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CAAS REACHES OUT TO THE YOUTH THROUGH TWO NEW AVIATION INITIATIVES

On 3 November, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) launched two new initiatives – the Aviation Horizons Scholarship and Aviation Youth Outreach Seed Fund to build and sustain a quality workforce for Singapore's growing aviation industry. The initiatives are part of the \$9 million Aviation Manpower Programme unveiled in 2010, aimed at attracting, developing and retaining talent and manpower for the aviation industry.



Josephine Teo, Minister of State for Finance and Transport, delivers the opening speech and announces the launch of the Aviation Horizons Scholarship and Aviation Youth Outreach Seed Fund.

Formally launching the schemes at the Aviation Open House, Josephine Teo, Minister of State for Finance and Transport, noted the need to ignite passion for aviation among the youth in Singapore through such initiatives. This is to continually build a strong core of aviation specialists and professionals and help Singapore stay ahead of the competition.

The [Aviation Horizons Scholarship](#) aims to support promising Institute of Technical Education and polytechnic graduates in attaining higher qualifications while they gain work experience in the aviation sector. It will also enable participating aviation companies to attract and develop talent to meet their human resource needs. Successful applicants will have the opportunity to work for a participating company while pursuing a part-time degree or diploma course, jointly sponsored by CAAS and the company.



[Aviation Youth Outreach Seed Fund](#)

Meanwhile, the [Aviation Youth Outreach Seed Fund](#) initiative aims to raise youth interest in aviation by expanding the range of aviation outreach activities and engagement platforms. The seed funds will support aviation-themed activities and programmes organized by aviation companies, associations, student groups and Institutes of Higher Learning, providing youths opportunities to engage with the industry and peers and nurture their passion for aviation.



Josephine Teo and Yap Ong Heng, Director-General, CAAS, with the Youth Aviation Ambassadors.

CAAS is also kick-starting the scheme with the *Youth Aviation Ambassadors* (YAA) programme, which nurtures youths passionate about aviation to inspire their peers. The first batch of YAAAs received certificates of appointment for a one-year term at the Aviation Open House's opening ceremony. Their involvement in various aviation-related activities will allow them to network with CAAS and industry leaders and develop a deeper appreciation of the industry.

Find out more about the [Aviation Horizons Scholarship](#) and [Aviation Youth Outreach Seed Fund](#).