

SINGAPORE HOSTS EASA-CAAS FOREIGN AIR OPERATOR RAMP INSPECTION SEMINAR



Regional aviation authorities and airlines discuss foreign air operators safety matters at the EASA-CAAS Foreign Air Operator Ramp Inspection Seminar.

The inaugural EASA-CAAS Foreign Air Operator Ramp Inspection Seminar was held at the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) in January 2013. The two-day forum, jointly organised by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), was a platform for some 71 delegates from 25 regional aviation authorities and airlines to discuss various issues arising from surveillance programmes for the safety oversight of foreign air operators.

The seminar is the first event to be held since EASA and CAAS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in February 2012, to facilitate the sharing of information and resources, training and research, on aviation safety matters. This follows a signed agreement by both parties in February 2008, to enhance cooperation on the safety oversight of the Airbus A380 aircraft.

In line with the purpose of the forum, speakers from EASA shared on the EU's Safety Assessment on Foreign Aircraft (SAFA) and Third Country Operator (TCO) programmes, including various analytical tools used. CAAS shared its Foreign Operator Surveillance Programme (FOSP) and Aircraft Ramp Inspection Programme.

Aviation authorities' representatives from Italy's Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (ENAC) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Netherlands (CAA-NL), discussed important safety issues related to the implementation of an FOSP and the incorporation of international requirements into the FOSP. Delegates interviewed found the seminar to be informative and beneficial to their work.