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Cebu Pacific: Second Airline to Use Budget Terminal

Singapore's Budget Terminal will welcome its second airline tenant in August this year. The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) has given Philippines-based low cost carrier (LCC), Cebu Pacific (CEB), the approval today to fly between Singapore and the Philippines. CEB will join Tiger Airways to operate scheduled flight operations at the Budget Terminal in late August.

Passengers travelling between Singapore and Manila in the Philippines will now have an added travel option as CEB will be operating daily scheduled services between the two destinations. This flight arrives in Singapore at 2355 hours and departs for Manila at 0040 hours. CEB's operations will increase the total number of weekly scheduled flights at the Budget Terminal from the current 174 to 188.

"Cebu Pacific's decision to operate from the simple and functional Budget Terminal will suit the airline's business model better as it will benefit from cost savings resulting from the terminal's low cost operating environment. The Budget Terminal, which has seen a 40 per cent increase in flights since it began operations in March this year, is well placed to meet the growing demand for low cost travel in this region. CAAS looks forward to both Tiger Airways and Cebu Pacific growing their operations at Changi Airport," said Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation.

The decision to build the Budget Terminal, which is located about two kilometers or a 5-minute drive from Changi Airport, was made in 2004 in response to the emerging trend of low cost travel in the region. The operating cost at the Budget Terminal is kept low to meet the needs and operating models of airlines, particularly LCCs. In line with this objective, the compact layout of the single-storey terminal has no travellers, escalators and aerobridges. However, while a key consideration was to keep operating costs low, there are ample facilities and services for passengers. For example, there is a free shuttle bus service to link passengers to Changi Airport's existing terminals, and vice versa. Money changers, free Internet terminals, duty-free shopping and food & beverage outlets are also available at the Budget Terminal.

The Budget Terminal is today linked to 14 cities namely Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Darwin, Guangzhou, Haikou, Hanoi, Hat Yai, Ho Chi Minh, Krabi, Macau, Manila, Padang, Phuket and Shenzhen. Since its commencement of operations, the number of weekly flights at the Budget Terminal has increased by about 40 per cent from 124 in March 2006 to 174 today. Cebu Pacific's operations will enhance the Budget Terminal's flight connectivity between Singapore and the Philippines.