

CHANGI AIRPORT CELEBRATES HARI RAYA WITH MALAY TRADITIONAL DECORATIONS

SINGAPORE, 19 September 2009 – Tomorrow, Muslims around the world celebrate Hari Raya Aidilfitri, which marks the end of the Muslim fasting month. To commemorate this festival, Changi Airport Group has put up Hari Raya garden displays at Changi Airport's four terminals for photo-taking opportunities. The displays focus on celebratory aspects of Malay (the majority of Muslims in Singapore) culture and tradition, providing passengers and airport visitors with insights on Hari Raya festivities.

2 The Hari Raya garden displays are based on four main categories i.e. celebratory apparel, food, music and Malay/ Muslim architecture:

a. Celebratory Apparel

The showcase here is on the Malay brocade 'Songket', which is a richly woven fabric, intricately patterned with gold or silver threads. The textile is a favourite pick for Malay traditional apparels worn during ceremonial and festive occasions for its elegance.

b. Celebratory Food/ Food Source

Plants such as coconut, *pandan*, lemon grass, betel leaves and betelnut are featured in the creative landscape displays. The uses of these plants as basic ingredients in authentic Malay dishes and delicacies prepared during Hari Raya, or as ceremonial offerings, are also provided on the information panels available.

c. Celebratory Music

The 'gong' is featured as one of the main musical instrument used in Malay folk music, traditional dances and social events.

d. Malay/ Muslim Architecture

The dome is featured as common mosque architecture and is often placed above the prayer hall.

3 The Hari Raya garden displays can be found at 12 locations in Changi Airport Terminals 1,2, 3 and the Budget Terminal. Of these, seven displays are in the Departure Transit Malls and five are in the Departure Hall Public Areas. Passengers and airport visitors are welcomed to view and snap photos of these decorations until the end of the month.

4 The garden displays at Changi Airport are seasonal in nature and are usually set-up to commemorate special events or main festive celebrations in Singapore such as the Chinese New Year, Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Deepavali and Christmas. These garden display corners have been popular spots in the airport terminals for photo-taking among passengers and visitors.

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