

**ITE PARTNERS ST AEROSPACE TO PROVIDE
BEST OF CLASS TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE AVIATION INDUSTRY**

ST Aerospace to offer scholarship awards to students

Singapore, 13 February 2009 – Singapore Technologies Aerospace Ltd (ST Aerospace) and the Institute of Technical Education (ITE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cooperate in enhancing the training of students in the *Nitec* in Aerospace Technology and *Nitec* in Aerospace Avionics courses. This MOU, which is extended over five years, includes setting up an aircraft airframe workshop at ITE, offering scholarships to students, providing on-the-job attachment for ITE staff and knowledge sharing, and development of joint certification courses.

This programme is estimated to benefit around 400 students in the two courses annually. Students will directly benefit with actual aircraft parts donated by ST Aerospace to the aircraft airframe workshop as they can then gain hands-on experience on actual aircraft parts instead of models which they currently use. The scholarships, which will cover tuition fees and allowances, will aid students financially and allow them to focus on their studies. In addition, with ST Aerospace's contribution to the joint electives and certification courses, the students can also stay on the forefront of developments in the industry by gaining repair skills of new aircraft types and technologies.

"With this collaboration, we can look forward to attract more secondary school leavers to consider a career in the Aerospace industry, and to provide ITE students with invaluable opportunities to acquire hands-on experience at ST Aerospace's state-of-the-art facilities."

~ Bruce POH, Director & CEO, ITE

"We are pleased for this opportunity to contribute to the aerospace industry in Singapore through our collaboration with ITE in its Aerospace Technology and Avionics courses. We look forward to helping to enhance the quality of the students' education so that they can contribute to Singapore's aviation industry. As Singapore progresses, it is important that its workforce is given the best training and practical experience available so we can maintain our competitive edge."

~ TAY Kok Khiang, President, ST Aerospace

As one of the world's leading aviation maintenance, repair and overhaul companies, ST Aerospace is a strong proponent in the training and development of aerospace professionals. To provide students practical experience and insights into the business, ST Aerospace offers around 50-80 industrial attachment positions for students in tertiary education institutes each year.

Apart from collaborating with education institutes, ST Aerospace has its own training initiatives such as an internal training and certification programme for *Nitec*, a Senior Technician Scheme and a Licensed Aircraft Engineer training programme. To provide better service and meet the high standards expected by customers, ST Aerospace provides on average 90 hours of training per employee annually and about 3% of payroll in training and skills upgrading to ensure that its workers are equipped with the right expertise.

Reports show that Singapore's aerospace industry is growing, with a 10.4 per cent increase in output in 2007 to a record \$6.89 billion. The industry employs around 19,000 in mid-2008, and requires around 1,500 additions each year, indicating high demand for skilled labour in the local aerospace industry.

The **Institute of Technical Education (ITE)**, Singapore, was established as a post-secondary education institution in 1992 under the Ministry of Education. ITE is a principal provider of career and technical education and key developer of national occupational skills certification and standards to enhance Singapore's workforce competitiveness. Under its "One ITE System, Three Colleges" Model of Education and Governance, ITE has three Colleges, comprising ITE College Central, ITE College East and ITE College West. For more information, please visit www.ite.edu.sg.

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