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## CAAS ORGANISES REGIONAL DIALOGUE FOCUSED ON ENHANCING SAFETY OVERSIGHT

Safety has always been a priority for the aviation industry, so that was naturally the focus of this year's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)/Asia Pacific Bilateral Partners Dialogue Meeting, organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) from 12 to 14 April. The dialogue, themed "Enhancing Safety Oversight in the Dynamic Aviation Landscape" this year, is an annual meeting between the FAA and its Asia-Pacific bilateral partners.

The meeting saw representatives from partner nations and observer states gather at Marina Bay Sands. It provided an engaging platform for participants to network and exchange information and ideas on enhancing aviation safety. Over the first two days, the civil aviation authority of each partner state provided organisational updates, followed by a series of presentations on the current challenges that aviation regulators face, as well as their achievements and future initiatives. CAAS took the opportunity to share its experience on issues such as the implementation of its State Safety Programme, Safety Management Systems, training, fatigue risk management, foreign aircraft surveillance and safety data collection, among the various topics discussed.

The final day of the dialogue featured presentations by industry professionals addressing industry subjects such as future growth and regulatory challenges in the Asia-Pacific region, training requirements responding to growth. A panel forum with representations from authorities and the industry as well as followed the presentations, discussing the presentation topics as well as the main theme of enhancing safety oversight.