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## **Changi Airport's 72nd Airline takes flight**

Singapore's fourth flag carrier, Valuair, commenced scheduled operations at Changi Airport today. With Valuair joining Changi Airport's family of airlines, Changi is served by 72 airlines with more than 3,400 flights to 164 cities in 53 countries.

A send-off ceremony was organized for the 162 passengers on Valuair's inaugural commercial flight. Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), and Mr Lim Chin Beng, Chairman of Valuair, were on hand to send off the passengers, who were bound for Bangkok.

"At Changi Airport, we believe in working closely with our airline partners to achieve a win-win outcome - we will do what we can to create a conducive environment for our airline partners to make profits, and they in turn help to enhance Changi's status as an aviation hub. We warmly welcome Valuair as the newest member of the Changi Airport community, and look forward to growing a strong partnership with them", said Mr Wong.