Comparing O'Hare and Changi airports

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O'Hare International Airport:

- 8 runways
- 11.25 square miles of property
- 4 terminals with 4.8 million square feet

Singapore's Changi Airport:

- 2 runways
- 5 square miles of property
- 3 terminals with 11 million square feet

OPERATIONS

O'Hare:

- 70 million passengers in 2014 (10.8 million international)
• 54 million passengers for the 12 months ending Sept. 2014 (53.3 million international)
• 85.3% on-time percentage

SHOPPING

O'Hare:

• 122 food locations, 84 retail stores
• $433 million in sales in 2014

Changi:

• 120 food, 350 retail
• $1.5 billion in sales in 2014

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Chicago says it hopes to complete the O'Hare Modernization Program, which features six parallel runways, two diagonal airstrips and construction of a western terminal campus, by 2020. But the airlines say they don't need the western terminal or the plan's final runway.

A second parking garage, which will also house rental car services, is scheduled to open in 2016 on the northern corner of the airport at Mannheim Road and Zemke Boulevard near the terminus of an extended People Mover light-rail system.

Changi's oldest terminal, which opened in 1981, will undergo a face lift and expansion in 2018. Changi's fourth passenger terminal is scheduled to open in 2017, and design and engineering is underway on a fifth terminal, to be completed in the mid-2020s.

A giant indoor garden and shopping mall, named Jewel Changi Airport, will open in 2018. It will feature a forest valley with five levels of hiking trails and a 46-foot-tall “rain vortex” waterfall.

Aerial rendering of the under-construction Jewel Changi
Rendering of the waterfall inside Jewel Changi

Jewel Changi Airport Development images

Sources: Changi Airport, Airports Council International, Chicago Department of Aviation, OAG, Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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