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Travellers at Changi Airport raise over \$50,000 for Tsunami Rebuilding Effort

In just two weeks, travellers and visitors to Singapore Changi Airport donated S\$50,570 to the Singapore Red Cross Tidal Waves Asia fund in support of the rebuilding efforts for victims of the devastating tsunami disaster.

In the middle of January, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) put up collection boxes throughout Changi Airport's Terminals 1 and 2 to help collect funds needed for medical supplies, the reconstruction of infrastructure and other projects planned for the tsunami victims. The money collected up until 24 January 2005 has been presented to the Singapore Red Cross.

"We thank travellers and visitors at Changi Airport for their contributions to the tsunami efforts. We are heartened that even as the passengers went about their travels through Changi, they remembered and were sympathetic to the plight suffered by the tsunami victims. The monetary support of travellers at Changi will go some way in furthering the rebuilding efforts," said Director-General of CAAS, Mr Wong Woon Liong.

Lt Gen Winston Choo, Chairman Singapore Red Cross Society said, "On behalf of the Singapore Red Cross, I would like to express my grateful appreciation to Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore for raising \$50,573.69 through collection boxes placed at Singapore Changi Airport in support of Singapore's relief efforts to help the victims affected by the tsunami which struck the region on 26 December 2004."

Aside from collecting donations from air travellers, CAAS staff have also contributed some S\$22,000 towards the Singapore Red Cross Society's fund-raising effort.