

**ADDRESS BY MR HENG GUAN TECK, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ACADEMIC)/ITE, AT THE SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ITE AND EUROCOPTER SOUTH EAST ASIA PTE LTD ON FRI 5 FEB 2010 AT 1000 HRS AT SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2010**

Dr Bernhard Brenner  
President  
Eurocopter South East Asia

Mr Philip Ng  
Vice President, Finance  
Eurocopter Philippines

Distinguished Guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

**Introduction**

Good morning. It is my pleasure to be here to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between ITE and Eurocopter South East Asia.

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, Singapore will develop into a strong

aerospace hub and have an increased presence in the global aerospace industry.

3 In order to keep our competitive edge, fostering a close partnership with leading 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 pleased that, in spite of the trying economic uncertainties, Eurocopter South East Asia 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, Eurocopter South East Asia will:

- offer **industry attachments to ITE students** both local and overseas;
- provide **attachments for ITE staff**, to update and upgrade their knowledge and skills in rotorcraft technology;

- **jointly review and update** curricula on helicopter – related modules in the *Nitec* in Aerospace Technology and *Nitec* in Aerospace Avionics courses; and
- advise ITE on the equipment and training pedagogy for the **Helicopter Maintenance Learning Hub** at ITE College Central (Yishun Campus), for training in rotorcraft maintenance.

5 This collaboration is a win-win partnership between an education institution and industry leader. ITE students will have opportunities to undergo *authentic learning* that can best prepare them to excel in this rapidly changing field. 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 Dr Bernhard Brenner, President of Eurocopter South East Asia. We thank and applaud you for your strong commitment and foresight in investing in the future workforce for the aviation industry. On behalf of ITE, I would also like to thank the staff from Eurocopter and ITE, who have worked hard to

make this collaboration possible, with pride and professionalism.  
We look forward to an active exchange of ideas and best practices in technology and pedagogy between the two parties.

Thank you.