

Media Release



Changi Airport welcomes launch of Singapore Airlines' non-stop Singapore-New York service

New service will be world's longest commercial flight

SINGAPORE, 30 May 2018 – Changi Airport Group (CAG) today welcomed the announcement by Singapore Airlines (SIA) of its plan to launch non-stop services between Singapore (SIN) and Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) in October 2018 with the new Airbus A350-900ULR (ultra-long-range) aircraft.

The inaugural SIN-EWR flight will take off on 11 October 2018, covering a distance of approximately 9,000 nm (16,700km) over a flight time of up to 18hrs 45min. The return flight will depart EWR on 12 October, with a similar flight time. The A350-900ULR will have a two-class layout, with 67 Business Class seats and 94 Premium Economy Class seats. Singapore Airlines will continue to operate its daily service between Singapore and New York (JFK), via Frankfurt.

Four airlines¹ currently connect Singapore to six US cities - Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and New York City. With the new non-stop services, there will be 72 weekly passenger services between Changi Airport and the United States. Point-to-point traffic between the US and Southeast Asia has registered steady growth over the years. More than 6.8 million passengers travelled between the two regions in 2017, a 10% year-on-year increase. Last year, 692,800 passenger movements (+30%) were recorded on direct flights between Singapore and the United States.

Mr Lim Ching Kiat, CAG's Managing Director, Air Hub Development, said, "With the advent of ultra long range aircraft, non-stop long haul routes are now more efficient and viable. The new SIA New York service is Southeast Asia's only non-stop connection to the North American east coast, and I'm confident it will be well-received by Changi Airport's passengers, especially time-pressed business travellers.

¹ Delta Air Lines, Scoot, Singapore Airlines, United Airlines

“Over the past two years, non-stop services from Changi Airport to Los Angeles and San Francisco were launched, as well as a new service to Honolulu (via Osaka). With strong traffic growth between the North America and Southeast Asia regions, there are growth opportunities to be tapped. We look forward to working with our partners to ride on this growth to strengthen Changi Airport’s position as the preferred gateway for travel.”

The flight schedule² is as follows:

Northern Summer (to 27 October 2018)			
Flight Number	Days of Operation	Time of Departure	Time of Arrival
SQ22 Singapore-Newark	Daily	2335	0600 (+1)
SQ21 Newark-Singapore	Daily	1045	1730 (+1)
Northern Winter (28 October 2018 to 30 March 2019)			
SQ22 Singapore-Newark	Daily	0040	0530
SQ21 Newark-Singapore	Daily	0945	1715 (+1)

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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 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

² All times local. The route will be initially served three times a week, and daily operations will commence from 18 Oct 2018 after an additional A350-900ULR aircraft enters service. Flight schedule is subject to daylight savings, slots and regulatory approvals.

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.