

Media Release



Changi Airport closes 2009 with record traffic in December

Remains world's most awarded airport with 27 awards during the year

SINGAPORE, 20 January 2010 – Following a challenging first half in 2009, Singapore Changi Airport registered a strong rebound in the last quarter of the year, with a monthly record of 3.83 million passenger movements in December. This was an increase of 9.7% compared to December 2008 and 9.1% more than the previous record of 3.51 million set in December 2007.

Besides breaking the previous record for monthly traffic, December 2009 also saw a new record for the number of passenger movements in a day at Changi. This was set on the Saturday before Christmas Day (19 December 2009) with 140,000 passenger movements during the 24 hours.

As a result of the stronger performance in the last five months of the year, Changi Airport was able to achieve better-than-expected passenger traffic of 37.2 million for the whole of 2009. This was 1.3% less than the 37.7 million recorded in 2008.

Despite the impact of the global economic downturn, Changi handled more flights in 2009 – a total of 240,360, an increase of 3.6% compared to 2008. There were 21,885 flights in December 2009, an increase of 5.4% year-on-year.

On the cargo front, Changi processed 149,700 tonnes in December 2009, a 15.7% improvement year-on-year. Airfreight movement for the year amounted to 1.63 million tonnes, 12% lower than in 2008.

Please refer to Annex A for Changi Airport's passenger, cargo and commercial aircraft statistics for 2009.

Bright spots in 2009

While demand for air travel was impacted by weaker consumer confidence in most markets, traffic between Singapore and Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and the United Arab Emirates grew in 2009. In particular, traffic between Singapore and Malaysia increased by a remarkable 42%, following new and increased services to points in both East and Peninsular Malaysia.

Changi Airport's top ten city links by passenger traffic saw some changes with Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur rising to No. 1 and 2 respectively. Denpasar (Bali) entered the top 10, replacing Perth. (See Annex B for the Top 10). Among sectors with at least half a million passengers, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Manila, Jakarta and Phuket registered the strongest growth.

During 2009, Changi Airport Group continued to enhance Changi's connectivity, increasing its number of weekly scheduled flights by 7.3% from 4,672 on 1 January 2008 to 5,012 a year later. In absolute terms, the five sectors with the most added flights in 2009 were Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Jakarta, Manila and Denpasar (Bali).

Fourteen new city links were established through the year, bringing Changi's global connections to more than 200 cities in 60 countries and territories today. At the same time, six airlines commenced operations at Changi in 2009, including India's Kingfisher Airlines, Malaysia's Firefly, and cargo carriers K-Mile and Cardig Air.

2009 was also the year of low cost carriers (LCCs), which added flights to serve demand for short-haul, low-cost travel. The number of LCC passenger movements and flights each increased by more than 50%. For 2009, LCCs accounted for 19.1% of passenger movements (2008: 12.3%) and 23.6% of flights (2008: 15.7%) at Changi.

Another award-winning year

Changi Airport maintained its position as the world's most awarded airport by bagging another 27 'best' awards in 2009. Both business and leisure travellers continue to rate Changi highly. Changi Airport was named *Best Airport in the World* by Business Traveller (UK/Europe) for the 22nd consecutive time and *Best International Airport* by Conde Nast Traveler for the sixth time at its Business Travel Awards. In the leisure segment, Changi

was awarded *Top Worldwide Airport* by Wanderlust. These awards take Changi's total haul of awards to 341 since its opening in 1981.

Changi Airport Group's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lee Seow Hiang, said, "Last year was a difficult one for the aviation industry and I'm glad Changi has held up well to register a strong performance in the latter part of the year. On the connectivity front, we are linked to more cities than ever with a growing number of weekly scheduled flights. We are beginning 2010 on a strong footing, and expect the improving global economy and exciting tourism developments in Singapore this year to have a positive impact on Changi's performance."

