Edinburgh Airport reports growth in international travel

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Edinburgh Airport has said this morning that international travel is growing rapidly with over 20 per cent more international passengers recorded there in January 2016 than in the same month last year. This is the highest increase they have recorded in international passengers since 2008.

More than 700,000 passengers used the airport in January of this year which is 3 per cent more than last year.

Welcoming January's passenger figures Gordon Dewar, Edinburgh Airport's Chief Executive, said: "January's passenger numbers are very welcome indeed and the massive increase in the number of international passengers highlights the growing draw of Edinburgh as a prime global destination.

"We are continuing to offer greater choice with more routes and more destinations— and passengers are responding by flying in and out of Edinburgh directly in greater numbers than ever before.

"People ask me how much more Edinburgh Airport can grow in a country with little over five million people; it is not the five million I am worried about — but how the other seven billion across the globe get to visit us."

In 2014 Edinburgh Airport welcomed <u>ten million passengers</u> in the year.