

## INAUGURAL BATCH OF MBA IN AVIATION STUDENTS GRADUATES



Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's inaugural cohort of 19 graduates from its MBAA degree programme. The programme currently has three other MBAA classes and a fifth batch starting in January 2013.

After 24 months of interactive coursework and projects, the inaugural batch of 19 students from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – Asia's MBA in Aviation (MBAA) degree programme graduated. Conducted in association with the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA), this MBAA programme brings modern management concepts and broad aviation topics together to help students advance their careers in aviation.

"This unique MBAA programme equips students with in-depth practical management skills and core competencies applicable to the aviation business environment. The learning elements provided by SAA, drawing on the CAAS' accumulated experience in aviation governance, regulation and the wider expertise of Singapore, have further enhanced the understanding on the practical issues involved in managing a wide spectrum of aviation functions and specialisation." highlighted Mr Lee Yuen Hee, Deputy Secretary (International), Ministry of Transport at the graduation ceremony held at the SAA on 15 December 2012.

The demand for the programme has been increasing since the programme was launched in January 2011. There are currently four batches of classes underway, with the most recent commencing in January 2013. The students come from diverse parts of the aviation industry including airlines, airports, as well as international aviation companies.

Dr Michael Lim, Director, Singapore Aviation Academy, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, said, "The MBAA programme is a direct response to the need of Singapore and international aviation to fill aviation's human resource gap in management-ready professionals."

In collaboration with Embry-Riddle, a pioneer and leader in aviation and aerospace training, SAA continues to advance aviation human resource development in Singapore. It now also offers a Master of Aeronautical Science degree.