



Senior Foreman

LU HWEE HONG

SENIOR FOREMAN
SIA ENGINEERING COMPANY
18 YEARS IN AVIATION

Job description

Hwee Hong is responsible for ensuring that all aircraft maintenance work carried out, tools and equipment used, and technical publications and spares are in compliance with regulatory requirements. As a team leader, he is responsible for the safety, discipline and general administration of all staff under his supervision.

Another important aspect of his job involves regular checks on ground support equipment and work rostrums, ensuring that they are serviceable and that work areas are maintained and clear.

A day at work

My daily work starts with conducting briefings to my staff in relation to the day's operational work, quality and safety matters, and administrative issues. On a normal day, I perform checks on the aircraft undergoing maintenance in the hangar. This entails checking on the status of the aircraft, highlighting any safety or work concerns, and looking out for signs of hazards in the midst of aircraft work.

I also chair meetings with customers to discuss the maintenance progress of the customer's aircraft and any critical findings that may impact the on-time delivery of the aircraft.

Why I love my job

I love my job because in this industry, every day is a new learning experience for me. One of the many challenges that we face from time to time is uncommon or unique aircraft defects. In the air, pilots make decisions for matters concerning the aircraft; on ground, that responsibility is on our shoulders.

There is also no lack of opportunity to upgrade ourselves, as courses are available for us to stay abreast of the latest aircraft technology.

How I got into aviation

Prior to joining SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC), I was a Senior Technician in RSAF working on the A4SU Skyhawk for 10 years. In 2007, I completed my contract with the RSAF and wanted to continue my career in aerospace but with a switch to commercial aviation instead.

I chose SIAEC for the next phase of my career as I believed it could offer opportunities for me to widen my skills and knowledge in the industry.

Personal qualities needed

You need to have an open mind and be willing to learn. You should also possess a strong sense of responsibility, integrity and discipline to be able to do the job well.

Entry requirements

To join SIA Engineering Company as an Aircraft Maintenance Licensed Trainee, you should have a degree in a relevant engineering discipline, e.g. aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering, mechatronics, electrical engineering.

To become a Senior Foreman, you need to acquire a minimum of 2 years' experience as Licensed Aircraft Engineer (LAE), achieve good appraisal ratings, possess strong leadership skills and pass the necessary written tests or promotion interviews.

Possible career progression



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