference attracts international aviation professionals, addresses key issues critical to the success of airport business and offers innovative solutions to ensure the sustainable development of the aviation industry globally.

Further to this, a team from the Authority will serve as part of a delegation representing Trinidad and Tobago, which will be attending the Routes Americas Conference from the 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 in Chicago, for the purposes of air service development. This involves the strategic approach to attracting new airlines and retaining and expanding existing routes, in a holistic bid to increase air lift to our nation, through airport and destination marketing.

The Authority wishes to thank the Minister of Works and Transport, the Honourable Senator Rohan Sinanan and his team at the Ministry for their policy direction and continued support that have allowed for international acclamation and success.

The Authority also wishes extend gratitude to other stakeholders in the travel and tourism sector; the airlines, concessionaires and the government agencies that operate at the Piarco International Airport, for contributing to our accomplishments.

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