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## CHANGI AIRPORT ENHANCES CONNECTIVITY WITH NEW LINK TO MANDALAY



Golden Myanmar Airlines chose Changi Airport as its first international port-of-call to reach other parts of Asia.

Singapore Changi Airport welcomed the arrival of a new carrier, Golden Myanmar Airlines connecting Singapore to Mandalay via Yangon, creating a new city link for Changi Airport and enhancing its position as a key gateway to the Southeast Asia region.

Singapore is today one of Myanmar's top trade partners. The commencement of the route is a welcome alternative as passenger traffic between Singapore and Mandalay continues to increase at a rate of 17 per cent annually on a compounded basis, hitting 406,000 passenger movements in 2012. This traffic is fuelled by the increase in bilateral trade between the two countries over the last few years.

CAG's Senior Vice President for Market Development, Mr Lim Ching Kiat, said of the new route: "We are confident that the additional flights will make it easier for people to travel between the two countries, and we look forward to working closely with the airline to realise the growth potential that exists in the two markets."