

Next Altitude



Next Altitude brings you fast, bite-sized updates about the **Singapore Airlines Foundation**, real stories from the ground and what's coming up – keeping you updated and connected as our alumni. One altitude at a time.

From Moments to Momentum



The Singapore Airlines (SIA) Foundation continues to create meaningful impact by turning moments into real momentum for our youth participants as they work towards their aspirations.

In this edition of **Next Altitude**, we share programme highlights that build confidence and unlock opportunities including the launch of our Fireside Chat series, which connects you with aviation professionals for candid conversations and lets you hear their stories firsthand.

Altitude Stories

Youth Uplift Programme

Abby Tham, from Temasek Polytechnic, and **Kyle Michael**, from Nanyang Polytechnic, were recipients of the SIA Foundation Award in 2025. Both of them are currently undergoing their traineeships with SIA.

Abby is with SIA's Information Technology Division as a Data Science intern. A typical day for him involves learning to break complex systems into smaller, manageable components. With guidance from his colleagues and supervisor, he is not only writing codes, but also developing a deeper understanding of the concepts and architecture behind it.

Moving from theory to practice can be daunting, but this traineeship has helped Abby gain momentum, bridging classroom learning with real-world application and strengthening his confidence for his future career.

Every aviation dream begins somewhere. For Kyle, it is taking flight step by step, starting with a traineeship in the Engineering Division as he works towards becoming a Singapore Airlines pilot.

Aviation is more than just the cockpit. It is a connected ecosystem of teams, systems and expertise behind every flight.

With this perspective, Kyle sees his traineeship as an invaluable opportunity to learn the operational aspects of flight from every angle. He has gained a deeper respect for the professionalism and responsibility that keep flights safe and seamless, and this is a lesson that he will carry with him on the path to the flight deck in future.

Traineeship



"The financial support from the award has been a massive relief, allowing me to pour 100% of my energy into my technical growth during this traineeship without any worries."

Beyond that, the mentorship, workshops, and networking opportunities have made me feel connected to a larger community."

Abby Tham



"My career aspiration is to become a pilot with Singapore Airlines and to build a long-term future in aviation."

While I am still working towards that goal, I see this traineeship as an opportunity to learn as much as I can about the industry from another perspective."

Kyle Michael

Workshops



"The most useful thing I learnt from the workshop was on investments, so that when I start earning an income in the future, I will know what kind of investments are more suitable for me and can make smarter choices."

Quek Li Xuan (middle row, 2nd from right)
Temasek Polytechnic

In our first collaboration with MoneyOwl, Temasek Trust's social enterprise, SIA Foundation participants attended a financial literacy workshop on 16 April 2026.

They learned simple ways to build strong money habits, strengthened their understanding of investing, and gained practical tools to plan their finances with confidence. Connect with us to join future workshops!

Mentoring



"The mentorship experience has been incredibly valuable for me. The most meaningful part was how Christine stood by me during my internship interviews. Her support gave me the confidence to keep going. I am very grateful to Christine for her dedication and to the SIA Foundation for creating this programme."

Zakirah Binte Zuraimi

Mentorship is a key part of the SIA Foundation Award, pairing awardees with SIA staff who volunteer their time to share aviation insights and practical guidance.

Christine from SIA's Human Resources Division and **Zakirah Binte Zuraimi** an SIA Foundation awardee from ITE, began their mentoring journey in 2025. For Christine, a key takeaway was learning that effective mentoring was not about the number of meetings, but about providing the right support when needed.

This support included one-on-one practice sessions and mock interviews, which helped Zakirah build confidence for her internship interviews and secure a placement. With Christine's encouragement, Zakirah also learnt a valuable lesson, that setbacks are not failures but opportunities to grow.

Youth Outreach Programme

Over 3 days in June, Northbrooks Secondary School student, **Janelle Mah**, stepped into parts of the aviation world that most people never get to see. She saw up close, the people, the roles and the many different routes that lead into the industry. Hearing professionals share what first inspired them made the journey feel more relatable, and her aspiration of being a pilot feel more within reach.

A highlight for this batch of participants was a visit to the Airbus Asia Training Centre. They participated in activities and sharing sessions with Airbus staff, and experienced landing and take-offs on the flight simulators, guided by Airbus instructors.

Each **Youth Outreach Programme** gives students a unique behind-the-scenes experience to learn directly from aviation professionals such as SIA pilots, SIA cabin crew, Licensed Aircraft Engineers from SIA Engineering Company, flight planners from Scoot, and more.

The students learned and discovered what a typical day for these roles is really like and some could even imagine where a journey like this could take them in the future.



"I would say the programme is fun, eye-opening and fresh because it's a new experience. We get to visit different facilities and learn from different people about why they want to pursue this career and what motivated them. It also feels fresh because we don't normally get to go to such exclusive places, which is very new to us."

Janelle Mah

Career Exploration Programme



In May 2026, the Singapore Airlines Foundation launched our **Career Exploration Programme**.

This programme features an introductory aviation module on the Student Learning Space (SLS).

Through interactive e-learning, you can explore key parts of the aviation ecosystem, discover different aviation roles, and hear from professionals as they share behind-the-scenes insights into what a typical day on the job looks like.

Available to all upper secondary and junior college students on the SLS.



Search on SLS:
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Alumni Connect



On 16 April 2026, we hosted our inaugural fireside chat, an initiative that will evolve alongside our growing alumni community, keeping past and present participants connected to aviation even after completing the programmes with us.

The series kicked off with our first guest – Mr Tan Kai Ping, Chairman of the Singapore Airlines Foundation. Drawing on his 30-year journey with SIA, he spoke candidly about navigating different career pathways, building resilience, and staying open-minded when taking on new challenges.

"What I learnt from the fireside chat with Mr. Tan was the importance of being a versatile leader. What this means to me is that I can prioritise my personal growth as much as I prioritise my academic studies."

Brandon Ong
Nanyang Polytechnic

Stay connected — upcoming workshops and fireside chats with aviation professionals will be shared exclusively with alumni on our mailing list.

Click to watch event highlights



Taking Flight

Explore aviation careers and speak to industry professionals from SIA, SIA Engineering Company and Scoot in November 2026



SIA, Scoot
7 November:
Girls in Aviation Day @ Temasek Polytechnic

SIA, Scoot, SIA Engineering Company
18 & 19 November:
Temasek Polytechnic Opportunity Fest

SIA, SIA Engineering Company
26 November:
Nanyang Polytechnic Career & Education Fair

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