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Operating indicators for April 2013

Singapore Changi Airport handled 4.24 million passenger movements in April 2013, an increase of 0.8% over the same period in 2012. Flight movements increased by 4.3% to 27,500. In terms of airfreight movements, 145,600 tonnes of cargo passed through Changi last month, 1.8% lower than a year ago.

Compared to April 2012, passenger traffic to Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia and the Middle East grew. This was offset by a decline in traffic to and from Africa and Europe. Traffic to South Asia and Southwest Pacific was little changed. Overall, traffic was also impacted slightly by the difference in timing of the Good Friday holiday which this year fell in March compared to April last year.

In the first four months of this year, 17.3 million passenger movements were recorded at Changi, 4.8% more than the corresponding period in 2012. Aircraft movements grew in tandem, increasing by 4.0% to 110,100. Cargo shipments decreased 2.1% to 579,600 tonnes for the same period.

After three years of double-digit increases from 2010 to 2012, traffic growth at Changi Airport has eased in recent months and continued downside risks are expected. The near-term outlook for aviation remains cloudy with external threats such as high fuel prices, depressing cargo volumes and weak economic prospects for the global economy. With some airlines operating at Changi reporting forward passenger bookings to be flat, the number of passenger movements in the coming months may be volatile.

As at 1 May 2013, more than 100 airlines operate at Changi Airport, connecting Singapore to 250 cities in some 60 countries and territories worldwide. With more than 6,500 weekly scheduled flights, an aircraft takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 100 seconds.

Changi Airport's traffic statistics are available [here](#).

Other highlights at Changi

New airlines – Changi Airport welcomed the arrival of Golden Myanmar Airlines in April 2013. The carrier operates daily services connecting Singapore via Yangon to Mandalay, a new city link for Changi Airport.

In addition, Sichuan Airlines commenced twice-weekly services connecting Singapore to Nanning in China last month. Changi Airport is currently the most connected point to China in Southeast Asia with connections to 24 Chinese cities.

Awards updates – Changi Airport was honoured with the Best Airport in Asia accolade at the annual Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards (AFSCA) for the 27th consecutive year. Changi has garnered more than 430 awards since 1981.

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 100 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.