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CHANGI AIRPORT'S ICONIC FLIGHT INFORMATION DISPLAY FLIP BOARD TO BECOME PART OF SINGAPORE'S NATIONAL COLLECTION

Changi Airport's Flip Boards – Fun Facts

- Each flip board consists of 1 large display board, 48 panels (the back board), more than 50 metal casings, and 2,052 capsules of individual letters and numbers.
- When pieced together, one flip board measures 4.5m (height) x 15m (length) x 0.3m (width).
- On 15 August 2016, the flip board was used by Changi Airport to welcome Joseph Schooling home after his record-breaking Olympic gold medal win at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympic Games.

SINGAPORE, 1 March 2020 – Changi Airport Group (CAG) and the National Heritage Board (NHB) announced today that one of the two remaining iconic analogue flight information display boards at Changi Airport Terminal 2, which was retired earlier in the month, will be donated to NHB to form part of Singapore's National Collection. Since the announcement of the flip boards' decommissioning earlier in January, CAG and NHB have been working closely together to explore ways to preserve at least one of the airport's beloved flip boards.

2 Originally located between check-in rows 9 and 10 of the airport's Departure Hall, the flip board had been undergoing de-installation in various stages in February. The different components of the board – comprising over 2,000 pieces of capsules, panels and casings – were documented by NHB and transported to its storage facility for cleaning. The analogue flip boards were decommissioned due to challenges in maintenance, and increasing difficulties faced in sourcing for parts.

3 After thorough cleaning of the components is complete, which is estimated to take six months, the components will be transferred to NHB's Heritage Conservation Centre (HCC) to



be accessioned¹ as part of the National Collection². The HCC is the repository and conservation facility for the management and conservation of Singapore's National Collection. At HCC, conservators will assess the condition of the components of the flip board, and recommend the necessary plans for conservation and storage. After which, CAG and NHB will explore future possibilities for display and more details will be shared at a later date.

4 "We are heartened that the flip boards have provided many wonderful memories to Changi Airport's passengers and visitors over the decades, as they continue to capture the romance of travel in today's highly digital age. The flip boards are certainly part of Changi Airport's history. Hence, we will also re-use the last remaining flip board, to be retired in about two years' time, in a different part of the airport as a display piece to be enjoyed by all who visit," said Mr Ang Siew Min, Senior Vice President, Development Operations, CAG.

5 According to Mr Alvin Tan, Deputy Chief Executive (Policy & Community), NHB: "We accessioned the flight information display flip board into the National Collection because we believe that it is an important piece of airport infrastructure and a formative feature of the air travel experience. Many Singaporeans will remember standing underneath the boards, listening to the clickety-clack sounds of the split flaps and waiting for their flight information to be displayed."

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¹ Accessioning refers to the recording of a newly added artefact to the National Collection.

² The National Collection refers to Singapore's collection of artworks and artefacts, of which there are more than 200,000 to date.



About the Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) (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.

About the National Heritage Board

The National Heritage Board (NHB) was formed on 1 August 1993. As the custodian of Singapore's heritage, NHB is responsible for telling the Singapore story, sharing the Singaporean experience and imparting our Singapore spirit.

NHB's mission is to preserve and celebrate the shared heritage of our diverse communities, for the purpose of education, nation-building and cultural understanding. It manages the national museums and heritage institutions, and sets policies relating to heritage sites, monuments and the national collection. Through the national collection, NHB curates heritage programmes and presents exhibitions to connect the past, present and future generations of Singaporeans. NHB is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth. Please visit www.nhb.gov.sg for more information.