



Seah Chee Meng, resident artist at Metta Welfare Association, Speaker Tan Chuan-Jin and CAG CEO Lee Seow Hiang at the inaugural Changi Inspires Art Fair

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## Changi Airport Group organises first charity art fair

**SINGAPORE, 4 August 2018** – Giving space and an avenue for expression to Persons with Disabilities – that’s the aim of the ***Changi Inspires Art Fair*** by Changi Airport Group (CAG). This new initiative hopes to raise awareness of the talents and gifts of outstanding artists from five organisations - Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore, Metta Welfare Association, Pathlight School, TOUCH Community Services and Very Special Arts Singapore. Held from 3 to 12 August at Terminal 3’s Departure Hall, the art fair exhibits about 30 art pieces including batik art, watercolour paintings and photographs with

special features of familiar Singapore icons. The first-of-its-kind exhibition by CAG also includes art works of the Changi Tower, Terminal 4 Heritage Zone and even the airport's very own bougainvillea species.

Justina Tan, Managing Director, People at Changi Airport Group said, "Through this public showcase of art, we hope to raise awareness for the talents and capabilities of Persons with Disabilities, inspire openness and inclusivity among our airport visitors, and provide a platform of affirmation for these talented artists. Many of the featured artists are youths, and this initiative reinforces our support for disadvantaged youths - the social cause championed by Changi Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Changi Airport Group."

Added Tan Chuan-Jin, Speaker of Parliament, "This art fair encourages us to look at people differently. Through the art displays and write ups, we get to know the artists as people who are so much more than just their disabilities. They too have aspirations, dreams and talents and seek to live a fulfilling life. We should embrace inclusivity and caring in our thoughts and action towards all in our society.

"Changi Airport is known for its comfort, modernity and efficiency. It's a global symbol we are proud of. I'd like to see Changi Airport also being known for a big heart. Hence, it is very encouraging to see Changi Airport embracing inclusiveness and we are discussing with them on what more we can do together."

All art works exhibited at the art fair are available for purchase. Besides the art fair, the organisations are also retailing handmade items produced by their artists at a Handicraft Fair held between 3 and 5 August. To show support to Persons with Disabilities and the pursuit of their artistic dreams, members of the public can pen down words of kindness and encouragement for the artists on a SG Cares paper heart which will be featured on a colourful 3D heart-shaped structure.

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### ***About Changi Airport Group***

Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) ([www.changiairportgroup.com](http://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 is the world's sixth busiest airport for international traffic. It served a record 62.2 million passengers from around the globe and handled 2.13 million tonnes of airfreight throughput in 2017. More than 400 retail stores and 140 F&B outlets are situated across four terminals to cater to passengers and visitors. With over 100 airlines providing connectivity to 400 cities worldwide, Changi Airport handles about 7,200 flights every week, or about one every 80 seconds.