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Singapore Changi Airport Bags Five More Awards

Changi is the first airport outside the United States to receive the 'Excellence in Airport Security Award'

Singapore Changi Airport has received an award for its efforts in looking after the safety and security of the air travelling public. **Airport Security Report**, a leading publication on airport security based in the United States (US) recently conferred Changi Airport with the 'Excellence in Airport Security Award' in the 'International Airport' category.

Changi Airport is the first ever winner of the International Airport category. Good security management practices and infrastructure, overall operating efficiency, attention to detail, well-trained security staff and non-oppressive screening measures, are some of the attributes that a judging panel comprising leading aviation security specialists considered.

Six basic criteria were used to evaluate airports nominated for the award: significant advances in airport security; security effectiveness; security management; leadership; achieving a balance in airport security programs and airport operations; and maintaining public confidence in air travel.

The award was presented to The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) at the Airports Council International (ACI) - North America's 14 th Annual Conference and Exhibition, held on 20 September 2005 in Toronto, Canada.

"The Singapore Police Force and security agencies at Changi Airport have put in commendable efforts to achieve a high level of security here. CAAS works closely with these organisations to improve aviation security polices and practices on the one hand, while balancing the needs for passenger facilitation and cost efficiency on the other. In security, it is necessary to be constantly vigilant and not take anything for granted," said Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation, CAAS.

Recently, Changi Airport also won recognition for passenger comfort from British frequent travellers. For the 18 th consecutive year, readers of the **Business Traveller [United Kingdom (UK) / Europe]** magazine voted Changi the ' Best Airport in the World '. **The Daily Telegraph**, UK's national broadsheet, also conducted a reader survey this year and ranked Changi the ' Best International Airport ' for the eighth consecutive year since 1998. In addition, in the latest "Travel Awards 2005" survey conducted by **Selling Long Haul** magazine, travel agents in UK and Ireland voted Changi the ' Best Airport in the World '.

Travel agents in Asia also gave Changi Airport the thumbs up. **TTG Asia**, a travel trade newspaper, honoured Changi with the 'Travel Hall of Fame - Airport' title at the 16 th Annual Travel Awards held on 13 October 2005. Changi was inducted into the 'Travel Hall of Fame' in 2002 for having won the ' Best Airport of the Year ' award for 13 successive years, since the awards began in 1989.

To date, Changi Airport has garnered 17 awards for this year, including these five awards.