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AIR SEYCHELLES TEAMS UP WITH SEYCHELLES BUSINESS STUDIES ACADEMY TO OFFER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Air Seychelles has today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Seychelles Business Studies Academy (SBSA) to provide internship and training opportunities for the staff and students from both institutions.

The partnership agreement renewable every two years was signed in a short ceremony held at the Air Seychelles Head Office in Pointe Larue.

Chief Executive Officer, Remco Althuis and SBSA Director, Josianne Bristol signed the agreement in the presence of the airlines' Chief People and Performance Officer, Japha Ally, Vice-Chairperson of SBSA Governing Board, Dinaz Van Der Lans including key officials from both establishments.

The event was also attended by a group of SBSA students who are currently undergoing their internship programme at Air Seychelles.

Addressing the audience, Mr Althuis said: "We are very pleased to partner with SBSA to offer their students the chance to join the different departments of the national airline to gain the necessary skills and experience required prior to joining the world of work.

"We are also keen to support the students from the institution with full time work based opportunities within our finance department upon completion of their studies whilst they await for their scholarship programme, as we believe the knowledge gained and technical know-how in the field will be extremely beneficial when they proceed for further studies.

"In fact at the moment we have two graduates who were both this year honoured with the best performance award from SBSA working in our finance department who will later proceed on scholarship apart from the group of seven who are following the internship programme."

Speaking on behalf of SBSA, Mrs. Bristol explained: "I would like to start by expressing my sincere appreciation to Air Seychelles for stepping forward to engage in this partnership with SBSA.

“The Academy offers training which has enormous employment potential in both government and private companies and our students gain recognized local qualifications, validated by the Seychelles Qualifications Authority, as well as internationally recognized external qualifications.

“Furthermore, our students undertake work-based experience, a vital part of their training programme and for this we need the support of professionals in the field to pass on their own knowledge and skills to our students, thus helping us ensure that not only are our graduates provided with theoretical training but they also get some commendable and much needed expertise from time spent on work based experience at the different companies.

“Employers, therefore, can rely upon this as evidence that SBSA graduates have been well trained and are ready to embark on a successful career in any business environment.”

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About Air Seychelles

Air Seychelles was established in 1978 and began long-haul service in 1983. The airline currently offers international flights to Johannesburg, Mauritius and Mumbai. Air Seychelles also offers more than 350 domestic scheduled flights a week throughout the archipelago, including domestic charter services. As the national airline of the Republic of Seychelles, Air Seychelles is a pillar of tourism, the island nation’s strongest and growing economic sector. The airline maintains a strategic partnership with Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates and 40 per cent stakeholder. For more information, please visit: www.airseychelles.com

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