

# Media Release



## Operating Indicators for September 2018

**SINGAPORE, 24 October 2018** – Singapore Changi Airport handled 5.23 million passenger movements in September 2018, a 6.1% year-on-year increase. Aircraft movements were 3.0% higher at 31,400 landings and takeoffs, while airfreight throughput remained stable at 185,000 tonnes for the month.

For the month of September, all regions registered growth, with traffic to and from Northeast Asia rising 7%. This was supported by the strong performance of China (+12%) and Japan (+11%), which led the gainers among Changi's top markets. Europe and North America also registered strong growth, both registering double-digit year-on-year growth.

For the first three quarters of 2018, passenger traffic rose 5.8% to 48.7 million, compared to the same period last year. India, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany and the United States were among the fastest growing markets, all registering double-digit growth. Aircraft movements grew 3.8% to reach 287,960 landings and takeoffs, while 1.59 million tonnes of airfreight throughput was shipped through Changi during the nine months, a rise of 2.3% year-on-year. Among Changi's top 10 cargo markets, India (+9%) and Japan (+6%) were among the fastest growing. Growth was registered for all cargo flows<sup>1</sup>.

As at 1 October 2018, more than 100 airlines operate at Changi Airport, connecting Singapore to some 400 cities in about 100 countries and territories worldwide. With more than 7,200 weekly scheduled flights, an aircraft takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 80 seconds.

At the World Routes Marketing Awards 2018 held in Guangzhou last month, Changi Airport emerged as the winner in the 'Over 50 Million Passengers' category. The annual awards

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<sup>1</sup> Export, import, and transshipment flows

recognise excellence in air hub marketing, and winners are determined by a panel of senior airline representatives.

Changi Airport's traffic statistics are available at

<http://www.changiairport.com/corporate/about-us/traffic-statistics.html>.

### **Other highlights at Changi\***

**New Services** – On 11 October, Singapore Airlines launched the world's longest commercial flight, from Singapore to New York (Newark Liberty International Airport). With this new daily non-stop service, there are 72 weekly passenger services between Changi Airport and the United States.

**New Restaurants & Stores** – In T2's transit area, luxury brand *Chloe* has opened its first store in Changi Airport, offering a wide range of leather goods.

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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.

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\* For the period 16 September to 15 October 2018