



**Speaking Notes for
Dr. Fang Liu
ICAO Secretary General,
for the opening ceremony of the
Directors General of Civil Aviation Programme on
Aviation Security**

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Good evening everyone.

1. It's my great pleasure to be here this evening to help inaugurate the ICAO-Singapore Aviation Academy Programme on Aviation Security for Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
2. During the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly, ICAO invited DGCAs worldwide to assist us in planning and developing an effective curriculum for incoming DGCAs.
3. Following the milestones we attained together with the safety version of this programme, I am very pleased that ICAO, in partnership with the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Singapore Aviation Academy, have collaborated further to make this new edition of the DGCA AVSEC Programme a reality.
4. Still further deliverables related to this programme are yet to come, but from an overall standpoint our shared goal was to bring together all the essential elements in order to provide an effective and knowledgeable high-level training programme for DGCAs.
5. It's our expectation that this programme will present you with a unique learning experience and permit you to benefit from the experience and best practices of your DGCA predecessors.
6. It will also allow you to benefit from the expertise of current DGCAs and Deputy DGCAs, ICAO Headquarters staff, and experts from the Singapore Aviation Authority.

7. Together they will provide you with a broad understanding of ICAO, the Convention which established us, and most importantly the modern aviation security framework and the practical aspects of its effective implementation under your leadership.
8. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Singapore Ministry of Transport officials who have been so instrumental in helping us to realize this new programme together, including its Senior Director for International Relations and Security Mr. Bernard Lim, as well Singapore's Representative on the Council of ICAO, Mr. Tee Chiou Ng.
9. In closing, I would like to acknowledge and thank our speakers for sharing their time and expertise with us, while wishing all of you a very productive and beneficial programme.
10. Thank you.