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Sleepless in Changi Airport - Or Not!

If you had to be stranded at an airport like the lead character, Victor Navorski, in Steven Spielberg's latest movie "The Terminal", where would you choose?

Travellers who logged on to the website, "The Budget Traveller's Guide to Sleeping in Airports" (<http://www.sleepinginairports.net/bestof.htm>) have selected Changi Airport, or Club Changi, as the editor of the website describes Singapore's airport. At this website, Changi Airport has been voted the best airport in the world to sleep in for the eighth consecutive year. The website said, "Sleepers worldwide will be brought to tears of joy when they discover all of the wonderful amenities available" at Changi Airport.

Changi Airport's two passenger terminals have five designated areas that provide free rest facilities to help passengers catch up on their beauty sleep. There are nearly 60 reclining snooze chairs around the two terminals of Changi Airport that can be used by any traveller. Some snooze chairs are even fitted with vibrating alarm clocks to wake the traveller in time for his flight. The rest areas where these snooze chairs can be found are made conducive for napping as lights are dimmed and glass panels are darkened to keep out the glare in the day. There are also massage chairs where you can soothe your weary body.

Aside from these free facilities, travellers can also drop in at the two transit hotels to rest in the privacy of well equipped rooms. The hotels charge S\$40.45 to S\$86.60 for every six hour block. The hotels also offer shower facilities, a swimming pool and a jacuzzi.

Travellers who do not need a room can get their rest in private bunks at the Plaza Premium Lounge and the Rainforest Lounge. Both places also offer massage services, gyms to work out the travel rigours and ample shower facilities.

For travellers who have had their beauty rest and are wide awake, they can send emails to their friends at the 200 free internet terminals, catch up with the latest developments at three television lounges, go for a free city tour, watch a movie for free at the movie theatre, or simply tuck in to good food at the over 60 F&B outlets around the airport. Forgot to buy gifts for the loved ones? Fret not, Changi Airport has over 100 retail shops to pick the perfect present.

After all the pampering, travellers may find it hard to leave Club Changi, a destination on its own in Singapore.