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# EUROCOPTER EXPANDS CAPABILITIES WITH NEW FACILITY IN SELETAR AEROSPACE PARK

Eurocopter South East Asia (ESEA) unveiled its new 8,200-square metre facility in Seletar Aerospace Park (SAP) on 11 January 2011. The inauguration ceremony was held in the presence of Lim Hng Kiang, Minister for Trade & Industry, who was joined by Eurocopter's President & CEO Lutz Bertling. The new facility supports ESEA's expansion in maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), training services, as well as research and development (R&D) activities.

Apart from doubling its existing hangar capacity, the new facility also has better-equipped facilities to facilitate ESEA's training arm, the Singapore Helicopter Training Centre, to train helicopter pilots and technicians, as well as collaborate on various student training programmes with local education institutions and universities.

With the move to the new facility, ESEA is also looking towards expanding their design engineering capabilities. ESEA is currently Eurocopter's only authorised design organisation. They recently attained the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore's Design Organisation Approval, which allows ESEA to carry out design modifications and repairs on Singapore-registered helicopters.

EADS Innovation Works (EADS IW), the R&D arm for Eurocopter's EADS parent company, will also relocate their team of researchers into this new facility, leveraging on the proximity to strengthen and reinforce synergies in innovation projects and R&D activities with ESEA. Like other companies located at SAP, ESEA will benefit from economies of scale and synergies through the park's integrated environment of shared infrastructure and co-location of related aerospace activities.



Distinguished guests at grand opening ceremony of Eurocopter's new facility at Seletar Aerospace Park.