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SPEECH BY MR LEE YIOK SENG, SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY
(NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT) AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY OF
THE SECOND PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING, CHANGI INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT AT PENTHOUSE NEGARA, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUILDING
ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 1986 AT 11.15 AM

I am very happy to be here this morning to officiate this signing ceremony. The second passenger terminal building symbolises our Government's commitment to strengthen Singapore as one of the premier aviation centres in the world. We would see by late 1989 a greatly enlarged Changi International Airport, one that can handle 24 million travellers per annum.

You may ask that with such a huge and modern complex in the existing passenger terminal building, whether it is necessary to build a second passenger terminal building. When Changi International Airport was opened in 1981, just over eight million passengers passed through it. Year by year the number increased. In 1985, we had close to 10 million passengers. With this steady growth it is anticipated that when the second passenger terminal building is ready for operation in late 1989, the existing passenger terminal building would have reached its handling capacity of twelve million passengers per annum. It is our planning philosophy to build ahead of demand so that our airport can continue to provide fast and efficient services to our air travellers. The second passenger terminal building will ensure that Singapore remain as a main destination airport for tourists and a major business centre for multi-national companies.

This \$320 million second passenger terminal building will also contribute to the nation's concerted effort to stimulate the economy. It has come at an appropriate time in that it will cost less to build yet go a long way to helping the depressed construction industry.

The first passenger terminal building is of international renown, one which air travellers have acclaimed to be amongst the world's best. This makes the task of building the Second Terminal all the more demanding. The Second Terminal should be equal if not better than the First. To do this, the Public Works Department together with Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore have incorporated the latest state of the art airport facilities such as the People Mover System and the Telecar System in the second passenger terminal building. The People Mover System will effectively link the two terminals. This will ensure that transit passengers arriving at one terminal can be transported expeditiously to the other terminal for departure. Similarly, the telecar system is designed to transfer baggages quickly from one terminal to another to meet connecting flights.

A business centre will also be incorporated right within the Second Terminal. This centre will have all the commercial facilities to make any businessman feel as though he has arrived at his own office. It even has an auditorium cum multi-purpose hall and conference rooms for the busy jet-setters to conduct meetings and briefings while on a brief stopover.

Another modern feature is the fully computerised Building Automation System where all services and utilities in the terminal building are monitored and controlled automatically.

Architecturally, the Second Terminal will look like a second generation of the First Terminal. Passenger circulation pattern in the Second Terminal will be quite similar to the First Terminal, but with a much improved design based on a space-time motion study. It is 30 per cent larger and will have abundant glass area and a multi-level ceiling to further create the effect of space in the departure level.

I am pleased to note that the planning and design of both the first and second passenger terminal buildings were done in-house by CAAS and PWD planners, engineers and architects. Like the First Terminal, the Second Terminal will again demonstrate to the world the capability of our airport planners and designers.

The construction of this complex and sophisticated second passenger terminal building will involve skilled workers and professionals of every discipline in the construction industry. The tight project schedule also demands skilful project management and close cooperation between the main contractor and its sub-contractors. I hope that M/s Hyundai Engineering and Construction Company Limited and M/s Jurong Engineering Limited would be able to meet the challenge.

I look forward to 1989 when this second passenger terminal building is scheduled for completion. I visualise a very modern and well-built terminal which will further enhance Singapore as a major aviation centre. In order to make this project a success, it is essential to have close rapport and co-operation between the contractors and PWD. After today's signing ceremony, there is hardwork ahead for all parties in the project for the next 40 months. I wish them every success in their endeavour.