



Changi Airport handles 17.4 million passengers in the third quarter as Vietnam traffic grows 20.5 per cent

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Changi handled 93,900 aircraft movements from July to September 2026. Photo: Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport handled 17.4 million passenger movements from July to September 2026, 0.4 per cent more than in the same quarter of 2025. Changi Airport Group released its [third-quarter operating figures](#) on 19 October, with aircraft movements up 2.5 per cent to 93,900 landings and take-offs.

## Vietnam grows fastest

Europe, Northeast Asia and the Southwest Pacific drove most of the quarter's growth. China, Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia and India were Changi's five largest markets. Vietnam grew fastest of the top 10 markets, at 20.5 per cent year on year, while China rose 10.4 per cent.

Kuala Lumpur was the busiest route from Changi in the quarter, followed by Jakarta, Denpasar on Bali, Bangkok and Shanghai. Among the 10 busiest routes, Tokyo grew 5.2 per cent and Melbourne grew 5.1 per cent.

SINGAPORE, 19 October 2026 – Singapore Changi Airport registered 17.4 million passenger movements in September 2026 (Q3). This was 0.4% higher than the same period last year. Aircraft movements, including take-offs, totalled 93,900 for the quarter, an increase of 2.5% from Q3 2025.

The Europe, Northeast Asia and Southwest Pacific regions remained key drivers of passenger traffic in the quarter. The top five markets were China, Indonesia, Australia, Malaysia and India. Among the top 10, Vietnam recorded the strongest year-on-year growth at 20.5%, while China grew by 10.4%. Kuala Lumpur (Bali), Bangkok and Shanghai were the five busiest routes in Q3. Among the 10 busiest routes, Tokyo recorded the strongest growth at 5.2% and 5.1% respectively.

In Q3, Changi Airport handled 574,000 tonnes of airfreight throughput, an increase of 8.0% year-on-year. This was driven by healthy demand across export and import flows, particularly for AI-related semiconductor shipments. China, the United States, Australia, Hong Kong and India were the airport's largest cargo markets in the quarter.

Mr Lim Ching Kiat, Changi Airport Group's Executive Vice President for Air Hub and Cargo Development, said: "Despite challenges for air travel remained resilient in the third quarter, with growth led by Europe and Northeast Asia. As we continue to navigate elevated fuel costs and other operational pressures, we remain focused on working with our partners to strengthen connectivity, grow promising routes and pursue new opportunities that enhance our role as a leading global air hub."

## New services and city links

Changi Airport welcomed four new passenger airlines during the quarter including Oman Air which commenced daily services to Muscat. Sun PhuQuoc Airways commenced daily services to Phu Quoc in Vietnam, while 9 Air began a new daily services between Singapore and Yichang, adding Yinchuan as a new city link. Xiamen Airlines also commenced daily services to Changsha, further expanding the airline's network at Changi.

Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Denpasar, Bangkok and Shanghai were Changi's five busiest routes in Q3. Screenshot: Changi Airport Group, 21 October 2026

## Four new airlines in the quarter

Four passenger airlines started flying to Changi between July and September. Oman Air now flies to Muscat four times a week. Sun PhuQuoc Airways runs a daily service to Phu Quoc in southern Vietnam, and AirBorneo flies daily to Kuching in Sarawak.

9 Air started a daily flight to Yinchuan via Guangzhou, which adds Yinchuan as a new city link from Singapore. Xiamen Airlines, already at Changi, added daily flights to Changsha and Nanjing.

## Fuel costs weigh on airlines

Lim Ching Kiat, Changi Airport Group's executive vice president for air hub and cargo development, called demand in the quarter resilient, led by Europe and Northeast Asia. He also pointed to elevated fuel costs and other operating pressures on airlines.

Cargo grew faster than passenger traffic. Changi handled 574,000 tonnes of airfreight in the quarter, up 8 per cent year on year, driven by AI-related semiconductor and electronics shipments. China, the United States, Australia, Hong Kong and India were the airport's largest cargo markets, and SF Airlines opened a Shanghai to Singapore cargo service in September.

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