

# Media Release



## Top airlines honoured at Changi Airline Awards

### *TNT named Changi's Partner of the Year*

**SINGAPORE, 13 July 2010** – Changi Airport Group (CAG) tonight celebrated its strong partnership with airlines at the Changi Airline Awards 2010. The event, which recognises the contribution of airlines to Singapore's air hub status, was graced by Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Raymond Lim. Held at Regent Hotel, this is the fifth annual Changi Airline Awards and the first since the formation of CAG in July 2009.

Awards were presented in six categories including the top airlines for passenger and cargo carriage as well as the fastest growing carriers for passengers and cargo. A new *Partner of the Year* award was also introduced to honour a Changi partner for its collaboration with CAG and for outstanding contributions to developing the air hub. (Please refer to Annex A for a complete list of award winners).

The *Partner of the Year* award was presented by Minister Lim to Mr Onno Boots, Regional Managing Director for Southeast Asia & India of TNT, in recognition of TNT's strategic efforts to develop Singapore as its Asian regional hub in its global network. Since 2008, when it picked Singapore as one of two destinations for its first freighter flights into Asia, TNT has grown its Singapore presence from just operating as a gateway to a regional hub. This has culminated in its S\$20-million Singapore Regional Hub facility, Singapore's first integrated air and road hub linking Singapore through Southeast Asia into China. (Please see Annex B for the award citation).

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TNT's Mr Boots said, "Singapore is a critical business hub for the region and key to TNT's global strategy to establish our position in emerging platforms and promising markets, including Asia in which we are determined to further grow. TNT's Regional Hub at Changi Cargo Complex is a reflection of our commitment and is truly an integrated air and road hub that links our air services to TNT's unique 7,650 kilometres Asia Road Network. We are planning to increase our flights to and from Changi soon.

"We are honoured to be recognised by Changi Airport Group with its inaugural *Partner of the Year* award. Much of our success can also be attributed to Changi Airport's commitment to assist partners like us in facilitating our growth and development plans, for which we are most thankful."

The *Top 10 Airlines by Passenger Carriage* and *Top 10 Airlines by Cargo Carriage* categories saw the debut of AirAsia and Air Hong Kong respectively. Awards were also given to airlines from the different regions which registered the highest growth in passenger traffic last year. The awards went to Tiger Airways (Singapore), Cebu Pacific Air (Southeast Asia), Cathay Pacific (Northeast Asia), Sri Lankan Airways (South Asia), Jetstar Airways (Southwest Pacific), Qatar Airways (Middle East) and Lufthansa (Europe).

For cargo carriage, the top five airlines by growth – Air Hong Kong, Qantas Airways, Delta Airlines, TNT Airways and China Eastern Airlines – were recognised.

*Special Appreciation* awards were also presented to the Airline Operators Committee (AOC)<sup>1</sup> and Board of Airline Representatives (BAR)<sup>2</sup> for their support of Changi Airport.

The Changi Airline Awards are of special significance this year as they acknowledge the successful close partnership between Changi Airport and the airlines during the economic downturn last year. Apart from this partnership, Minister Lim also highlighted that the close ties between CAG, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, as well as other government stakeholders are just as important. He said, "The government will always be

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<sup>1</sup> The AOC facilitates airport operations and provides opportunities for dialogue, education, advancement and improvement of various aspects of the airport operations.

<sup>2</sup> The BAR represents the interests of airlines operating to and from Singapore.

supportive of Changi and play a facilitative role to ensure its growth. The strength of this tripartite partnership has been a key contributor to Singapore's position as a major competitive air hub."

Changi Airport's traffic growth in 2010 has been healthy. In the first five months of the year, passenger traffic grew by 16.7%, while freight increased 17.3%. The growth puts Changi on track to surpass its record 37.7 million passenger movements handled in 2008.

As at 1 July 2010, Changi Airport serves 89 airlines operating over 5,000 weekly scheduled flights to more than 200 cities in some 60 countries and territories.

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Annex A - List of Changi Airline Awards winners

Annex B - Citation for Partner of the Year Award

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### ***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. As at 1 July 2010, Changi serves 89 airlines flying to more than 200 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide.

**Changi Airline Awards 2010 Recipients**

**1) Partner of the Year (New Award)**

TNT

**2) Top 10 Airlines by Passenger Carriage**

*(In alphabetical order, based on absolute passenger carriage in calendar year 2009)*

AirAsia  
Cathay Pacific  
Emirates  
Garuda Indonesia  
Jetstar Asia  
Malaysia Airlines  
Qantas Airways  
Silkair  
Singapore Airlines  
Tiger Airways

**3) Top 10 Airlines by Cargo Carriage**

*(In alphabetical order, based on absolute cargo carriage in calendar year 2009)*

Air Hong Kong  
Asiana Airlines  
Cathay Pacific  
China Airlines  
EVA Airways  
Federal Express  
Japan Airlines  
Korean Air  
Qantas Airways  
Singapore Airlines Cargo

**4) Top Airline by Growth in Passenger Carriage – By Region (New Award)**  
*(Based on the airline's home region)*

<b>Region</b>	<b>Airline</b>
Singapore	Tiger Airways
Southeast Asia	Cebu Pacific Air
Northeast Asia	Cathay Pacific
South Asia	Sri Lankan Airlines
Southwest Pacific	Jetstar Airways
Middle East	Qatar Airways
Europe	Lufthansa

*\* No awards were given for Africa and the Americas.*

**5) Top 5 Airlines by Growth in Cargo Carriage**  
*(In order of absolute growth)*

Air Hong Kong  
Qantas Airways  
Delta Airlines  
TNT Airways  
China Eastern Airlines

**6) Special Appreciation Awards**

Airline Operators Committee

Board of Airline Representatives

## **Changi Airline Awards 2010**

### ***Partner of the Year***

The *Partner of the Year Award* is given to an outstanding airport partner each year that has successfully collaborated with Changi Airport Group in enhancing Changi's air hub competitiveness. Depending on merit, there could be more than one *Partner of the Year* award in a given year.

This year, the inaugural award goes to **TNT**. Singapore is TNT's critical nerve centre for the Asia Pacific region. Over the last two years, TNT has embarked on an aggressive growth strategy to upgrade its Singapore operations from a gateway to a key regional hub in Asia Pacific. Singapore was one of two Asian destinations to first welcome TNT-operated freighter flights with three weekly services between Asia and Europe.

TNT also expanded its Singapore Country Depot and Enhanced Customer Contact Centre to better serve its key customers. In April 2009, TNT opened its S\$20 million TNT Regional Hub facility at the Changi Airfreight Centre. The facility is Singapore's first integrated air and road hub linking Southeast Asia and China through TNT's Asia Road Network. These strategic initiatives have further enhanced Singapore and Changi's position as a critical node within TNT's intra-Asia and Asia-Europe networks.