

## **AVIATION ENTHUSIASTS UNCOVER THE TREASURE TROVE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AT AOH2013**



The three-day Aviation Open House event at MAX Atria at Singapore EXPO attracted thousands of students waiting to uncover the opportunities to further their qualifications and seriously consider making aviation their career choice.

More than 5,000 aviation enthusiasts visited the third Aviation Open House (AOH) held at MAX Atria at Singapore EXPO from 25 to 27 July 2013. Among them were over 250 pre-selected job seekers who met with eight aviation companies seeking to fill over 200 positions via an inaugural recruitment exercise held on 26 July 2013 in collaboration with NTUC e2i.

“Today, the industry provides more than 50,000 core aviation jobs,” highlighted Guest-of-Honour Mrs Josephine Teo, Minister of State, Finance and Transport. “Over the next 20 years, the demand for air travel is expected to triple, driving up demand for related services, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. Singapore has ambitious plans in the pipeline to ensure that it is well-placed to capture this growth. To bring these bold plans to fruition, talent will again be key,” she emphasised.

To spark and sustain the interest of young talent to become the future generation of aviation professionals, more than 45 aviation-related organisations and education institutions banded

together under one roof to showcase the many facets of the aviation industry and the career opportunities available. Representatives from each organisation were on-site to explain the different professions and aviation courses available in Singapore. One representative, Mr Adrian Ong, Vice President Human Resource & Systems, SilkAir (Singapore) Pte Ltd, shared, “As we enter this exciting and dynamic phase of growth and expansion, we are on the lookout for individuals who can make meaningful contributions to our organisation.”



A special feature in this year’s event was the “Heart of Aviation” showcase, which presented the six key segments of the aviation industry and how each plays an essential part of the aviation ecosystem – Aerospace Engineering, Air Navigation Services, Airlines, Airport Management and Services, Aviation Security and Ground Handling Services. Through the showcase and exhibits at AOH 2013, visitors learnt more about the current aviation landscape and how it is gearing up to capitalise on the anticipated robust growth in the region.

It is an exciting time ahead for Singapore aviation. The event highlighted that a career in aviation is not only professionally rewarding, it also provides an opportunity for the aviation enthusiast to shape the next chapter of the Singapore Aviation story.