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## **Passenger Volume Hits Record-high at Changi Airport**

Passenger traffic at Singapore Changi Airport in July 2004 surged to its highest level since December 2003. Some 2.68 million travellers used Changi Airport in July 2004. This is a 26.3 per cent increase over the 2.12 million travellers handled in July 2003. It also exceeded the passenger traffic in July 2002 by 8.1 per cent. In July 2002, Changi Airport handled 2.48 million passengers.

The first seven months of 2004 saw a total of 17.08 million passengers passing through or connecting their flights at Changi Airport. This is a 33.9 per cent jump over January-July 2003, and a 2.7 per cent increase over the same period in 2002.

Changi Airport's airfreight traffic also grew in July 2004 by 15.8 per cent to 151,494 tonnes, compared to the 130,797 tonnes handled in July 2003. It reflects an increase of 9.4 per cent over July 2002, when 138,534 tonnes of air cargo was moved at Changi Airport.

Between January and July 2004, Changi Airport handled slightly over a million tonnes of air cargo volume. This is an improvement of 11.8 per cent over the same period last year, and a 8.3 per cent increase over 2002.