

SINGAPORE AND ICAO SIGNS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN CIVIL AVIATION LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING



Singapore and ICAO inked a new MOU on cooperation in leadership and management training at the Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit 2014 on 9 February. From left to right: Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the Council of ICAO and Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport.

A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on cooperation in leadership and management training has been agreed between Singapore and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO). This is the third of such training-related MOU between the two parties. The MOU consists of an overarching collaboration framework between the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), its training affiliate, SAA, and the ICAO, which provides for the development and organisation of leadership and management training for aviation leaders, senior management and professionals.

"It will help ICAO and Singapore to bring an increased level of focus to global and regional civil aviation training needs over the near term for both improved learning and human capital development opportunities," said Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the Council of ICAO. Mr Yap Ong Heng, Director-General of CAAS, welcomed this new agreement and added, "Singapore is a strong advocate of developing aviation leadership and human capital, which are key to addressing the challenges facing global aviation with its rapid growth. This cooperative agreement with ICAO in leadership and management training affirms our commitment to contribute in a meaningful way to advancing international civil aviation."

An executive programme on aviation safety for Directors General of Civil Aviation is planned in the second half of 2014 practices. This first MOU between Singapore and ICAO, Developing Countries Training Programme (DCTP), was concluded in 2001. DCTP was further extended and expanded over the years as it provided training fellowships and scholarships for aviation personnel from developing countries. Under the DCTP, the Singapore Government has awarded more than 620 training fellowships and five scholarships for Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) courses. The second MOU signed in 2010 established the ICAO-Singapore Aviation Security Leadership and Management Seminar.