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Hartsfield-Jackson Airport Welcomes Chinese Delegation to Share Best Practices

Airport selected as stopping point to discuss sustainability and efficiency

ATLANTA – On Friday, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport officials hosted a roundtable with seven Chinese visitors to share best practices at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport. This visit was one of several in Atlanta as part of the U.S. Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program. The guests arrived on Wednesday from New York City and departed to Indianapolis on Sunday.

“We are honored by the international recognition of our programs at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and look forward to assisting our colleagues achieve their sustainability and efficiency goals,” said Hartsfield-Jackson general manager Louis Miller. “As the world’s busiest passenger airport, we are constantly adapting to changes in the industry and an open dialogue with our partners across the world is critical to all of our successes.”

One of the primary focuses of this delegation’s trip is to examine best practices in sustainable development in the United States. In 2011, Atlanta was one of the first cities selected by President Obama to participate in a U.S. Department of Energy-backed sustainability program. As a result, over 80 buildings in Atlanta pledged to reduce their energy and water consumption by 20% by 2020. Hartsfield-Jackson Airport was one of 20 Atlanta properties to reach the 20% reduction goal this year, just two years after the launch of the program.

“At Hartsfield-Jackson, we prioritize environmental stewardship,” said Hartsfield-Jackson Director of Asset Management and Sustainability Michael Cheyne. “With the amount of foot traffic we see through this airport, it is imperative that we think about the economic, environmental and social impact in every change we make and we look forward to continuing to share best practices with our international colleagues.”

“Due to the Airport’s leadership in sustainability and its function as the gateway to the international world, we were thrilled that our visitors were able to visit with the Airport’s executive management,” said Georgia Council for International Visitors Program Director Emily O’Harris. “This delegation of Chinese civic and business leaders enjoyed a conversation with distinguished leaders in the aviation industry and will be traveling home with an understanding of best practices at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport.”

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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Hartsfield-Jackson is the world’s busiest airport, serving more than 95 million passengers annually with nonstop service to 160 U.S. destinations and nearly 70 international destinations in more than 45 countries. The Airport is a frequent recipient of awards of excellence for concessions, operations, architectural engineering and construction – including the 2013 Global Efficiency Excellence Award from the Air Transport Research Society (for more information, go to www.atrsworld.org), 2013 Project of the Year, Architectural Category for the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal from the American Association of Airport Executives Southeast chapter (for more information, go to www.secaaae.org) and the 2012 Best Airport in North America, Business Travel Award from the Business Traveler Magazine (for more information, go to www.businesstravelerusa.com). ATL is undergoing more than \$6 billion worth of capital improvements, which include a new, energy-efficient rental car center, a gold LEED certified international terminal which opened to the general public on May 16, 2012 (for more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com/internationalterminal/) and aesthetic and functional upgrades to its concourses, people movers and parking services. For more information, go to www.atlanta-airport.com. Check out the Airport’s YouTube channel by visiting <http://www.youtube.com/AtlantaHartsfield>, follow us on Twitter (@Atlanta_Airport) and become a fan on Facebook (Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport).

