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IATA TO EXPAND OPERATIONS IN SINGAPORE

Singapore has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) to further strengthen its presence in the island country. Inked by Raymond Lim, Singapore's Minister for Transport and Giovanni Bisignani, Director General and Chief Executive Officer IATA, the MoU also symbolises the strong collaborative relationship Singapore shares with IATA.

Since the establishment of its Singapore office in 1994, IATA has played an active and influential role in championing aviation issues of concern, provided insights for the formulation of sound and appropriate civil aviation policies as well as helped to promote the safety and efficiency of air traffic management. Its Regional Training Centre has also become a key human capital-grooming centre for the industry. Additionally, IATA has worked closely with the Singapore government to organise the highly successful series of the Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit, a biennial event that brings together senior management of key players and key government officials in the aviation industry to exchange insights on issues surrounding the industry.

One of IATA's upcoming initiatives is hosting the association's many international events in Singapore over the next few years, starting with its inaugural International Aviation Human Capital Summit in November 2011. IATA's plans to rev up its operations in Singapore by increasing the number of conferences, events and training courses it will host over the next 10 years will reinforce Singapore's proposition as a centre for knowledge exchange.