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## **Changi Airport Wins Skytrax's 'Airport of the Year' Title for the First Time**

### ***Changi Airport also sweeps up most awards at an Asia Pacific retail show***

Changi Airport has won the 'Airport of the Year' title at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2006. The 'Airport of the Year' award is a result of the world's largest independent passenger survey of airport standards conducted by Skytrax. This is the first time Changi Airport has won the title which was held by Hong Kong International Airport for the past five years.

"We are delighted that Changi Airport is named the world's best airport in the 2006 Skytrax survey. Changi has won many best airport awards but the Skytrax award is one which we have not won before. We are therefore very pleased to count this endorsement by Skytrax as an important part of our track record. Changi Airport's constant upgrading in facilities and improvement in services, such as the upgrading of our Terminal 2 and the launch of a dedicated Budget Terminal earlier this year, have been rewarded with this strong approval from Skytrax's global users," said Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).

The month of May also saw Changi Airport winning the 'Best International Airport' title, for the tenth year, at OAG's Airline of the Year Awards 2006.

Another equally gratifying moment for Changi Airport took place when the aviation authority and its retailers received the most number of awards presented at the Tax Free World Association Asia Pacific show on 17 May 2006 in Singapore. Five out of the fifteen awards were presented to Changi Airport. CAAS was crowned the 'Airport Authority with the Most Supportive Approach to Travel Retail' for the eighth year at The Raven Fox Awards for Travel Retail Excellence in Asia Pacific 2006. This event was organised by Raven Fox, a UK-based global publisher of travel-retail for both print and online publications.

The operator of Changi Airport's largest perfumes and cosmetics shop, Nuance-Watson (Singapore), was awarded 'Best Fragrances & Cosmetics Retailer in Asia Pacific'. 'Glam Up', a boutique targeted at the young urban customer looking for modern, funky and the latest beauty products at affordable prices, was voted 'Best New Shop Opening at an Airport in Asia Pacific'. King Power Group (Hong Kong) scored a double win, when two of its shops at Changi Airport picked up the 'Best Fashion, Leather Goods and Accessories Travel Retailer in Asia Pacific' and 'Best Food & Confectionary Travel Retailer in Asia Pacific' awards.

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There are currently more than 160 retail outlets and more than 60 food and beverage outlets occupying some 30,000 square metres of commercial space at Changi Airport. For the period January to April 2006, shop sales at Changi registered a healthy growth of 10.5% over the same period last year.