



**PRESS RELEASE**

**Republic Polytechnic and Singapore Youth Flying Club partner to train next generation of pilots**

**5 year MOU will give RP students the opportunity to pursue a 20 week internship and flight training programme with SYFC**

**Singapore, 10 January 2013** – Republic Polytechnic (RP), one of Singapore’s leading tertiary institutions, today signed a 5 year Memorandum of Understanding with the Singapore Youth Flying Club (SYFC).

The MOU will offer select students pursuing a Diploma in Civil Aviation at RP’s School of Engineering, the opportunity to pursue a 20 week internship and flight training programme at SYFC in their third year of study.

This partnership will see participating students graduate with a Diploma in Civil Aviation and a private pilot license.

The internship and training programme aim to foster a passion for flying amongst students while providing them with first hand flying experience.

“Our collaboration with SYFC is a huge step forward for Republic Polytechnic’s School of Engineering and Civil Aviation students. The opportunity to pilot the skies is not something many students have the opportunity to experience in Singapore. We hope this partnership will continue to drive a passion for aviation innovation amongst our future generation,” said Yeo Li Pheow, Principal and CEO of Republic Polytechnic.

To qualify for this programme, students will be put through a series of interviews with RP staff and SYFC personnel, aptitude tests and medical checks while ensuring they meet their academic qualifications.

COL (VOL) Andy Tan, General Manager SYFC, said “The Singapore Youth Flying Club is committed to cultivating a strong interest in flying among our youths in Singapore. This partnership will

enable more youths to have the opportunity to obtain flying experience while pursuing their studies. The attainment of the Private Pilot Licence will put them in good stead to pursue a flying career at the completion of their studies.”

The internship and training programme will kick off in the fourth quarter of 2013 ie in October 2013.

Currently, aviation-related courses at the School of Engineering in RP provide students with insights from the aerospace engineering, airport management and aviation industry. The Diploma in Civil Aviation, in particular, specialises in flight operations, aviation safety and security as well as air traffic management.

### **About Republic Polytechnic**

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two academic centres offering thirty-seven diplomas 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 skills and lifelong learning opportunities. 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, SS540, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class.

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