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Changi Airport Welcomes Jetstar Airways

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore is pleased to welcome Jetstar Airways to commence operations at Changi Airport this week. The Australia-based carrier, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas Airways, operates daily flights between Singapore and Cairns via Darwin. Jetstar Airways' operations increases the number of flights between Singapore and Darwin by 22% and between Singapore and Cairns by 40%. These flights also mark the airline's first international operations from the two Australian cities.

A welcome ceremony was held by CAAS today to celebrate the launch of Jetstar Airways' flights to Singapore. Passengers on board the airline's flight were warmly welcomed by the High Commissioner of Australia to Singapore, His Excellency Mr Miles Kupa, and CAAS' Acting Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr Ho Beng Huat. On board the flight was Mr David Hall, Group General Manager (Finance), Jetstar Group, who flew in specially to celebrate the occasion.

Speaking at the welcome ceremony, Mr Ho, said, "To us at Changi Airport, Jetstar Airways represents another innovative product in the evolving air travel industry. Changi Airport already plays host to several low-cost carriers. But Jetstar Airways is a new product in between pure low-cost carriers and full service airlines. The airline's branding as a 'value based carrier' is an innovative offering which includes unique products like a two-class cabin, the availability of Video-on-Demand players on board the aircraft and even through check-in for passengers and transfer of baggage onto connecting flights." Mr Ho added, "At Changi Airport, we welcome more choices for travellers and another air travel experience for our passengers."

The launch of Jetstar Airways' new services to Singapore also comes at a time of strong growth in passenger traffic between Australia and Singapore. Over the past five years, passenger traffic on this sector registered a healthy growth of 11.6%.

Jetstar Airways commenced daily flight operations between Singapore and Australia on 29 October 2006. The flight departs Cairns at 1355hrs and arrives in Darwin at 1550hrs, before departing for Singapore and arriving at 1940hrs at Changi Airport's Terminal 1. The return flight leaves Singapore at 2215hrs and arrives in Darwin at 0430hrs the next day. It then departs Darwin at 0530hrs and arrives in Cairns at 0830hrs.

Changi Airport serves 83 scheduled airlines which connect Singapore to more than 180 cities in over 55 countries via more than 4,100 weekly scheduled flights.

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