



Mactan Airport T2 slated to open on time in June 2018

Slated to open on time in June 2018, the Terminal 2 of Mactan Airport will increase passenger capacity to 12.5 million. The new terminal, spanning 65,500 square meters, will not only lessen congestion but will offer an exciting and wide-ranging retail environment.

The construction of a new world-class Passenger Terminal Building or Terminal 2 in Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) is already in full swing and is meant to drive further the economic growth and tourism environment for Cebu and the rest of the Southern Philippines.

Envisioned with a unique design that demonstrates the warmth and friendliness of the local culture, the project is set to transform the local airport into a world-class facility and resort-gateway.

“The launch of Terminal 2 and the future expansion of MCIA allows GMCAC to launch more direct international services to Cebu and expand the number of domestic connections such that Cebu becomes a major gateway to the Philippines. Through this, tourism, business and leisure travel will increase significantly,” said Manuel Louie Ferrer, president of GMR MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC).

Mactan Cebu International Airport, the gateway to the Visayas and Southern Philippines, is the second largest airport facility in the country with an annually growing number of passengers. In 2016, GMCAC logged 6.41 million domestic passengers and 2.52 million international passengers, which also grew by 12 percent from the previous year. With strategic and out-of-the box airline marketing initiatives, GMCAC is optimistic that it will hit its target of 10-million passenger arrivals by the end of 2017, or a 12% jump from 2016.

With a total of 16 international destinations, 33 domestic destinations and with 22 partner airline carriers, Mactan-Cebu Airport is no longer just a secondary airport. It is a viable choice that connects Cebu to the rest of the Philippines and to the world.

“Thanks to a strong focus on destination marketing and route development, more airlines are now choosing to fly to Cebu. As a matter of fact, MCIA’s domestic and international connectivity have increased threefold these past three years,” Ferrer said.

In the coming years, completely new routes connecting Cebu to Europe, Australia and other ASEAN countries will be in the works. Likewise, expanding connections to China, Japan and South Korea are being studied.

At the helm of this facility is GMR- MEGAWIDE Cebu Airport Corporation (GMCAC), a Filipino-led consortium managing the terminal operations and other related areas of the Mactan-Cebu International Airport. Under the Public-Private partnership (PPP) framework, the GMR Group of India and the MEGAWIDE Construction Corporation joint venture, shall deliver a second terminal and rehabilitate the



existing one to reduce congestion as well as meet the growing passenger traffic. GMCAC is undertaking this capital extensive project to provide a world class terminal airport with a welcoming ambiance that is distinctly Filipino.