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## **Operating indicators for October 2012**

**SINGAPORE, 20 November 2012** – Singapore Changi Airport registered its highest number of passengers for the month of October when 4.27 million movements were recorded last month, 10.0% more than in the same period last year. At the same time, Changi handled 27,600 flight movements, an increase of 5.2% over October 2011.

Passenger traffic to and from the Middle East continued its upward trend with the region contributing double-digit growth every month this year. Traffic to and from traditional growth regions such as Southeast Asia, Northeast Asia and Southwest Pacific also increased by double-digits, accentuating Changi Airport's status as a major Asia-Pacific air hub.

Year-to-date, passenger traffic at Changi Airport has grown 9.9% to 41.9 million, surpassing the 40-million mark. If traffic for November and December remains unchanged compared to last year, Changi would end 2012 with more than 50 million passenger movements. Aircraft movements for the January-October 2012 period totalled 268,000, an increase of 8.1%.

Airfreight movements in October declined 8.0% year-on-year to 150,000 tonnes. For the January to October 2012 period, Changi Airport handled 1.50 million tonnes of cargo, 2.4% less than the same period in 2011.

As at 1 November 2012, Changi Airport is connected to 230 cities in 60 countries and territories, and serves more than 100 airlines operating some 6,400 weekly flights.

Changi Airport's traffic statistics are available at

http://www.changiairportgroup.com/cag/html/the-group/air traffic statistics.html.

## Other highlights at Changi

**New Services** – Changi Airport cemented its position as the most connected point in Southeast Asia to India, with the launch of SilkAir's thrice-weekly services connecting Singapore and Visakhapatnam on 28 October 2012. Visakhapatnam is one of India's largest seaports and becomes the 12<sup>th</sup> Indian destination to be linked to Changi Airport.

On the cargo front, Lufthansa Cargo commenced freighter services between Singapore and Almaty, a major commercial centre in Kazakhstan. The airline will operate twice-weekly on the Frankfurt-Almaty-Singapore route using the 89-tonne MD-11F aircraft.

**New Airline** – Changi Airport welcomed the return of Shenzhen Airlines in October 2012. The Chinese carrier's daily flight between Shenzhen and Singapore departs Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport at 2230H and arrives in Changi at 0210H. The return flight leaves Singapore at 0815H and lands in Shenzhen at 1155H.

New Outlets - Changi Recommends is now available at every terminal with

the opening of its third outlet at Terminal 1's Arrival Hall. *Changi Recommends* offers exclusive deals for the best experiences in Singapore. In addition, visitors to Singapore can also conveniently purchase open-top sightseeing bus tickets and tour packages from the *City Sightseeing* counters at the Arrival Halls of Terminals 2 and 3.

Over in the transit areas, a new *TWG Tea* retail outlet has opened at Terminal 2, offering exotic teas and accessories. *Vertu*, a leading manufacturer of luxury mobile phones, has launched a new outlet at Terminal 2's Transit Mall offering the finest quality in mobile phone design and engineering.

## 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.