

SINGAPORE HOSTS AVIATION CHIEF EXECUTIVES FORUM



Mr Roberto Kobeh González and Minister Lui sign a Memorandum of Understanding between Singapore and ICAO on the Developing Country Training Programme, increasing the number of fellowships for aviation training, offered by Singapore to developing ICAO Contracting States.

In February, Singapore hosted the 4th World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum, attended by over 100 aviation leaders from over 50 countries worldwide.

Held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) and staged under the theme of Aviation's Future: Embracing Change, Strengthening Partnership, participants at the event discussed pressing challenges facing the civil aviation industry. Issues discussed included safety in international civil aviation, enabling industry growth, and overcoming the sector's human capital challenges.

Speaking at the event's keynote address, Mr Lui Tuck Yew, Singapore's Minister for Transport said, "While the near-term global economic outlook looks reasonably promising, there remain challenges and uncertainties that may derail the sector. Aviation leaders here today are challenged to guide international civil aviation's onward progress."

"The future of aviation will be determined by how well aviation stakeholders can work together and rise to the challenge, embracing change, and shaping it," continued Minister Lui.

The forum also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Singapore and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to further advance the Development Country Training Programme (DCTP). The programme was launched in 2001 by both ICAO and the Singapore government to provide specialist aviation training. With this MoU, the DCTP will increase its number of fellowships from 180 to 250, over a three-year period spanning 2013 to 2015.

In addition, the Aviation Leaders Scholarship, aimed at further developing aviation leaders, was announced. Six scholarships will be awarded over three years to qualified applicants to pursue the Diploma in Civil Aviation Management at the Singapore Aviation Academy.

The fellowships and scholarships are estimated to be valued at US\$2.2 million collectively.

The 4th World Civil Aviation Chief Executives Forum video can be viewed below:

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