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Brand new blooms to delight Changi Airport passengers

SINGAPORE, **15 July 2013** – Singapore Changi Airport unveiled today its latest themed garden that boasts a dramatic display of vibrant colours and interactive technology – a first for Changi Airport, which has pioneered the concept of airport gardens since its opening in 1981.

Located within Terminal 2's Departure Transit Mall, the new 'Enchanted Garden' – Changi Airport's fifth themed garden[1] – takes pride in the spot where the Fern Garden once stood. It is open, free of charge, to passengers round-the-clock.

Evoking a Shangri-La-like atmosphere, the centrepiece of the garden comprises four giant glass bouquet sculptures, carefully decorated with a mosaic of reflective and shimmering stained-glass. Nestled within these glass bouquets are a dazzling variety of freshly-cut flowers and soft ferns.

An interactive and immersive experience, the Enchanted Garden "magically" comes to life with sight and sound, captivating visitors as they weave through the garden. Motion sensors trigger sounds of nature and blooming flowers while fibre-optic and LED lighting, embedded in the flooring, form a fascinating carpet of sparkling lights.

The Enchanted Garden also features undulating pathways and a fish pond, providing passengers with some respite from the hustle and bustle of air travel. Archerfish and koi reside in this pond and there is an opportunity for young and old alike to join in feeding the fish.

Mr Yeo Kia Thye, Senior Vice President, Airport Operations, Changi Airport Group (CAG), said, "The Enchanted Garden is the first interactive-immersive garden among Changi Airport's stable of gardens, where passengers stroll through a tranquil and soothing sanctuary, complete with the sights and sounds of a magical forest.

"Like Terminal 3's popular Butterfly Garden, this new garden represents Changi Airport's commitment to give our passengers a wonderful experience and great memories with our attractions – in this case, our well-loved gardens," Mr Yeo added.

An example of how Changi Airport constantly strives to improve its offerings, the Enchanted Garden – hot on the heels of The Social Tree, a recently-launched attraction at Terminal 1 – is another enhancement to the Changi Experience and a result of CAG's ongoing programme to rejuvenate Changi's award-winning amenities and facilities to provide a heightened airport experience for all passengers.

[1] The other gardens at Changi Airport are the Cactus Garden (Terminal 1), Orchid Garden and Sunflower Garden (Terminal 2), and Butterfly Garden (Terminal 3).

About Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) (www.changiairportgroup.com) was formed on 16 June 2009 and the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport (IATA: SIN, ICAO: WSSS) followed on 1 July 2009. As the company managing Changi Airport, CAG undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. CAG also manages Seletar Airport (IATA: XSP, ICAO: WSSL) and through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, invests in and manages foreign airports.

Changi Airport (www.changiairport.com) is the world's most awarded airport with more than 430 accolades received since it opened in 1981. To serve passengers and visitors from the world over, there are over 330 retail stores and 120 F&B outlets across the airport's three terminals. Changi handled more than 51 million passenger movements in 2012, an annual record. Today, it serves some 110 airlines flying to over 250 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide. A flight takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 100 seconds.