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COOPERATION – THE KEY TO AVIATION SAFETY

More than 300 international aviation safety experts and industry professionals gathered in Singapore from 1 to 3 November for the 64th Annual International Air Safety Seminar (IASS), hosted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS). The conference, which is annually organised by the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), gives the industry an opportunity to meet and discuss pressing issues and share information in a bid to maintain the highest level of global aviation safety.

In his opening address, Lui Tuck Yew, Minister for Transport and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, highlighted the importance of cooperation to chart new approaches to uphold aviation safety standards, especially in light of rising air travel demand.

During the three-day seminar, aviation safety experts presented studies and led panel discussions on challenging and emerging topics across different aspects of aviation safety. Captain Richard de Crespigny of Qantas Airways recounted his personal experience during the QF32 incident in November 2010 and shared the valuable lessons gleaned from the incident. Rounding off the conference was the Leaders Forum – a panel discussion led by William R. Voss, FSF President and CEO, which featured senior management of aviation authorities and airlines, who shared their views on topical safety issues and challenges.