

PROMOTING AVIATION CAREERS AT SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2010



Secondary school and university students were given the opportunity to gain insight into the aviation industry and learn about potential aviation careers in the field, thanks to the Aerospace Industry Induction Programme (AIIP) held during the Singapore Airshow 2010. The programme aims to provide information on different dynamic career paths available in the aerospace industry.

Various career-oriented events and seminars were held on 5 February, which were organised by the Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) (AAIS), and supported by government agencies like the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB).

At the AIIP, industry professionals shared their experiences with a lively group of students. Representatives from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF), Rolls-Royce and CAAS talked about the dynamism of the aerospace industry. Some of the topics discussed included areas of growth within the sector and benefits and perks like travel and continuing education. CAAS also hosted a career talk for selected engineering students with Lim Yeow Khee, Managing Director, LYK Aerospace and Chairman, Advisory Council of Singapore, Institute of Aerospace Engineers, as well as two representatives from the SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC). The talk gave the students an in-depth look at the field of aircraft engineering, as well as an opportunity to ask questions about the industry.

According to Lim, a strong engineering background is useful for those who want to enter the aviation field. This provides them with the necessary analytical skills to assess different situations, instead of relying on “gut feeling”. In addition, he said that aviation professionals must always be aware, curious and determined in order to deliver the best solutions.

He added, “The Singapore aviation industry will continue growing as it is still in the early stages of development. This means there are going to be many opportunities for young people to come in and explore new ways of working in the new areas emerging in the aviation scene.”