

THE CIVIL AVIATION CHIEF EXECUTIVES PROGRAMME SHARES SINGAPORE'S BEST PRACTICES WITH THE WORLD

Twenty aviation leaders from around the world gathered for the 18th Civil Aviation Chief Executives Programme (CACEP), held 28 June to 2 July at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA). Organised by SAA and sponsored by the Singapore Cooperation Programme, CACEP updates leaders in the industry on the latest developments in aviation, and serves as a platform for discussion on current topical issues. Participants consisted of chief executives of various aviation organisations, including directors general of civil aviation and CEOs of airports and air navigation service providers. With the largest gathering this year, more than 150 chief executives from 88 countries have participated in this premier programme since its inception in 2000.

This year's programme covered a wide spectrum of aviation topics, such as air transport, air law and regulations, aviation safety and security, crisis and emergency planning, as well as airport planning and management. Industry experts from various organisations shared their views and experience through presentations and interactive discussion sessions. Participants were also invited to take a tour of Changi Airport's facilities and Singapore Airlines' new hangar to gain first-hand experience of what takes place on the ground.

Many participants found the programme beneficial. Koit Kaskel, Director General of the Estonian Civil Aviation Administration said, "The benefits were clearly there in terms of the knowledge and experience the lecturers shared with us, particularly the examples and ideas discussed on how Singapore has resolved aviation problems."

Hoe Viali, Director of Civil Aviation, Samoa, mirrored these sentiments, adding, "As senior aviation officials, we are now better placed to influence decisions in our respective countries in order to improve aviation safety. New knowledge on how safety is delivered and monitored will reinforce safety responsibilities in our respective countries."



The 19th Civil Aviation Chief Executives Programme is scheduled to take place in 2011. For more updates, do check back at the SAA website at <http://www.saa.com.sg> regularly.