



SACBO CELEBRATES 100 MILLION PASSENGERS FROM 1972 TO DATE AT BGY AIRPORT WITH A CANCELLATION STAMP ON 21ST MARCH 2016

On Monday 21st March 2016 SACBO will celebrate the milestone of 100 million passengers passing through Bergamo Airport since 1972 with the use of a special cancellation stamp. The operations first began on 21st March 44 years ago, when the first flight took off for Rome Ciampino. The arrival of low-cost carriers since 2002 has allowed Bergamo airport to climb up the ranking of national airports, reaching a stable third place after Rome Fiumicino and Milan Malpensa. It has also enabled it to increase in growth, both in terms of passenger movement, which has reached 10.4 million in 2015, and regarding its airport infrastructure and service, for which SACBO has invested 160 million euros entirely of its own resources, over the past decade.

Thanks to the levels reached in 2015, which are certified by ACI Europe, Bergamo has passed in 2016 from group 3, which includes airports from 5 to 10 million passengers a year and in which category Bergamo airport came first place in 2015 for the best performance, to Group 2 (10 to 25 million passengers).

“It is gratifying to reach a significant quota with a symbolic value - stresses Miro Radici, President of SACBO - which testifies to the role carried out by Bergamo Airport also in the first thirty years of operation, which were a period that allowed the operational capacity of the airport to be kept intact, offering the opportunity to seize the opportune moment to draw up a completely new scenario. Our thoughts turn to the brilliant insights and choices of the SACBO management team, primarily to the then President Ilario Testa who, backed by the shareholders, created the conditions for the development of low-cost air transport and the subsequent market evolution. Increasingly supported by the head of the management company at the time, they have encouraged and affirmed the strategic function of Bergamo Airport”. SACBO has chosen to offer the cancellation stamp once again, replicating the lucky one with which it celebrated 40 years of Bergamo Airport operation back in 2012. This second edition will certainly be popular with collectors, but is also intended to raise the interest and curiosity of the thousands of passengers and airport operators who will be at the airport on the first day of spring.

The counter issuing the Poste Italiane cancellation stamp service will be set up at the check-in desks in the group area, which is accessible to everyone, from 7:30 am to 8:30 pm.

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