On the awards won by Changi last year, Mr Lee said, "These awards are a powerful affirmation by our customers and partners that Changi continues to be on the right track. We owe our success to each and every single staff working at the airport. I thank all members of the Changi Airport community for their dedication and effort, and look forward to working with them to take Changi to greater heights."

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Annex A – Passenger, cargo and commercial aircraft statistics for 2009

Annex B – Top 10 City Links in 2009 (by passenger traffic)

Annex C – Changi Airport's Awards in 2009

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.

Passenger, cargo and commercial aircraft movement statistics for 2009

Month	Passenger traffic		Airfreight		Commercial aircraft movements	
	Number	Growth %	Tonnes	Growth %	Number	Growth %
January	3,073,677	-1.3	116,961	-24.5	20,373	8.0
February	2,558,953	-13.0	112,418	-21.0	17,615	-2.7
March	2,901,885	-11.1	132,369	-21.9	19,559	1.0
April	2,914,509	-4.4	126,293	-20.1	19,625	3.9
May	2,787,124	-11.1	133,442	-16.7	19,711	0.6
June	3,053,035	-5.0	132,492	-16.7	19,071	-0.2
July	3,169,720	-1.9	141,541	-13.0	20,264	2.9
August	3,162,960	0.5	140,818	-13.6	20,495	4.2
September	3,063,650	6.0	140,790	-12.5	20,115	5.8
October	3,320,887	6.0	154,377	2.0	20,986	6.7
November	3,365,250	9.2	152,567	4.6	20,661	7.6
December	3,832,328	9.7	149,726	15.7	21,885	5.4
Total	37,203,978	-1.3	1,633,791	-12.0	240,360	3.6

Top 10 City Links in 2009 (by passenger traffic)

<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	
1	2	Jakarta, Indonesia
2	4	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3	1	Bangkok, Thailand
4	3	Hong Kong, S.A.R.
5	7	Manila, Philippines
6	5	London, United Kingdom
7	6	Tokyo, Japan
8	9	Sydney, Australia
9	8	Shanghai, China
10	11	Denpasar (Bali), Indonesia

Changi Airport's Awards in 2009

S/N	Category of Awards	Publication/ Organisation
1)	Best Worldwide Airport	Buying Business Travel
2)	Best Duty Free Airport	Luxury Travel & Style Magazine
3)	Top Worldwide Airport	Wanderlust
4)	Best Airport in Asia Pacific	DestinAsian
5)	Airport Authority with the Most Supportive Approach to Travel Retail	Duty Free News International & Travel Retailer International
6)	Best Asia Airport	AsiaOne
7)	Asia Pacific Airport Experience of the Year	Frost & Sullivan
8)	Asia's Best Airport	Asiamoney
9)	Best Airport – Asia	Cargonews Asia
10)	Best Airport in the World	Business Traveller (Middle East)
11)	Best Airport in the World	Ultra Travel
12)	Airport Authority in Asia/Pacific with the most supportive Approach to Travel Retail	Duty Free News International & Travel Retailer International
13)	Best International Airport	TravelWeekly China
14)	Best Airport in the World	Business Traveller (UK / Europe)
15)	Best Airport in the World	Business Traveller (Asia Pacific)
16)	Best Airport Duty-Free in the World	Business Traveller (Asia Pacific)
17)	Best Airports Worldwide	Smart Travel Asia
18)	Travel Hall of Fame	Travel Trade Gazette (Asia)
19)	Best International Airport	Condé Nast Traveler
20)	World's Favourite Airport	Priority Pass
21)	Best Overseas Airport	British Travel Awards
22)	Asia's Leading Airport	World Travel Awards
23)	Best Airport in the World	Business Traveller (China)

S/N	Category of Awards	Publication/ Organisation
24)	Best International Airport	OAG Worldwide
25)	Best Worldwide Airport	Selling Long Haul
26)	Best Airport Worldwide	Business Traveller Germany
27)	Best Airport in Asia	Business Traveller Germany