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From Russia, With Love

Seventh Airline To Operate To Changi Airport This Year Offers Direct Link To Moscow

Changi Airport is welcoming its seventh new airline for the year - Transaero Airlines from Russia. Transaero Airlines will fly once a week between Moscow and Singapore. The non-stop service also re-establishes a link between Changi Airport and the capital of Russia. With the arrival of Transaero Airlines, Changi Airport is now served by 73 airlines operating more than 3,600 flights to 172 cities in 54 countries.

Transaero's maiden flight to Singapore today was marked by a ceremony at Changi Airport attended by Mr Alexander Pleshakov, Chairman of Transaero Airlines; Mr Sergey B. Kiselev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Singapore; Mr Michael Tay, Ambassador of Singapore to the Russian Federation; and Mr Ho Beng Huat, Acting Director-General, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore.

"CAAS believes in working closely with its airline partners to create a conducive environment for them to grow and develop their business. With today's inaugural, I am confident that CAAS and Transaero will build a close working relationship, which will grow stronger in the years ahead", said Mr Ho.

The Transaero Airlines flight departs Moscow on Saturday and arrives in Singapore on Sunday at 1400 hours. It will depart Singapore on Sunday at 1540 hours and arrive in Moscow the same day.

The new service between Moscow and Changi Airport comes as businessmen on both sides signaled a readiness to step up bilateral business links. On 15 October 2004, Russia's biggest association of small and medium-sized enterprises (representing 25,000 business-owners) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Singapore Business Federation to pave the way for greater co-operation between the business communities in both countries.

Moscow is the capital of Russia and has been described as the most important business and political centre in Russia. Moscow is home to some 11 million people and is a city of famous historical landmarks, including the Kremlin, Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral.

Aside from Transaero Airlines, the airlines that started operations at Changi Airport this year are First Cambodia Airlines, Shandong Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Thai AirAsia, ValuAir and Tiger Airways.

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