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COLLABORATING TO NURTURE SINGAPORE'S AVIATION PROFESSIONALS

In 2010, Singapore's aerospace industry achieved an output of \$7.2 billion and employed over 18,000 professionals and skilled workers. The setting up of Seletar Aerospace Park by 2018 is expected to contribute \$3.3 billion annually in value-add and create 10,000 new aerospace-related jobs.

As the aviation market here continues to grow, the need for more skilled professionals is augmented by the Memorandum of Understanding between ST Aerospace and SIM University (UniSIM) signed on 21 October. Both entities will be cooperating in the education and development of manpower to meet the burgeoning needs of Singapore's aerospace industry over the next ten years. This initiative is an extension of their existing collaboration, first established in March 2008.

ST Aerospace will take on an advisory role by contributing industry expertise to UniSIM's aerospace degree programmes, including the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Aerospace Systems, Bachelor of Science in Aviation Maintenance and Bachelor of Science in Aviation Business Administration. ST Aerospace will also offer students enrolled in these programmes the opportunities to gain practical experience and familiarisation at its facility. In addition, both groups will collaborate in areas of scholarships, research, knowledge sharing and will undertake associate teaching activities at each other's facilities.