

Finnair to return to Changi Airport

Non-stop daily flights to Helsinki next year

SINGAPORE, 1 July 2010 – Changi Airport Group today warmly welcomed the announcement by Finnair that it will mount daily non-stop flights between Singapore and Helsinki from May 2011. The flights to the Finnish capital will reintroduce direct air links between Singapore and Finland.

Finnair is one of the largest Nordic carriers and has a strong European network that includes capitals like London, Paris, Copenhagen and Stockholm. Its commencement of operations at Changi will enhance Singapore's connectivity to Northern Europe and provide air travellers with more choice. The Singapore-Helsinki route will also provide an important link to facilitate people and trade flows between Singapore and Finland, especially with the presence of major Finnish companies in Singapore, such as Neste Oil, Nokia and Kone. Traffic originating from the Nordic countries has also been healthy, growing 8% in the April 2009 to April 2010 period.

Changi Airport Group's Director, Market Development, Mr Lim Ching Kiat, said, "We are delighted at Finnair's decision and look forward to supporting their operations at Changi Airport. The commencement of non-stop Singapore-Helsinki flights strengthens Changi's connectivity and is a testament to the growth potential of traffic between Singapore and Europe."

About Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport Group was formed on 1 July 2009 as a result of the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport. As the airport company managing Changi Airport, the world's most awarded airport, Changi Airport Group undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. Through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, the Group invests in and manages foreign airports to spread the success of Changi Airport far and wide.

Changi Airport handled 37.2 million passenger movements in 2009 and registered a monthly record of 3.83 million in December 2009. Changi currently serves 89 airlines flying to some 200 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide.