

UNDERSTANDING SAFETY REGULATIONS IN BUSINESS AVIATION



Mr Tan Kah Han, Director (Airworthiness / Flight Operations) providing an overview on how general aviation activities will be regulated in the near future.

In a recent business aviation study conducted by CAAS, findings by consultants revealed that there are lingering misconceptions about the regulations surrounding business aviation. To provide greater clarity on Singapore's regulatory requirements pertaining to business aircraft activities, a seminar on business aviation was held on 22 March 2013 at the Singapore Aviation Academy. This seminar, attended by about 80 participants from various sectors of the aviation industry, was held as part of the CAAS Safety Series to engage and update industry partners on developments in safety policies and regulations.

Presenters covered topics such as air operator certification application process (if engaged in revenue for hire operations), aircraft registration process and their associated safety requirements. The scope of the presentations provided an overview of the relevant regulations, various application phases as well as the time frame and related costs involved for aircraft registration. These chapters served to help participants better understand the safety and regulatory processes as well as requirements related to business and general aviation operations.

CAAS also took this opportunity to update participants on the rationale and status of Singapore's aviation safety regulatory framework modernisation project. The new ICAO

complex general aviation requirements that cover corporate aviation operations where an organisation uses aircraft to ferry its employees and commercial air transport using helicopters and small aeroplanes were also highlighted during the presentation to provide participants with an idea of how these activities will be regulated in the near future. Participants also sought the opportunity to clarify their understanding of regulatory processes during the panel discussion session.