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Inaugural ‘Changi Airline Awards’ Celebrates Strong Partnership between Changi Airport and its Airline Partners

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) held the first ever ‘Changi Airline Awards’ ceremony today to celebrate the strong partnership between the Authority and all the airlines operating at Changi Airport. The event also honours airlines with the highest passenger and cargo carriage in 2005, as well as airlines with the highest growth in passenger and cargo carriage in 2005.

The occasion was graced by Singapore’s Minister for Transport, Mr Yeo Cheow Tong, who presented the airline awards to 26 airlines at the Singapore Marriott Hotel. Based on 2005 traffic figures, airlines rated **‘Top 10 Airlines by Passenger Carriage’** were *British Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, Emirates, Garuda Indonesia, Malaysia Airlines, Qantas Airways, SilkAir, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways and Tiger Airways* (in alphabetical order). The **‘Top 10 Airlines by Cargo Carriage’** were *Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, EVA Airways, Federal Express, Japan Airlines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Korean Air, Northwest Airlines, Qantas Airways and Singapore Airlines Cargo*.

CAAS also acknowledged ten airlines which experienced the strongest growth in passenger and cargo movements in 2005, over the previous year. Accolades were bestowed upon the **‘Top 5 Airlines by Growth in Passenger Carriage in 2005’**: *Bangkok Airways, Qatar Airways, SriLankan Airlines, Turkish Airlines and Xiamen Airlines*, as well as the **‘Top 5 Airlines by Growth in Cargo Carriage in 2005’**: *Air China, China Eastern Airlines, Qatar Airways, United Parcel Services and Xiamen Airlines*.

Speaking at the awards ceremony, Mr Yeo said “Though important as pre-requisites, an airport’s success is not solely determined by its infrastructure or technical excellence. Rather, it is the quality of an airport’s relationship with its partners that distinguish outstanding airports from mediocre ones. This symbiotic relationship is crucial, as airlines, ground handlers and other service providers all play crucial roles in working together to provide excellent service.”

Appreciation was also extended to the Board of Airline Representatives (BAR) and the Airline Operators Committee (AOC). The BAR is an industry association representing the commercial interests of airlines operating to and from Singapore, while the AOC represents airlines in operational matters at Changi Airport. Close cooperation between CAAS and these organisations has enabled Changi Airport to cope with and quickly recover from the various challenges faced by the aviation industry in recent years.

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Changi Airport served 32.4 million passengers and handled 1.83 tonnes of cargo in 2005. As at 1 April 2006, there are 82 scheduled airlines in Changi Airport's network, operating more than 4,000 weekly scheduled flights to 181 cities in 57 countries.