

**FORMATION OF THE  
SINGAPORE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) COMMUNITY****LAUNCH OF INAUGURAL SINGAPORE UAS DIRECTORY  
TO PROMOTE THE INDUSTRY**

**Tuesday, 9 April 2019** – The Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) or AAIS, today announced the formation of the Singapore UAS Community. Conceived with the support of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and Enterprise Singapore, the Community aims to represent and serve the interests of the emerging UAS sector in Singapore. This includes aerospace companies, technology start-ups, supporting solution and service providers, end-users and educational institutions.

The announcement was noted by Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Mr Baey Yam Keng at this morning's opening of the Unmanned Systems Asia and Rotorcraft Asia 2019 tradeshow. To help connect UAS businesses to market opportunities, the AAIS also launched its inaugural Singapore UAS Directory 2019.

President of AAIS, Mr Philip Quek said, "The surge in public and private sector demand for UAS solutions provides a glimpse of the market's untapped potential. Building upon our strengths as an Association, we will engender the UAS Community, and together, play a role in supporting market development and access, sourcing of new technologies, development of standards and policy advocacy."

Congratulating AAIS on the launch of its UAS Community and the inaugural publication of the Singapore UAS Directory, Enterprise Singapore's Executive Director for Manufacturing & Engineering Mr Simon Lim remarked, "This brings together the industry's efforts and resources, and will potentially yield solutions that can scale beyond our shores. Enterprise Singapore will collaborate with AAIS in understanding the needs of UAS businesses to better support them in the development of new capabilities and innovative solutions, and accessing global opportunities."

According to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Unmanned Aircraft Systems is a term referring to "aircraft and the associated elements which are operated with no pilot on board". This would also include what are commonly known as "drones" and "passenger drones". Goldman Sachs Research<sup>1</sup> has estimated a US\$100 billion market for UAS (excluding passenger drones) over five years from 2016 to 2020, with the fastest growth opportunity commercial and civil applications accounting for an estimated \$13B spending.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.goldmansachs.com/insights/technology-driving-innovation/drones/>

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### **About the Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore)**

The Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) or AAIS, is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2003, to promote the development of Singapore as a leading aerospace hub.

AAIS represents companies involved in aerospace maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), manufacturing, parts distribution, research & development, training and education, and services. It serves as the voice of industry to influence future directions and policies, engenders the development of the aerospace community and facilitates business development. For more information, visit [www.aais.org.sg](http://www.aais.org.sg).

### **About the Singapore Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Community**

The 'Singapore UAS Community' is an initiative of the Association of Aerospace Industries (Singapore) or AAIS, to promote the development of the emerging UAS industry. Supported by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and Enterprise Singapore (ESG), the community aims to represent and support industry stakeholders including UAS manufacturers and technology start-ups, aerospace companies, service and solution providers, and educational institutions.

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