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Christchurch Airport finalist in international awards

Christchurch Airport is the only New Zealand airport to be shortlisted in what are widely regarded as the most prestigious awards in the airline community.

The Routes Asia Marketing Awards will be decided this week in Malaysia, with winners being voted for and judged by the airline community.

Christchurch Airport is one of five finalists in the best airport for between four and 20 million passengers. It is up against Sultan Hasanuddin International Airport(Sulawesi), Nanning Wuxu International Airport (China), Bangalore International Airport (India) and Abu Dhabi International Airport(Middle East).

Awards organisers say the awards provide the airline community with the chance to have their say as to which airport they think provides the best overall marketing services.

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Christchurch Airport – bringing the world South

Christchurch Airport welcomed 5.5 million passengers last year, ranking as New Zealand's second largest airport. The airport occupies a unique position economically, as the South Island's busiest and most strategic air connection to the world's trade and tourism markets. 81% of international visitors to the South Island are welcomed and farewelled at Christchurch Airport.

In addition, the airport plays an important role as the South Island's major domestic hub servicing all New Zealanders, enabling passengers to connect to a full spectrum of destinations throughout New Zealand. Christchurch International Airport is a major driver of the regional Canterbury economy, generating airport precinct related jobs for nearly 6000 people.

Government policy currently offers "Open Skies" over Christchurch until 2017, giving favourable consideration to airlines offering new services to and from the city.

Christchurch Airport is a carbon neutral company and has received carboNZero certification from Landcare Research following a detailed measurement and analysis process. CIAL is the first airport company in the Southern Hemisphere to attain certified carbon neutral status and is the second carbon neutral certified airport company in the world.

Visit christchurchairport.co.nz for more information.