

## The airport is nearing completion

The Diputación President is certain that the airport will be completed on 30th January 2009

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On Wednesday 29th October, Carlos Fabra, President of the Castellón Diputación Provincial, accompanied by various provincial deputies, visited the site of the Castellón Costa Azahar airport to see how the work is progressing. The Diputación President could see how well the work is proceeding with the airport installations and where they are finishing off the final details in the passenger terminal. This building already has spectacular tiling carried out by the Castellón Porcelanosa company. As the General Manager of Castellón Airport, Juan García Salas, explained, the ceramic material covering the passenger terminal exterior is not only good quality and aesthetically pleasing, but it has an anti-paint finish which will mean that any graffiti will be able to be simply wiped off with just a simple cloth.

Carlos Fabra also inspected the cargo terminal, the control tower and the fire-brigade base. He explained to the press that the situation of the Fire Station meant that assistance would be only two minutes away from either end of the runway.

During their visit the delegation was able to see that the aircraft parking area is nearly finished and that the first phase of work to tarmac the runway has been completed. The runway is 2,700 metres long, and could be extended to 4,000 metres in the future. The building of the current length of runway is equivalent to building 120 kilometres of roadway because of the quantity of materials, tarmac and bituminous mixtures used, which have to sustain enormous impacts such as that of a 70 ton aircraft landing at a speed of 300 kilometres per hour.

Fabra said that he is certain that the main works will be finished by 30th January 2009. From then on the processes for the different authorisations which are required for the operation of an airport can begin. The tests required by AENA will be requested and the application made to the State Government for the appropriate licence. AEROCAS bosses hope to sort out these matters as soon as possible so that the airport installations can be in operation after summer 2009 or at the end of that year.

Among the work still to be carried out is the piping of water which has to be brought from nearby Vilanova d'Alcolea, which will be done through an agreement between the Castellón Diputación Provincial and the Generalitat



Valenciana. The high powered electricity line which runs close to the runway also has to be moved, to prevent any interference or risks to the flying operations which will be taking place.

The President of the Diputación spoke of the strong support from the Generalitat Valenciana, Castellón businesses and the Diputación itself in driving this project forward at the same time as he regretted the delays which had occurred during the work, "without which the airport now would have been finished".

During the tour around the airport, Carlos

Fabra showed those present the spaces which would be occupied by the different services in the passenger terminal, such as the check-in desks, the café, the VIP lounge, cloakrooms and the passenger areas. He pointed out the quality of the materials used, particularly the ceramic tiling used on different surfaces, with each type of tile chosen for its particular qualities with regard to its use.

For the airport bosses, the opening of airport will mark a before and after in the economy of Castellón Province, particularly in the tourist sector, as it will make it possible for tourists to arrive more quickly, conveniently and cheaply.

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### 10,000 euros to improve the condition of the walking routes in the Sierra d'Irta

As part of Alcalá de Xivert Council's Plan for the Improvement of Leisure Areas and Zones, the footpath to the San Benet chapel has been improved.

This improvement to its condition is in addition to the many areas improved by the Council during the year. It will improve the network of walking routes which is one of the main tourist attractions in the town.

The work carried out included cleaning and clearing scrub, installing signs all along the path, maintaining the indigenous plants and the surrounding natural landscape; putting up handrails; painting and restoration of the San Benet chapel and wooden platform; the creation of a look-out point showing the surrounding landmarks; the installation of a bicycle rack. The total cost of the improvements was over 10,000 euros.

To make the most of the path improvements, the Council is planning to organise a climb up it on foot in December, to mark the festival of Santa Lucia.

### Wide range of Council-run classes for adults

Enrolment has already started for the different classes for adults being run by Alcalá de Xivert Council in 2008-2009.

The various courses and workshops included in the Council's learning programme for adults are within the training guidelines developed by the Council which aim to give all sectors of the population the opportunity for further training. As local mayor Francisco Juan Mars commented, "we want both young and old to be able to count on the Council's support to complement their training. Our objective is to provide a full range of opportunities to choose from, offering activities more focussed on apprenticeship leading to a professional level as well as others with more of a leisure aspect".

The Council has prepared an adult training programme with 18 courses. Thus residents in the town have a great selection and can choose the class which interests them most. Courses on offer are: Painting and Drawing, Bobbin Lace-making; Traditional Skills, IT, Dolcaina I Tabalet (Pipe and Drum), Furniture Restoration; English and Castellano for foreigners.

Those interested should go to the municipal offices to fill in the enrolment forms. Classes will begin on 3rd November and will be held in Alcalá and Alcossebre.

## Vecinos de Cabanes visitaron las obras del aeropuerto



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El pasado 15 de octubre, un grupo de vecinos de Cabanes realizaron una visita a las obras que se llevan a cabo entre Vilanova y Benlloch para la construcción del aeropuerto Castellón Costa Azahar. La delegación estaba encabezada por el

alcalde de Cabanes, Artemio Siurana, que acompañó a los dos autobuses que participaron en la visita a las instalaciones aeroportuarias. El Director General de Aeropuerto de Castellón, Juan García Salas, fue el encargado de acompañar a los visitantes en el recorrido por las obras, realizando las explicaciones sobre los tra-

bajos que se desarrollan. Los vecinos se mostraron muy incisivos en las preguntas que realizaron, interesándose por aspectos como el despeje de los aviones, el ruido, detalles de la gestión del aeropuerto, algo que llamó poderosamente la atención de los responsables del aeropuerto.

Los participantes en la visita se mostraron muy satisfechos por las explicaciones recibidas, partiendo hacia su localidad con el deseo de volver muy pronto al aeropuerto para poder ver terminada la obra.