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Changi Airport enhances connectivity to Myanmar

SINGAPORE, 5 April 2013 – Changi Airport Group (CAG) today announced the arrival of a new carrier, Golden Myanmar Airlines, at Singapore Changi Airport. The carrier will operate daily services connecting Singapore via Yangon to Mandalay, the financial capital of Myanmar.

Mandalay is a new city link for Changi Airport and brings to 47 the number of cities in Southeast Asia that Changi is connected to. The new service by Golden Myanmar Airlines further enhances Changi Airport's position as a key gateway to the region.

CAG's Senior Vice President for Market Development, Mr Lim Ching Kiat, said, "We are extremely delighted to welcome Golden Myanmar into Changi's family of airlines. This is a significant milestone for us given the tremendous growth opportunities for business and leisure travel between Singapore and Myanmar. We are confident that the additional flights will make it easier for people to travel between the two countries and we look forward to working closely with the airline to realise the growth potential that exist in the two markets."

Bilateral trade between Singapore and Myanmar increased 8.6%^[1] last year compared to 2011. The commencement of Golden Myanmar's flights to Singapore comes at an opportune time as Myanmar steps up efforts to accelerate social-economic development in the country.

Mr Aung Gyi, Golden Myanmar Airlines' Managing Director, said, "Singapore and Myanmar have enjoyed strong trade and economic links over the last few years and Singapore currently ranks among one of Myanmar's top trade partners. Coupled with Changi Airport's strength as a well connected aviation hub, it was not a difficult decision for us to make her our first international destination. We plan to utilise Singapore as an extended gateway into Myanmar's leading commercial cities and we also hope to reach other parts of Asia from Changi Airport."

Golden Myanmar Airlines will operate from Changi Airport's Terminal 1. Utilising the 180-seat A320 aircraft, the airline will operate the following flight schedule:

Flight No.	Aircraft Type	Route	STD (Local Time)	STA (Local Time)	Days of Operation
Y5 233	A320	Mandalay–Yango n–Singapore	0810H (MDL)1010H (RGN)	0925H (RGN)1440H (SIN)	Daily
Y5 234	A320	Singapore–Yango n–Mandalay	1535H (SIN)1750H (RGN)	1705H (RGN)1905H (MDL)	Daily

Passenger traffic between Singapore and Myanmar has grown positively in recent years. In the five years from 2008 to 2012, passenger movements between the two countries increased by 17.0% annually on a compounded basis. In 2012, passenger traffic grew by 22.8% year-on-year to reach 406,000 movements.

“The decision by Golden Myanmar Airlines to choose Changi as its first international port-of-call reflects the strength and robust potential of our air hub and we are truly honoured by this confidence. Looking ahead, we remain determined to build on our capabilities to secure Changi Airport’s position as the preferred gateway to Asia for travellers from all over the world,” added Mr Lim.

[1] Source: International Enterprise Singapore

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 420 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 240 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide. A flight takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 100 seconds.