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HIGHLIGHTING AVIATION SAFETY AT THE SAA AVIATION INSIGHT SERIES

With its sights set on being a major player in the global aerospace arena, Singapore's aviation industry needs to consistently step up its game and remain in the forefront of the industry.

For the Republic's aviation community to stay on top of trends and developments, the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) regularly hosts the SAA Aviation Insight Series programme, a series of talks featuring noted aviation experts and leaders who share insights into, and experiences on a wide range of aviation-related topics and relevant issues. The programme also aims to facilitate dialogue on how Singapore can further advance the cause of aviation safety.

The latest instalment of the series was held on 26 November 2009. Titled "State Safety Programme & Safety Management Systems — An Integrated Approach to Enhancing Aviation Safety Performance", the talk was presented by Dr Rob Lee, International Aviation Safety Expert & Group Captain, Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Specialist Reserve, at SAA's Sim Kee Boon Auditorium.

Dr Lee touched on the relationship between the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) State Safety Programme (SSP) and ICAO Safety Management Systems (SMS) Standards. Also highlighted were new concepts in the integration of risk management processes into Safety Information Systems, which allow both states and organisations to pinpoint their weakest links in safety, and work on enhancing their safety performance and commercial profitability.

The programme was a success, and served to raise awareness in international safety developments among the 200 attendees from the leadership and management corps of CAAS and the aviation sector.