

# Media Release



## **Flying higher, Changi Airport crosses 60-million milestone in 2017**

*A major contributor to Singapore's economy, the airport now handles 10 million more passenger movements than five years ago*

**SINGAPORE, 18 December 2017** – Changi Airport Group (CAG) today celebrated the crossing of yet another milestone in Changi Airport's history, recording 60 million passenger movements in 2017, a first in a calendar year. This achievement underpins Changi as one of the world's major air hubs<sup>1</sup>.

### ***Milestone celebratory event***

A celebratory event was held in the transit area of Terminal 2 this afternoon with passengers on Scoot flight TR7 from Gold Coast, Australia – identified to be carrying the 60 millionth passenger for Changi Airport this year. The event was attended by representatives from Changi Airport Group, Scoot and other airport partners.

Prizes were given out to six lucky passengers on board TR7, who participated in a quiz game upon arrival in Changi Airport. These prizes were selected from Changi's wide range of retail offerings, and included brand names like Apple, Bottega Veneta, Cle de Peau, La Prairie, Lee Hwa, Omega, SK-II, Sony and Tumi<sup>2</sup>. The winners also each received a pair of round-trip tickets to selected Scoot destinations, including Honolulu and Athens. The flight's passengers were treated to a buffet spread and received goodie bags (including a \$60 Changi Gift Card<sup>3</sup>).

Ms Ang Bee Leng, a Singaporean, was the fastest of the six participants and won the prize of her choice – a set of Apple products. Back from a family holiday to Gold Coast with her family of five, the housewife was exhilarated with her win. "I was nervous on stage just now, but I am really happy to have won what I wanted. My family travels frequently on Scoot, but I had never thought I would win anything like this from a trip. I

<sup>1</sup> Changi Airport was the world's sixth busiest airport for international traffic in 2016. See Annex A.

<sup>2</sup> A full list of prizes and destinations can be found in Annex B.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.changiairport.com/en/shop-and-dine/changi-gift-card.html>

will be sharing the additional prize of the pair of air tickets to Jaipur with my husband for our next trip out!"

Ms Karen Willis, who is currently residing in Australia, turns 50 tomorrow and is visiting Singapore with her husband to celebrate her birthday. Ms Willis was thrilled and all smiles when she shared, "While on our flight here, I was praying that I will be chosen as one of the six participants. I am so grateful for my win – this is the best birthday present for me. I love Changi Airport and while my husband and I have transited here separately many times, this is the first time we are spending time together in Singapore. This is indeed a lucky and special trip for me!" Ms Willis won for herself a pair of matching Men's & Women's Constellation Omega Co-Axial watches, and a pair of round-trip tickets to Honolulu.

### ***Result of hard work and dedication of airport community***

Changi Airport Group's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Lee Seow Hiang said, "We commemorate an important milestone in 2017 with record passenger traffic of more than 60 million. It is a proud moment for all of us in the airport community and is the result of years of hard work and dedication to grow the Changi air hub to what it is today. It was only in 2012 that we marked our 50 million milestone. Five years on, we have increased annual traffic by 20 per cent or 10 million.

"We share this achievement with our airline partners who have shown their strong support for Changi Airport, adding capacity to their Singapore routes and expanding connectivity from Changi. We will continue to work closely with them to grow their business and operations in Singapore.

"With the new Terminal 4, and our upcoming development projects such as the expansion of Terminal 1, the Changi East project as well as a new passenger terminal at Seletar Airport, we are ensuring that our country's airports continue to have sufficient capacity to meet the region's demand for air travel in the decades ahead, and contribute to Singapore's economic success in the long run."

Scoot's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Ng Chee Keong said, "Incepted in November 2011 as the low-cost arm of Singapore Airlines, Scoot's network has expanded rapidly to over 60

destinations spanning 17 countries. This year alone, we launched five new destinations, three of which – Athens, Harbin and Honolulu – are new passenger links from Changi Airport. We also plan to add Kuantan and Berlin to our network next year. Scoot congratulates Changi Airport Group (CAG) and we commit to working alongside our strategic partners such as CAG to progress our network to boost Singapore as a hub of choice.”

### ***Changi Airport plays a key role in Singapore’s economy***

With more than 60 million passengers now passing through Changi Airport yearly, the aviation sector will continue to be a key contributor to Singapore’s economy. It provides more than 160,000 jobs, and contributes 6 percent of Singapore’s GDP<sup>4</sup>. The steady growth in aviation is expected to continue, with Asia as the centre of aviation growth in the next 20 years.

Since Changi Airport’s opening in 1981, four terminals have opened to cater for the airport’s growth, with Terminal 4 commencing operations on 31 October this year. Passenger traffic has increased steadily in the last 36 years. By 1986, Changi was already serving more than 10 million passengers per annum (mppa), and this increased to 20 mppa in 1994, 30 mppa in 2004, 40 mppa in 2010 and 50 mppa in 2012. In April this year, the airport recorded its 1 billionth passenger since opening.

### ***Operating Indicators for November 2017***

For November, Singapore Changi Airport registered 5.17 million passenger movements, a 8.1% year-on-year growth. There was a 10.7% increase in airfreight throughput to 191,680 tonnes, while aircraft movements rose 4.8% to 31,140 landings and takeoffs.

Passenger traffic for all regions grew at least 6%. All of Changi’s top 20 country markets recorded positive growth. Countries which achieved double digit growth include China, Myanmar, United Kingdom and United States. Among Changi’s top 20 routes, Phuket (+19%), Bangkok (+17%) and London (+14%) were the fastest growing.

As at 1 December 2017, more than 100 airlines operate at Changi Airport, connecting Singapore to some 380 cities in about 90 countries and territories worldwide. With more

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<sup>4</sup> Source: InterVISTAS, 2012

than 7,000 weekly scheduled flights, an aircraft takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 90 seconds.

Changi Airport's traffic statistics are available at

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

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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 58.7 million passengers from around the globe in 2016. Changi Airport has 400 retail and service stores, as well as 140 F&B outlets. With over 100 airlines providing connectivity to 380 cities worldwide, Changi Airport handles about 7,000 flights every week, or about one every 90 seconds.

**Busiest airports for international passenger traffic\***

1. Dubai International Airport
2. Heathrow Airport (London)
3. Hong Kong International Airport
4. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol
5. Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport
6. Singapore Changi Airport
7. Incheon Airport (Seoul)
8. Frankfurt Airport
9. Suvarnabhumi Airport (Bangkok)
10. Taoyuan International Airport (Taipei)

*\* 2016 world airport traffic rankings by Airports Council International*

**Prizes won by passengers**

	<b>Category</b>	<b>Item(s)</b>
<b>1</b>	Electronic Gadgets	Apple products featuring a 15-inch Macbook Pro, iPhone X, Apple Watch
<b>2</b>	Jewellery	A diamond necklace and bracelet jewellery set from Lee Hwa
<b>3</b>	Luxury Goods	A Men's briefcase, Women's handbag and wallet from Bottega Veneta
<b>4</b>	Perfume & Cosmetics	An assortment of perfumes and cosmetics from brands such as La Prairie, SK-II, Cle de Peau
<b>5</b>	Timepieces	A pair of matching Men's & Women's Constellation Omega Co-Axial watches
<b>6</b>	Traveller Essentials	A set of Tumi luggage and backpack with a Sony a7II Full Frame camera with 28-70mm zoom lens

Each passenger also won a pair of return air tickets to one of the following destinations, sponsored by Scoot.

1. Athens, Greece
2. Harbin, China
3. Honolulu, Hawaii
4. Jaipur, India
5. Kuching, Malaysia
6. Perth, Australia