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CHANGI AIRPORT SET TO HIT 50 MILLION PASSENGERS SOON

Changi Airport is on track to set another record. The world's seventh busiest international airport is on its way to surpassing its annual passenger traffic record, bringing it closer to 50 million passenger movements by 2013.

For the year ending August 2011, Changi Airport registered 45.1 million passenger movements, which is up 10.1 per cent from the previous corresponding period. This comes just eight months after it handled a record 42 million passengers in 2010, crossing the 40-million mark for the first time.

This growth has been attributed to increasing demand for air travel in Asia and a greater number of visitors travelling to Singapore. As a regional hub, Changi Airport directly benefits from the growing markets. Visitor numbers to Singapore are up nearly 16 per cent for the 12 months ending in July 2011, buoyed by the opening of Singapore's integrated resorts, the success of major events such as the Formula 1 Night Race and its role as an international Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing and Exhibitions centre.