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## CAAS INTRODUCES YOUTH PROGRAMME TO SPUR INTEREST IN AVIATION

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) is collaborating with aviation companies to organise the *Aviation Learning Journeys (ALJ)* programme targeted at upper secondary and junior college students. The two and a half hour programme includes a presentation and video introduction to the aviation industry, followed by simulator demonstrations and finally, a visit to the host aviation company for students to experience an actual working environment.

The Learning Journeys programme was first launched in 1998 by the Ministry of Education (MOE) under its National Education framework. Its aim was to educate the youth on the dynamics and industries that have contributed to Singapore's national development. The ALJ leverages on this platform for students to understand how the aviation industry is contributing to Singapore's national and social development. The key objective of this programme is to stimulate and nurture interest in aviation, as well as instill a passion for aviation in our young. Teachers and students will also have the opportunity to interact with industry personnel and tour the facility during the site visit. This fostering of information exchange also helps to cultivate knowledge on the history, achievements and career opportunities available in that sector of the aviation industry.



Over 300 students have undergone the ALJ since its launch in January 2010. Peter Chong, a student from Fairfield Methodist Secondary School quipped, "The ALJ opened my eyes to a whole new industry. Previously, I thought that the aviation industry only involved airlines and aircrew. Now I know the full story!"

Teachers who want to find out more about ALJ and aviation companies who are interested in hosting visits for this programme may email caas\_ai@caas.gov.sg, or log on to the MOE National Education website for a brief synopsis. Join us as we inspire the next generation of aviation professionals!

