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Budget Terminal Preview Visits

Members of the public can get a first hand feel of Singapore's new Budget Terminal (BT) and take a sneak preview of the terminal as it goes through final preparations before commencing operations on 26 March 2006. The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) is opening the BT for free preview visits for five days from 15 March 2006 (Wednesday) to 19 March 2006 (Sunday) between 9am and 5pm. The aim of these visits is to allow the public to familiarise themselves with the simple and functional terminal prior to its opening.

Visitors will be able to view the cheerful internal and external façade of the BT's single-storey departure and arrival buildings located along Airport Boulevard near Changi Airport. As part of the guided tours, visitors will be introduced to and will walk through the departure and arrival processes, which are different from those at Changi Airport's Terminals 1 and 2. For example, a key difference will be the boarding of aircraft from the tarmac instead of via aerobridges. In addition, visitors will also be able to preview the various facilities and services such as money changers and free Internet terminals as well as the retail and food & beverage outlets that are being set up.

Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of CAAS, said, "The Budget Terminal, which is built to suit the business models of budget carriers, also offers passengers with a new travel choice and a different travelling experience compared to Terminals 1 and 2. The preview visits provide the public with a good opportunity to visit the new terminal, including the restricted areas, and to experience the Budget Terminal for themselves. We look forward to welcoming visitors to the Budget Terminal."

To participate in the visits, the public is invited to register ahead either via Changi Airport's website (www.changiairport.com) or by calling (65) 6297 9356 from 7 to 13 March 2006 between 9am and 6pm. Children under 12 years of age will have to be accompanied by an adult. There will be a free shuttle bus service to ferry visitors between Changi Airport's Terminal 2 basement bus bay and the BT and vice versa at intervals of about 10 minutes. Visitors driving to the BT can park at the carpark in front of the terminal, which has about 300 parking spaces available, on a first-come-first-served basis. For further enquiries, the public can also e-mail to caas_bt_visits@caas.gov.sg.