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Dubai International Airport voted 3rd best in the world
by Conde'Nast Traveller readers

Dubai International Airport has been voted overall as the third best airport in the world by readers of Conde'Nast Traveller. There were 20 different categories of awards which included best airport, hotel, airline, overseas cities, islands among others.

The criteria for judging the airport category were location and accessibility; design and layout; cleanliness; efficiency at check-in; efficiency of transfers; flight information and clarity of signs; pre-flight facilities and lounges; food and restaurants; shopping and duty free facilities; parking facilities.

The selection of Dubai International Airport as the 3rd best received a major boost when it was voted in second for its shopping and duty free facilities - the world renowned Dubai Duty Free.

HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President of the Department of Civil Aviation and Chairman of Emirates, commented, "This is quite an achievement for Dubai International Airport, specially when one considers the

extent of construction work which is presently underway here. Since it was the travellers themselves who have voted for us, it is a recognition of all our hard work and effort put in to provide excellent service to passengers. With the completion of the new Concourse in the year 2000, we aim to continue providing the best service and achieve the place of a premiere airport in the world."

26,000 readers of Conde'Nast Traveller filled in their preferences in the Readers Travel Award questionnaires which were inserted in the May 1999 issue of the magazine distributed in UK. The replies were later sent to an independent market research company which collated and analysed the data.

Dubai International Airport is the only airport in the Middle East to be ranked among the top 10 airports listed in the Best Airport Category. Changi, Singapore, came in first while Chek Lap Kok, Hongkong ranked second. Amsterdam's Schiphol ranked first for its duty free and shopping facility.