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## **Changi is the favourite of International Shippers**

Singapore Changi Airport continues to be Asia's best air cargo hub for the 18th consecutive year. It received the 'Best Airport - Asia' award at the 2004 Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards held in Shanghai on 12 May 2004. The award was based on an annual survey of international shippers conducted by Cargonews Asia, a Hong Kong-based cargo trade publication.

In deciding their choice of airports, the shippers considered a number of factors, including provision of suitable cargo-related infrastructure, cost competitiveness, cargo-friendly fee regime, timely and adequate investment in new infrastructure to meet future demand, and facilitation of air cargo ancillary services, including logistics and freight forwarding facilities, either on-airport or off-airport.

"At Changi Airport, we do all we can to facilitate the smooth and efficient flow of cargo, and to create a conducive environment for the shipping community to make profits. We thank the international shippers community for their support and for giving Changi the thumbs up. We will work even harder to serve their needs," said Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).

At Changi Airport, airfreight operations take place within the Changi Airfreight Centre (CAC), a 47-hectare, 24-hour Free Trade Zone (FTZ). There is a total of 130,000 sq m of office and warehouse space for cargo agents to consolidate and break down their cargo shipments with minimum customs formality. There are eight airfreight terminals and ten freighter aircraft parking bays in the CAC. There are also four cargo agents' buildings (CABs) managed by CAAS providing warehouse and office space to more than 200 international and local freight forwarders.

Changi Airport, has an annual cargo handling capacity of 2.5 million tonnes. It handled 1.6 million tonnes of cargo in 2003. In March 2004, Changi was also named the Asian Air Cargo Airport 2004 by The Global Institute of Logistics, a global forum for the 3rd Party Logistics (3PL) industry.