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# CAAS ENSURED SMOOTH AIR TRAFFIC AND SAFETY AT SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2010



While adrenaline-pumping flight displays took centre stage at the Singapore Airshow 2010, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore's (CAAS) air traffic control officers (ATCOs) were in the background supporting the biggest airshow in Asia through the planning of flying displays. CAAS worked with airshow organisers on coordination procedures to ensure

airspace was safeguarded during flying displays. Assessments were carried out by the organisers and safety measures were adhered to in ensuring the safety of both aircraft as well as spectators on the ground.

At the same time, the challenge was to minimise impact on Changi Airport's operations. Suitable windows for the flying displays were identified early, and airlines were given ample advanced information so that flights could be rescheduled to avoid the closure periods. On an opportunity basis, aircraft were allowed to depart towards the south, away from the flying displays.

"The Singapore Airshow is a high-key event and everyone worked hard to ensure that it went smoothly. Our main challenge was meeting time pressure to allow the airshow to take place smoothly as planned," said Vincent Hwa, Head, International Air Navigation Services Policy, CAAS.