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Changi Airport Group and Republic Polytechnic partner to nurture aviation talent

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will train students in specialist skills

Singapore, 8 February 2012 – Changi Airport Group (CAG) and Republic Polytechnic (RP), one of Singapore’s leading tertiary institutions, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a first for the airport company with a local polytechnic. The MOU aims to nurture aspiring aviation enthusiasts and promote a career in aviation management to RP students undergoing the tertiary training for it.

Under the MOU, students from RP’s Diploma in Civil Aviation (DCA) from its School of Engineering will serve a 20-week internship with CAG’s Airport Operations division. These interns will assist Changi’s Duty Terminal Managers in the coordination of ground operations across all terminals, ensure seamless passenger facilitation and provide all visitors to the airport with a personalised, stress-free and positively surprising Changi Experience.

Prior to the MOU, more than 60 RP students have interned at various CAG departments, where they lent support to the full-time staff in the areas of Airport Management, including Quality Service Management, Airside Operations and Ground Operations. CAG supervisors have been appreciative of the good performance by these interns, with many of them receiving compliments from passengers in the course of their internships as well.

“CAG is a strong believer in the importance of developing and grooming future airport professionals, and this is the reason why we have placed a huge emphasis on partnerships with the tertiary institutions. This provides students with the opportunities to be exposed to real-life operational work at Changi Airport. We have regular internship programmes available across different clusters at CAG and we hope that these students will eventually continue to pursue future careers in the aviation industry,” said Mr Foo Sek Min, Executive Vice President, Airport Management, Changi Airport Group.
Mr Yeo Li Pheow, Principal/CEO of Republic Polytechnic said, “This is a significant collaboration for Republic Polytechnic’s Diploma in Civil Aviation as it effectively supplements management-related topics covered in the courses by providing technical know-how and valuable opportunities for our students to receive specialist training first-hand from the industry’s best, ensuring a well-rounded programme for students aspiring to be a part of the aviation industry.”

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About Republic Polytechnic
The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage on Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two centres offering thirty nine courses in Infocomm, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, Enterprise, and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, TR19, People Developer Standards, Singapore Quality Class and Singapore Innovation Class. For more information, visit http://www.rp.edu.sg

About Changi Airport Group
Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) (www.changiairportgroup.com) was formed on 16 June 2009 and the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport followed on 1 July 2009. As the company managing Changi Airport, CAG undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. Through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, the Group invests in and manages foreign airports to spread the success of Changi Airport internationally.

Changi Airport (www.changiairport.com) is the world’s most awarded airport having garnered more than 390 accolades since it opened in 1981. To serve passengers and visitors from the world over, there are 290 retail stores and 130 F&B outlets across the airport’s four terminals. Changi handled more than 46 million passenger movements in 2011, an annual record. Today, it serves some 100 airlines flying to over 210 cities in about 60 countries and territories worldwide. A flight takes off or lands at Changi roughly once every 100 seconds.

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