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Passenger Volume at Changi Airport Inches Closer to New Full-Year Record

Passenger traffic at Changi Airport continued to surpass pre-SARS levels in the month of August.

Changi Airport handled some 2.6 million travellers in August 2004, marking an increase of 15 per cent as compared to the 2.26 million travellers in August 2003. Compared to August 2002, the latest passenger traffic number was 4 per cent higher. In August 2002, 2.5 million passengers came through Changi Airport.

The latest August figure offers optimism that passenger traffic at Changi Airport will reach new heights this year, barring unforeseen circumstances. Between January and August 2004, a total of 19.68 million passengers visited Changi Airport. This is 31.1 per cent more than the same period a year ago, and a 2.9 per cent increase from the corresponding January to August period in 2002.

Passenger volume at Changi Airport reached a record high in 2002, hitting 29 million passengers for the full year.

Meanwhile, Changi Airport processed 147,398 tonnes of cargo in August 2004, which is a jump of 11 per cent from 132,846 tonnes in August 2003, and an increase of 6.3 per cent over August 2002, when 138,618 tonnes of air freight was moved at Changi Airport.

Between January and August 2004, Changi Airport handled slightly over a million tonnes of air freight (1,155,195 tonnes). This is an 11.7 per cent hike over the same period last year, and an 8 per cent increase over 2002.