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## PAN AM GAMES – A GOLD MEDAL FOR THE TORONTO REGION

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**TORONTO** – Toronto Pearson congratulates the Toronto 2015 Pan / Parapan American Games team for winning the bid and welcomes the games to the Toronto Region. The Airport is poised to support the 16-day multi-sport event and the expected 10,000 plus athletes, officials and 250,000 visitors to the Toronto Region.

“With over 50 flights including 31 direct to and from Pan American international cities, Toronto Pearson is easily accessible to visitors from the Caribbean, South and Central America” according to Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA. “Toronto Pearson’s modern and new infrastructure is equipped to serve athletes, officials and visitors that will be visiting the region for the Pan American games.”

The benefits of the games extend well past the theme of sport and competition. Improved transit, infrastructure and capital investment at Toronto Pearson and across the region will be long term victories of the games.

Toronto Pearson was a proud supporter of the bid for the Toronto 2015 Pan / Parapan American games, and will continue to work closely with all levels of government and transit agency partners to build improved transit links to the airport with connections across the Toronto Region.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. In 2008, 32.3 million passengers traveled through Toronto Pearson, making it Canada’s busiest airport.

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