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Singapore Changi Airport Wins Best Airport Award for 22 Consecutive Years

For a record 22 years in a row, Singapore Changi Airport has been named **Best Airport - Asia** at the 22nd **Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards** held in Singapore on 22 April 2008. The award is a result of an annual reader survey conducted by Cargonews Asia magazine, an established freight and logistics publication in the region. Changi beat two other finalists - Hong Kong International Airport and Kuala Lumpur International Airport to clinch this award.

The AFSCA awards honour outstanding freighters and winners for demonstrating leadership as well as consistency in service quality, innovation, customer relationship management and reliability. The votes were cast by decision makers who operate the logistics and cargo supply chains in the Asia Pacific region.

Receiving the award at the ceremony, Mr Lim Kim Choon, Director-General and Chief Executive Officer, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), said, "Winning the AFSCA award is a recognition of CAAS' efforts in providing a conducive framework and operating environment for our air cargo business partners. CAAS would continue to closely support the air cargo and air logistics sectors by ensuring smooth and efficient operations at the Changi Airfreight Centre and the Airport Logistics Park of Singapore, as well as facilitating their future growth."

The first three months of 2008 saw Changi Airport handling a total of 466,566 tonnes of air cargo, an increase of 4% over the same period in 2007. Changi has an air cargo handling capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum. Last year, Changi handled 1.89 million tonnes of airfreight movements. TNT Airways recently joined the Changi family as its tenth all-cargo airline.

To provide a basic framework for voters' consideration when determining which company or companies to nominate in each award category, the editorial team at Cargonews Asia has developed the following guidelines for airport category :

- Provision of suitable cargo-related infrastructure.
- Cost competitiveness, cargo-friendly fee regime.
- Timely and adequate investment in new infrastructure to meet future demand.
- Facilitation of air cargo ancillary services, including logistics and freight forwarding facilities, either on-airport or off airport.
- Minimum criteria: Over 10,000 tonnes of cargo per annum.

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The AFSCA award is Changi's sixth best airport trophy bagged this year. The earlier awards presented by other international publications include *Buying Business Travel*, *Wanderlust*, and *DestinAsian* magazines.

As at 1 April 2008, there are 80 airlines operating over 4,300 weekly scheduled flights at Changi Airport, connecting Singapore to 188 cities in 59 countries.