

## Singapore to hold inaugural Asia-Pacific Summit for aviation safety

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Dhaka: 300 government and industry leaders from countries across the Asia Pacific will gather at Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, for an inaugural region-wide summit, organised by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) and the Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), on March 22-24, 2023, to discuss how to ensure aviation safety as the aviation sector recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The three-day Asia-Pacific Summit for Aviation Safety (AP-SAS) will discuss the safety challenges in these post-pandemic times, why and how safety incidents happen and initiatives to strengthen aviation safety, including addressing human factors issues and leveraging operational data and technology.

On the occasion, Han Kok Juan, Director-General, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, said, "While countries have their own national regimes, aviation is cross-border and airlines operate across national boundaries; region-wide

cooperation is necessary to assure aviation safety. The summit is timely as regulators, airlines, aircraft manufacturers, air navigation service providers, aerodrome operators and other aviation organisations grapple with safety challenges and incidents with air traffic volume returning to pre-pandemic levels.”

At the summit, Keynote speakers include prominent international aviation experts such as Stephen P Creamer, Director of the Air Navigation Bureau at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Christopher Hart, former US National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman, and Patrick Ky, Executive Director, European Union Aviation Safety Agency.

Dr Hassan Shahidi, President and CEO, Flight Safety Foundation, said, “We are very pleased that Steve Creamer, Chris Hart and Patrick Ky will deliver the AP-SAS keynote addresses. Their breadth of experience and in-depth knowledge of aviation safety issues give them unique perspectives on the industry’s challenges moving forward.”

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