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Changi's Control Tower Voted Airport's Most Iconic Symbol

Photograph of Control Tower garners most votes to win People's Choice award

After a 2-month search, Changi Airport's Control Tower has proven to be its most popular symbol. This emerged in the Memories of Changi Contest, which invited Singaporeans to send in photographs and personal memorabilia that best captured their own memories of Changi.

The contest, organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) to commemorate Changi Airport's 25th Anniversary, saw 60 of the best entries exhibited at the transit and public areas of Terminals 1 and 2 of Changi Airport. Members of the public voted for their favourite memory in the **'People's Choice'** award. The greatest number of votes, nearly 3,300, went to Mr Gan Chee Hiong's photograph of the Control Tower by night. Mr Gan said the picture, entitled 'Outside the Departure Hall', is a call for travellers to look back and enjoy the magnificent view as they depart from Singapore.

There were also four winners for the following categories: Architecture and Design, Service Excellence, Historical Moments and Personal Moments.

In the category **'Architecture & Design'**, Mr Tan Choon Wee's winning photograph, titled "New Airport Lounge", portrayed Changi Airport as one of the busiest airports in the world.

For the **'Service Excellence'** category, the award went to Mr Kwan Sai Hoe for his entry, "Luggage Service". His photograph depicted luggage porters at the service of passengers alighting from their cars at the Departure Hall.

The winner in the **'Historical Moments'** category was Ms Rachel Wong. Her entry, entitled "Evolution", was a scrapbook that traced Changi Airport's birth, growth and achievements.

In the **'Personal Moments'** category, Mr James Ng Choon Sian came out tops with his entry 'Changi Airport's Tourists start from me!'. The winning entry was an original article from the New Nation newspaper on the first plane to land at Changi in 1981. It included a picture of Mr Ng as a boy - he was the first to get off that plane.

At the Memories of Changi Contest and Exhibition Prize Presentation this evening, Mr Wong Woon Liong, Director-General of Civil Aviation, presented the five winners with

a pair of return air tickets from Singapore to any Singapore Airlines destination city, S\$5,000 cash and an i-mode/3G mobile phone each.

"I'm inspired by the many contributions depicting both Changi's heritage and the Changi experience today. The entries in this Memories of Changi contest remind us of how far we've come, and spur us to try to do even better in the journey ahead," said Mr Wong.