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## BRUSSELS AIRPORT SETS NEW RECORD

**A record dating from 2000 was broken at year-end 2014, when traffic through Brussels Airport reached the new level of nearly 22 million passengers (21,933,190). This represents an increase of 14.6 per cent on 2013.**

**A special event presided over by Jacqueline Galant, the Belgian Federal Minister of Transport, and Arnaud Feist, CEO of the airport, was held to mark the achievement. The 2000 record stood at 21,637,003 passengers.**

**Factors contributing to the growth were the arrival of Ryanair and Emirates, and the addition of routes by both Brussels Airlines and Vueling. Transfer traffic also grew by more than 20 per cent, thanks to Brussels Airport's role as a Star Alliance hub. Exceeding the 21.6 million passenger mark was a major challenge. The record was achieved thanks to higher average passenger load factors, while the use of larger-capacity aircraft reduced the overall number of flights by 30 per cent. The airport also saw a 5.6 per cent growth in cargo traffic, outperforming most other European airports.**

**The new records illustrate the success of the strategy put in place by the Brussels Airport Company in recent years, including investments in infrastructure and airport services. With an added value of € 3.2 billion, the airport is a pillar of the Belgian economy, ranking as the second most important centre of economic growth in the country and providing direct and indirect employment for 60,000 people.**

**2015 will see the implementation at Brussels Airport of a major project of runway renovation.**

### **Direct flights resume between Brussels and Tokyo**

**After a lapse of nearly 15 years, direct flights between Belgium and Japan will be resumed this autumn, when an All Nippon Airways (ANA) service is inaugurated.**

**Brussels Airport management stresses the strategic importance of this link with Tokyo. To date more than 300 Japanese companies have invested in Belgium, providing direct employment for some 25,000 people.**

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