

New terminal building at Jashore Airport inaugurated

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Dhaka : The new terminal building at Jashore Airport was inaugurated on July 31.

Established as an airfield during World War-II and launched as a domestic airport in 1960, Jashore Airport has undergone extensive development work in the last 14 years.

With the construction of this new terminal, passengers will now get more advanced and modern air services. This airport will also play a role in the expansion of tourism industry and other economic activities in the region.

The new terminal building has been built under a BDT 32 crore project of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB). The airport will now have the capacity to handle one million passengers annually.

The new terminal building has eight check-in counters, five luggage

scanning machines, five archways, a VIP lounge and a car parking.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md Mahbub Ali attended the inauguration ceremony as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said, the aviation market of Bangladesh has grown nearly twofold in the last 10 years and it will grow almost threefold in the next 15 years.

The State Minister said the investment in the country's aviation sector has increased due to the policy support from the present government.

"Our aim is to transform Bangladesh's aviation industry into a smart one under the leadership of the prime minister. The smart aviation industry will play an important role in building a developed and Smart Bangladesh," he added.

He stressed that a safe and comfortable environment is being created for passengers at all airports in the country by ensuring the quality and safety of passenger services.

Air Vice Marshal Mafidur Rahman, Chairman of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh also spoke at the event.