

**ADDRESS BY MR BRUCE POH, DIRECTOR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ITE, AT THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ITE AND ST AEROSPACE LTD ON FRI 13 FEB 2009 AT 1000 HRS AT ST AEROSPACE**

Mr Tay Kok Khiang  
President, ST Aerospace

Members of the Media

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

**Introduction**

Good morning. It is my pleasure to be here for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between ITE and ST Aerospace.

2 Today, Singapore is the leader in Asia for Aerospace Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO), offering the most comprehensive suite of aircraft MRO capabilities. To upgrade the skills competency of the workforce in the aviation industry, ITE introduced the **Nitec in Aerospace Technology** course in 2006 and the **Nitec in Aerospace Avionics** course in 2008. With better capabilities, the industry can grow and enhance its global competitiveness.

3 Fostering a close partnership with lead industry players is a key strategy of ITE to ensure the relevance and rigour of our programmes. It is an enabler for strengthening the capabilities of our staff and students. We are therefore pleased that, in spite of the severe economic downturn and uncertainties, ST Aerospace is willing to invest in human capital development for the long-term growth and sustainability of the MRO industry.

## Win-Win Co-operation

- 4 Under the scope of co-operation, ST Aerospace will:
- Offer **industry attachments** and **Sponsorship Awards to ITE students**;
  - Provide **attachments for ITE staff**, to update and upgrade their knowledge and skills in aerospace technology;
  - Jointly develop **certification and customised courses** with ITE; and
  - Set up an **Aircraft Airframe Centre** at ITE College Central (Yishun Campus), for training in aircraft airframe maintenance and other aircraft-related modules.

5 This collaboration is a win-win partnership between an education institution and leading industry to provide *authentic learning* for students. We look forward to an active exchange of ideas and best practices in technology and pedagogy between the two parties. I am confident that the co-operation will have a very positive impact on the training of technical manpower to meet the critical needs of the aviation industry in Singapore.

## Conclusion

6 The partnership would not have been possible without the support of **Mr Tay Kok Kiang**, President of ST Aerospace, and **Mr Ho Yuen Sang**, Deputy President. We thank and applaud you for your strong commitment and foresight in investing in the future workforce for the aviation industry. I would also like to thank staff from ST Aerospace and ITE, who worked hard to make this collaboration possible, with pride and professionalism.

Thank you.