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Changi Airport Records Highest Passenger Number in Seven Months

The number of travellers using Changi Airport in June 2004 rose to the highest level since December last year. Changi Airport received 2.6 million passengers in June 2004. The last time the passenger number surpassed this mark was in December 2003, when 2.7 million people passed through, started or ended their flights at Changi.

The June 2004 figure also represents a 70.4 per cent jump over June 2003, when 1.53 million travellers used Changi Airport. Compared with June 2002 before SARS struck, the June 2004 number is 6 per cent higher. In June 2002, Changi received 2.46 million travellers.

Passenger numbers are traditionally stronger in June and December, when more people travel as a result of the June and year-end school holiday seasons in Singapore.

Taken as a whole, the first six months of the year saw 14.4 million travellers using Changi Airport. This is a 35.5 per cent hike over the corresponding period a year ago, and a 1.7 per cent increase over the same period in 2002.

Meanwhile, air cargo volume retained its steady climb. Changi Airport handled 149,699 tonnes of airfreight in June 2004. This is 17.7 per cent higher than June 2003, and a 6 per cent rise from June 2002. In June 2003, Changi handled 127,175 tonnes of airfreight, and in June 2002, Changi handled 141,246 tonnes of airfreight.

In the first six months of this year, air cargo volume rose 11.1 per cent year-on-year to 856,303 tonnes.