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Changi Airport Completes Terminal 2 Upgrading

Singapore Changi Airport's Terminal 2 (T2), which opened in 1990, is today a brand new terminal. This is the result of a S\$240 million upgrading project by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) to give T2 a major facelift. The upgrading project, which started in April 2003, involved extensive improvements to the terminal's look and feel and introduced new commercial areas for shopping and dining in the Departure and Arrival Halls as well as the Departure / Transit Mall. Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Raymond Lim, was at Changi Airport today to unveil a plaque to mark the official completion of the T2 upgrading project.

T2 was upgraded to make the terminal even more user friendly for airport users and businesses, and to add capacity to the Departure / Transit Mall. The upgrading works were carried out in phases to ensure that airport operation were not affected and inconvenience to airport users kept to a minimum. Key enhancements in the upgrading included new design features to T2's exterior and interior to bring in more natural light into the terminal building, installation of a new 250-metre long leaf-shaped glass canopy at the Departure kerbside to shield travellers from sunlight and rain, addition of 2,800 square metres of floor area in the Departure / Transit Mall for retail, food & beverage, landscaping, seating and events area and improved terminal layout for better passenger flow and way finding. Lifts and escalators were also added or re-positioned to make it easier for the elderly or disabled travellers to move about. The works took a total of 39 months to complete.

The upgrading also allowed CAAS to maximise the commercial potential of Changi Airport. This was made possible through the creation of more floor space to reorganise and introduce new retail and food and beverage outlets in both the landside (public areas) and airside (departure/transit areas). Fifteen new retail and 10 new food and beverage outlets were introduced, bringing the total number of outlets in T2 to 82 and 39 respectively.

Speaking at the ceremony, Minister Lim said, "Although the upgrading works was extensive, covering all areas of the terminal, including the departure hall, transit area and arrival hall, it was completed with minimal disruptions to overall airport operations. In fact, I was told that many travellers did not even notice the on-going upgrading works, and were pleasantly surprised when they saw the finished product." Minister Lim added, "Many people and organisations have contributed to the upgrading project - from the project designers, architects and contractors to the various airport agencies and retailers who have provided their views and patiently collaborated with CAAS during each phase of the upgrading works. I would also like to thank all

passengers and airport partners for their understanding and support during the upgrading works."

Travellers will be able to learn more about the T2 upgrading through an exhibition at T2's Departure / Transit Mall from now till 30 September 2006. The exhibition showcases the major upgrading phases and also highlights the new design features and key enhancements that were carried out during the upgrading.

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