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## MEDIA RELEASE

# Cayman Islands Opens Expanded Airport In Cayman Brac



**PHOTO CAPTION:** Mrs. Carol Kirkconnell (with scissors) cuts the ribbon flanked by (L-R) Tourism Ambassador Katherine Tatum, Hon. Juliana O'Connor Conolly, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Airports Authority CEO, Albert Anderson, Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin and Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism Hon. Moses Kirkconnell.

**Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands (31 January, 2015)** The [Cayman Islands](http://www.caymanislands.gov.ky) now offers travellers the choice and convenience of two international airports, due to the expansion and renovation of the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport in Cayman Brac – the second largest Island in the Cayman Islands trio.

The airport now has an extended arrivals hall and a new departures lounge which provides an additional gate for the seamless transfer of passengers, particularly those departing on international carriers. State-of-the-art baggage screening equipment has been installed in a purpose built facility which also includes a sequestered screening area.

In addition to improving operational efficiency, the new screening equipment brings the airport into compliance with international safety standards and facilitates the servicing of direct flights between Cayman Brac, the United States and other international gateways.

The official opening was attended by several distinguished guests including Cayman Islands Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, and members of Capt. Charles Kirkconnell's family.

"The enhancements to this airport represent an important step forward in this government's policy to provide solutions that will increase tourism and stimulate the economy, particularly in the Sister Islands," stated Minister Kirkconnell. "As a result of this redevelopment, for the very first time since 9/11, international commercial flights can now fly directly to and from Cayman Brac, which is a fundamental change that allows us to significantly broaden our horizons. Our national airline [Cayman Airways](#) is already in the process of introducing new flights to/from the USA and other international destinations, and we look forward to launching these services as early as June 2015."

The expansion of the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport has been undertaken as part of the Islands Airport Redevelopment Programme, which also includes major expansion of the Owen Roberts International Airport in Grand Cayman.

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