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## **World's Airlines Accord Singapore Changi Airport Highest Honour in Aviation Industry**

### ***Changi holds the record as 4-time winner of the prestigious IATA Eagle Award***

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS)'s support for the business operations of its airline partners at Singapore Changi Airport has, once again, received commendation from the International Air Transport Association (IATA). IATA today presented CAAS, which manages and operates Changi Airport, the IATA Eagle Award at the IATA Annual General Meeting in Tokyo.

The IATA Eagle Awards are given to leading airport operators and air navigation service providers who are committed to value for money service, by taking positive steps to control infrastructure costs and related charges.

Commenting on CAAS' achievement, Mr Giovanni Bisignani, Director General and CEO of IATA said, "Congratulations to Singapore-Changi Airport on your fourth Eagle Award. This is an outstanding achievement for a great airport and a great partner." CAAS won the Eagle award previously in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

In response, Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation said, "We are very happy IATA recognises Changi Airport's pro-business policies. We will strengthen our partnership with the airlines with further quality and value for money services for the airlines."

One of the areas the selection panel of the Eagle Award noted was CAAS' regular consultations with IATA and airlines/users operating at Changi Airport. Views were sought on issues ranging from operations, airport planning and development to aeronautical fee revisions.

Apart from adopting a consultative approach with airlines, CAAS is also committed to help airlines grow at Changi. CAAS has rolled out measures such as the S\$10 million Growth Incentive Scheme to reward airlines for growing their traffic at Changi. An Air Hub Development Fund totaling S\$210 million was introduced in 2003 to help airlines and the aviation industry tide over the uncertainty faced then, such as the SARS epidemic. Among other components, the Fund comprises rebates on rental charges and landing fees. With this, Changi Airport's aeronautical charges are the second lowest in the region.

As at 12 May 2005, Changi Airport has a record number of 80 airlines operating more than 3,900 weekly scheduled flights to some 175 cities across 55 countries.