

BALANCING AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITATION



Tackling aviation security challenges together. From left to right: DAC Phillip Mah, Deputy Commander Airport Police, SPF, Mr Andy Tan, Director Infrastructure Protection Directorate, MHA, Mr Carlos “Charlie” A. Mularski, Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific Universal Weather & Aviation Inc, Mr John Kendall, Director of Security Program, Unisys Asia Pacific Business, SAC Lim Kok Thai, Director Operations, SPF, Mr Tay Tiang Guan, Deputy Director General, CAAS, Mr Michael A. Brown, Representative/Attaché, Office of Global Strategies, TSA, Mr Hiten Patel, First Secretary, Regional Aviation Security Liaison Officer (RASLO) for South Asia & Asia Pacific, UKDfT, Ms Cheri Lim, Head Aviation Security & Facilitation, ASEP Division, CAAS, DAC Sam Tee, Commander Airport Police, SPF.

The inaugural Joint Aviation Security and Facilitation Seminar, hosted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and the Airport Police Division (APD), paved the way for greater collaboration among the authorities and the airport community to ensure secure and smooth facilitation of passengers and cargo.

The seminar, held at the Singapore Aviation Academy, also provided a platform for participants to share best practices and experiences, as well as update the industry on evolving threats plaguing the aviation sector. Aviation security experts from the Transportation Security Administration (United States), United Kingdom Department for

Transport and industry experts presented on research and current facilitation developments. The seminar also provided the 200 representatives from various government agencies and aviation industry practitioners with the opportunity to network and share solutions to tackle security and facilitation challenges.

With passengers numbers set to increase significantly in the years ahead, the challenge of balancing aviation security and facilitation has become more acute and complex. During the panel discussion, Tay Tiang Guan, Deputy Director General of CAAS noted the importance of balancing aviation security and facilitation via close coordination and cooperation among key stakeholders as key stakeholders work together towards a common goal of enhanced security with smooth facilitation. The panel also included:

- Hilten Patel, First Secretary, Regional Avsec Liaison Officer RASLO for South Asia and Asia Pacific, Department for Transport, UK;
- Carlos Charlie, Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific, Universal Weather and Aviation, Inc.;
- John Kendall , Director of Security Program, Unisys Asia Pacific Business; and
- DAC Sam Tee, Commander, Airport Police Division (APD)