



AAIS Statement on COVID-19

AAIS will continue to monitor the evolution of COVID-19 closely.

We are confident that the coordinated and swift response by the Singapore government, led by the multi ministry task force and public health institutions, will limit the spread of the virus. At the same time, we must all play our part. AAIS strongly recommends that businesses comply with the control measures, for the health and safety of all. Please refer to the [latest advisory from EDB](#) and the [guide by Enterprise Singapore](#) on COVID-19 for businesses.

The situation has also inevitably impacted daily operations and staff deployment for many in the industry. Members may wish to find out more about the temporary scheme just announced by the Ministry of Manpower and Singapore Business Federation to help companies in the manufacturing and services sectors better manage manpower needs in view of the situation. Find out more at [ManpowerConnect](#).

AAIS stands together with the aerospace community at this challenging time. We will be calling members in the coming weeks to gather your feedback and discuss any concerns you may have. This may include facilitating skills upgrading and other training activities for your staff in the short term. Please also feel free to contact the Secretariat if you require urgent support or clarification on any other matters.

The air transport sector has weathered difficult and stormy periods in the past, such as the SARS and aftermath of 9-11. Since then, we have built our capabilities and ecosystem as one to be reckoned with. This situation is expected to be a short term disruption, and while we manage the pressing issues on hand, it is important to also take the opportunity to gear up for the surge in demand once the situation recovers. We are confident that together, we can manage and overcome this challenge, and emerge even stronger.

Singapore Airshow 2020

Singapore Airshow 2020 concluded with firm support from exhibitors and industry stakeholders. The Singapore Pavilion, organised by AAIS, presented an expanded pool of more than 20 aerospace small and medium enterprises. We were delighted to welcome honoured guests including President Halimah Yacob, Senior Minister of State for Health and Transport Dr Lam Pin Min, and Senior Minister of State for Defence Heng Chee How. To bring more value to members and exhibitors, AAIS organised networking sessions, pavilion tours, country briefings and B2B meetings.



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AAIS Partners Starburst Accelerator

AAIS has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with global aerospace start-up accelerator, Starburst, to collaborate on the Singapore Aviation Tech Accelerator. The programme aims to develop start-up enterprises based on their potential to provide solutions to Air Transport problem statements in areas such as Air Traffic Management, Passenger Experience, Cyber Security, Mobility, Connectivity, Data Analytics and Artificial Intelligence. The signing ceremony took place on 12 February 2020 on the sidelines of the Singapore Airshow.



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Budget 2020: Measures for Businesses

In the 2020 Budget Statement delivered on 18 February 2020, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat shared about the measures that the Government will put in place to support businesses through the uncertainties in the global environment while preparing them to capture the opportunities in the future. Initiatives announced include:

- **A S\$4 billion stabilisation and support package:** To help enterprises and workers tide through the current economic uncertainty, this package will provide cash flow support and assistance in retaining and retraining workers.
- **Enhanced tax rebates and loan offerings:** Companies will be granted a rebate of 25% tax payable, capped at S\$15,000 for the year of assessment 2020. The maximum loan quantum under the Enterprise Financing Scheme will also be raised to \$600,000 and the Government will increase its risk-share on these loans to 70%.

You may wish to refer to the [MTI Budget Booklet for Businesses](#) for an overview of the initiatives and the [Stabilisation and Support package](#) for more details.

UPCOMING INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES

Closed-Door Dialogue with Minister for Manpower

Date(s): 13 March 2020

The Singapore Manufacturing Federation will be organising a closed-door dialogue with Minister for Manpower Mrs. Josephine Teo on Friday, 13 March at 11am. Minister is expected to cover aspects of Budget 2020 pertaining to manpower and underline programmes that MOM will be carrying out for Singapore companies and the local workforce. Pre-registration and pre-acceptance will be required. Register with SMF by 7 March.

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Postponed: Annual Aerospace Futsal Tournament 2020

Date(s): ~~21 March~~ **4 July 2020**

In view of the COVID-19 situation and advisory from Ministry of Health to minimise mass gathering, the annual AAIS Futsal Tournament will be postponed. The event has instead been scheduled to take place on 4 July 2020. Get your team together and vie for the coveted championship trophy! Cash prizes are up for grabs for the top three winners! Register your team(s) before the new closing date - 29 May 2020.

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Open for Booking: Indoor Testbed for UAS @ SAP

Date(s): February - August 2020

The indoor testbed facility for commercial applications of Unmanned Aircraft Systems is now open for booking. The facility is located at #11-01/02/03 JTC Aviation Two in Seletar

Business Mission: MRO Americas Exhibition

Date(s): 28 - 30 April 2020

AAIS will be organising a business mission to Dallas, Texas (USA) in conjunction with Aviation Week's flagship exhibition and conference - MRO Americas. This is among the

Aerospace Park. A joint initiative by AAIS and JTC, it provides a short term space for the industry to conduct low technology readiness level trials, to help support the development of UAS. Booking enquiries can be made through the AAIS Business Concierge.

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Workshop: End-to-End Additive Manufacturing for Aerospace

Date(s): 21 May 2020

Save-the-date to take part in this Additive Manufacturing workshop for the aerospace community. Take the opportunity to visit Siemen's Advance Manufacturing Transformation Center, which includes the Digital Enterprise Experience Center (DEX), the AM Experience Center and Rental Labs, providing a one-stop ecosystem to support companies embarking on their digital transformation journeys.

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Intro to Aerospace Industry (formerly "Aero 101")

Date(s): 6 to 7 April 2020

This is an introductory course that provides participants with an overview of the Aerospace industry. It covers topics such as the makeup of the aerospace industry, key players in the ecosystem, growth prospects, trends and development, as well as rules and regulations shaping and driving the industry. It is ideal for new or existing employees, associate AAIS members, government officers and individuals from non-Aerospace related companies.

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Training on Additive Mfg Control and Post Processing

Date(s): 16 to 20 March 2020

CETIM's courses aim to develop AM capabilities in Singapore. In the Control module, trainees will be taught to define a complete inspection plan for AM parts, and in the Post-Processing module, trainees will be able to define complete and complex manufacturing range for the integration of post-processing methods. Singaporean participants will enjoy a subsidised rate under WSG's Capability Transfer Programme.

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Singapore Airworthiness Requirements (SAR) Part 21

Date(s): 27 & 28 April 2020

This course will discuss the legal and regulatory system defined by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) for SAR Part 21. It addresses the Design and Production approval process and under which conditions a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or a Singapore Technical Standard Order (STSO) is to be issued. It will also cover conditions for changes and repairs approved by CAAS or by an approved Design Organisation.

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