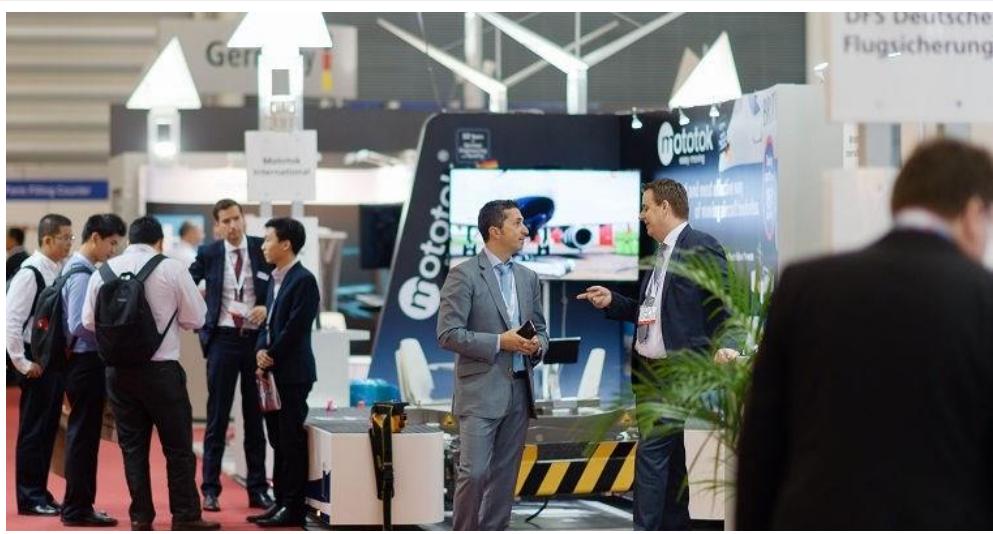


## **INTER AIRPORT SOUTH EAST ASIA RETURNS TO THE HEART OF AVIATION**



The fourth edition of inter airport South East Asia – the world's largest airport equipment exhibition – was held from 21 to 23 January 2015 at Singapore Expo. *Photo courtesy of inter airport South East Asia – Singapore.*

In a clear indication of the city-state's growing standing as the heart of aviation, Singapore hosted the fourth edition of *inter airport* South East Asia – the world's largest airport equipment exhibition, from 21 to 23 January 2015 at Singapore Expo . This marked the return of the exhibition to the region for the first time since the 2001 edition, held in Singapore then as well. The 2015 edition drew over 2,293 visitors from 49 different countries. Visitors included buyers of airport equipment from across South East Asia, national airport officials from ASEAN countries, ground handlers, airport operators and representatives from 40 different airlines.

Showcasing the world's leading airport equipment, technology design, security and services, from a total of 175 suppliers representing 27 different countries, *inter airport* South East Asia provided an excellent platform for airport professionals to gather, discuss, learn and experience market-leading technologies that can help enhance airports in the region. The national pavilions, hosted by international associations from countries including the UK, Germany, France, China and Finland, were also a key attraction for many visitors. With the extensive equipment and expertise on offer in one convenient location, the exhibition provided

trade visitors an avenue to make new connections and widen their existing business network, something that would be difficult and costly to achieve otherwise.

Guest-of-Honour Josephine Teo, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Finance added that it was an opportune time for the exhibition to make a comeback in Singapore, given the numerous airport expansion plans scheduled in the region. “Events such as *inter airport* South East Asia are therefore important because they allow experiences to be shared, perspectives to be pooled and ideas to be exchanged,” she said.

Singapore will once again host *inter airport* South East Asia when it returns for its 5th edition from 15 to 17 February 2017. More than two-thirds of the exhibitors have expressed their commitment to return, with many requesting for larger exhibit stands. Such overwhelming response points to the success of the event, and Singapore’s growing stature as a dynamic aviation hub of choice.