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# **TIGER AIRWAYS EXPANDS FLEET TO 20 AIRCRAFT**

Singapore's low-cost carrier Tiger Airways announced on 26 September that it has reached a milestone 20 aircraft with the addition of two new Airbus planes – an A320 and an A232. This is in line with Tiger Airways Group's overall plans to grow its fleet to 68 aircraft by 2015.

The additional aircraft will allow the airline to fly more passengers with greater frequency to Asia's top destinations. These include Bangkok (from 28 to 31 times a week), Ho Chi Minh (from 21 to 28 times a week), Tiruchirapalli (from seven to 11 times a week), Guangzhou and Taipei (both from seven to 10 times a week). With the expanded fleet, Tiger Airways will also be able to venture into new routes such as to Bangalore, Cebu and Davao.

"These additional aircraft will fuel the expansion of our business in Singapore. We have flown over 21 million passengers since our inaugural flight in September 2004 and we are now one of the top three airlines by passenger numbers from Changi Airport. With these aircraft, we are well-placed to grow these volumes even further," said Stewart Adams, Managing Director, Tiger Airways Singapore.

### **ON THE ROAD TOWARDS GREATER PRODUCTIVITY**

The Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) (AAIS) launched its aerospace productivity drive at the 2011 Singapore AeroIndustry Annual (AIAM 2011) meeting on 22 September, also the association's ninth annual general meeting. Held at the Singapore Aviation Academy, the event was graced by guest-of-honour, Lui Tuck Yew, Minister of Transport and Second Minister of Foreign Affairs.

AIAM 2011, themed "AeroProductivity – it's everyone's business", kick-started the AAIS' drive for increased productivity this coming work year. The conference segment focused on productivity in areas such as human capital, technology adoption, processes, capabilities upgrading and an AeroProductivity showcase. The conference also touched on manpower gaps and industry needs, which were identified by initiatives rolled out in the association's 2010 work year. This led AAIS to affirm the need for companies to enhance manpower capabilities to increase productivity and maintain Singapore's sustainability as an aerospace hub.

Three Memorandums of Understanding were also signed at the event. These include:

- Aerospace Supplier eXchange 2013 Partnership – AAIS and Ib Consultancy, which will see the development of the Military Defence Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), Aviation Security and Training & Simulation segments of the AeroSpaceeXchange 2013 Conference and Exhibition.
- Training collaboration – AAIS and IMR Test Labs, which will see the promotion of technical training programmes that benefits the local aerospace industry.
- AeroCloud collaborations between AAIS, Hewlett-Packard Singapore, The European and Aeronautic Defence and Space Company Works Innovation Singapore, Agency for Science, Technology and Research, Institute of High Performance Computing and Ramco Systems, which will see further discussions on the development of cloud solutions for the Aerospace MRO and Manufacturing industries within Singapore.