

Message from Kenya Airports Authority – Kecoso Aug 9th – 16th 2008

KAA is once again honored to sponsor the KECOSO games for the second year in a row. I am sure that these games will build on the success achieved in Meru last year and raise the bar of excellence for our sportsmen and women.

This is a great event in our sporting calendar and I am informed that it could not have been achieved without the dedicated efforts of members of the KECOSO Governing Council and Organizing Committee drawn from diverse areas of our public service. I congratulate you all for a job well done.

Sports have been identified as one of the major avenues of youth empowerment under the vision 2030. We pray that most of the amateur sportsmen and women participating will go on to shatter world records and move on to the Olympics and indeed graduate to the professional arena. That is why the sports agenda at KAA is taken very seriously and we do indeed have young and emerging talent who are already competing with the best at international world athletics' championship.

Kenya Airports Authority's mission is to manage and develop world class aviation facilities in Kenya intent on offering both customers and stakeholders a consistently comfortable airport experience.

Our vision is to be the unchallenged airport system hub for the region, benchmarked on the best in the world and to generate a fair return on our investment for our shareholder the government and by extension the Kenyan people.

In the last five years Kenya Airports has dramatically improved its airports management systems. We were recently certified with the ISO 9001:2000 award, the first in Africa.

While on infrastructure improvement, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) awaits the start of its second phase once of expansion and reorganization. This will include the building of Unit 4 and a Car park for 1500 cars. These added facilities will increase the handling capacity of JKIA to 8 million passengers per annum and construction is expected to be complete in two years time.

Kisumu Airport is also undergoing major improvements. The aim of the expansion is to sustain the capacity of the airport to handle traffic, expand facilities to accommodate natural growth in national and regional traffic as well as international cargo traffic. The construction will include,

- Reconstruction of existing aircraft pavements (Runway & Taxiways)
- Extension of runway to accommodate B737, extension from 2000m to 3000m and widening from 30m to 45m
- New apron for 3 No. B737 stands or 5 No. F28 with provision for expansion
- Parking for approximately 130 cars (3,500sqm)

- New airfield ground lighting including approach lights
- New power substation, two guard houses and a toll booth
- New terminal building (3,000 sqm) with,
 - separate terminal facilities for domestic and international passengers
 - equipped with a baggage reclaim belt
- Design is of a modular nature to allow for future expansion
- Drainage works and other associated infrastructure for the above

Kenya Airports Authority is committed to the concept of business process re-engineering. Our airports play a significant role in the national economy especially by facilitating the tourism and horticultural industries. The quality of airport infrastructure is a vital component of the overall transportation network and contributes directly to our country's international competitiveness. Our focus is on greater efficiency, superior quality service to our customers and the development of a world class hub.

In conclusion this sports festival is an ideal tool to bring people together and create a strong bonding, networking and a competitive spirit to bring out what is best in all of us. I wish all participating teams every success in this year's event.

George Muhoho
Managing Director