

Dear members

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was successfully concluded on 13th January 2024 with the election of the Executive Committee (ExCo) members to helm the next phase for the institute. I'm honoured to have been chosen as the team leader for the new ExCo and will certainly do my best to serve as the new President of the Singapore Institute of Aerospace Engineers (SIAE).

The Institute has a long and rich history, having achieved so much - from pioneering efforts in the early years to successful events recorded up to the present time. A proud moment as we look back and realise that the institute has acquired a good reputation. I am grateful for the past generations of ExCo leaders and members who have brought the Institute thus far. SIAE is indeed a success story in Singapore's aviation history.

I would like to thank Associate Professor Lim Y. K., our immediate past President for his devotion to keep SIAE functional from 2013 to 2023. It has been a privilege to have him 'hold the fort' even as the Institute steers itself through the COVID-19 pandemic years.

During my short introductory address at the earlier AGM in December 2023, I outlined my plans: existing, as well as the new activities for SIAE. There are two objectives for these initiatives. One, I hope to revitalise the Institute by creating 'footprints' in our local aviation industry. If SIAE could become well-known, then our members would also benefit from getting professional recognition and respect. Two, I hope to introduce the right values and create a common identity for SIAE members. We can then stand united to make the Institute a strong body.

The next major event coming up for us, will be SIAE's participation in the Singapore Aerospace Technology and Engineering Conference (SATEC), held in collaboration with the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF). The event will be declared open by Senior Minister of State Mr. Heng Chee How on 21st February 2024 at Singapore Suntec City Convention Hall. The conference theme this year is on 'New Era of Aerospace Technology', focusing on sustainable aviation and future combat discussion. A list of interesting topics will be presented by industry leaders and subject expert speakers, so check out the details on SATEC web site in the next few weeks. ExCo members will be there and those interested are encouraged to attend the conferences to learn innovative ideas and latest issues presented by our aerospace industry leaders.

The SATEC event is purposely scheduled during the Singapore Air Show to attract the high numbers of professionals and enthusiasts attending the exhibition events between 20th to 25th February. Remember to tune in to the latest developments and aviation news from the show. We can all learn something from this major event.

If the new SIAE's work plan is on schedule, I would be hosting the first Seminar and meeting with some of our members soon. Keep a lookout for the announcement of dates and registration details on social media platforms. I look forward to meet up with you and have an exchange of ideas.

Let me thank the new ExCo members for coming on board to help SIAE achieve the goals I've Iset for 2024 and 2025. I believe our efforts would eventually see benefits and gains for our members as we serve with conviction.

Here's wishing you all, a good year ahead.