Dateline: Penang, Malaysia

Mid-January Completion for Aviatron
Singapore Aerospace Manufacturing’s (SAM) new start-up, Aviatron (M) Sdn Bhd, is scheduled for completion on 15 January 2012. The construction of Phase 1 is a few weeks behind schedule due to the unexpectedly prolonged rainy season affecting the northern states of Malaysia.

Aviatron, located at the Penang Science Park in Bukit Minyak on the mainland, is now 93% completed. Its Ground-Breaking ceremony was held in April 2011 and construction began shortly after.

With the building almost ready, Aviatron expects to move in its machineries and equipment very soon for installation and commissioning works. A New Frontier has begun, and Aviatron is set to become SAM’s flagship aerospace campus in the region.

SAM Invited to Speak at LIMA Forum

Singapore Aerospace Manufacturing (SAM) was recently invited to give a talk at a Forum on “Collaboration Opportunities in the Aerospace Industry” in conjunction with the 11th Langkawi International Maritime & Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition.

The Forum was organized by Malaysian Industrial Development Authority (MIDA) with the aim of providing aerospace companies in Malaysia with a platform to network and collaborate on industry needs.
SAM was represented by its Executive Vice President for Corporate Development, Oh Chong Ho (left). Other companies which participated in the Forum were CTRM Aero Composites, EADS and Spirit Aerosystems.

Chong Ho shared on SAM’s investments in Malaysia, and the Company’s collaboration efforts with institutions of higher learning to develop local talents in meeting the manpower needs of aerospace industry.

About LIMA:
LIMA is a biennial event, and the 11th edition of LIMA Exhibition was held from 6 – 10 December 2011 in Langkawi Island. Since its inception 22 years ago, LIMA has been serving exhibitor needs by assembling key decision makers from the defense, enforcement and civil sectors, targeting the Asia Pacific growth markets.
SAM Malaysia supports “Back-to-School” under “Titian Harapan” programme

Beneath the smiles and cheerful demeanor of these children, staying put in school is a struggle for most of them as their parents face difficulty in making ends meet with average household income of between RM300 - RM1,000 per month.

Several students come from single-parent household, and some have parents with prolonged medical condition. To pay for their education expenses and supplement their family income, some of the children had to work part-time after school hours.
To ease their financial burden, SAM Malaysia recently purchased “back-to-school” items for the 81 students whom we sponsored under the “Titian Harapan” programme. Essential items such as school uniforms, co-curricular t-shirts, shoes, socks, bag, and stationeries were provided to help the students prepare for the new school year.

The students, who will begin their Form Five studies once the new school session opens on 4th January 2012, were from SMK Batu Maung, SMK Teluk Kumbar, SMK Seri Balik Pulau, SMK (L) Methodist in Penang Island as well as SMK Simpang Empat in mainland.

All smiles - some of the students were accompanied by their parents to purchase the “back-to-school” essentials. The parents were appreciative and thankful for the financial assistance from SAM Malaysia.
“Titian Harapan”, a CSR (corporate social responsibility) initiative of SAM Malaysia, was launched in July 2011, and selected students were sponsored for two years, i.e. in Form Four and Form Five.

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Winter Wonderland Comes to SAM Malaysia

I’m dreaming of a White Christmas.......tropical Malaysia, blessed with multi-ethnic and multi-religious communities, celebrates major festivities. Most recently, Malaysians celebrated the Christmas and New Year holidays.

And at SAM Malaysia, it has been a tradition to decorate its Corporate Office in Penang to welcome each major festival.
This time, a group of employees from different ethnic background came together to put up the decoration themed “Winter Wonderland”.

On the left photo: Najla Shazwani, QA Engineer (left); Clement Phuah, System Analyst (in yellow shirt) and Baskaren Perumal, Facilities Technician are busy putting up the finishing touches to the white Christmas tree.

On the right photo: Azani Arabi, QA Engineer (left) and Safety Officer, Lee Chang Chuan said all they want for Christmas is a cuddly penguin from the South Pole!

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Dateline: Suzhou, China

SAM Triumphs at the SIP Tournaments
- Champion in Football & 1st Runner-up in Badminton
They say teamwork makes the dream work. This became a reality for SAM Suzhou as they were crowned the Champion of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} league Football Tournament, organized by the SIP (Suzhou Industrial Park) Aero Companies.

Thanks to their solid teamwork and steely determination, the SAM Suzhou team overcame all odds to win the championship. The four-week long tournament was hosted by Messier-Dowty and participated by seven aerospace companies. Messier-Dowty and Primus won the second and the third placing respectively.
Meet our hero – striker Shen Yinong of Production Dept, scored a total of 10 goals in five matches. During the final match with Messier-Dowty, he scored two goals which helped to equalize the score 2-2 and SAM Suzhou went on to win the tournament based on penalty kicks.
SAM Suzhou was led by its captain, Gu Jianfei from Procurement Dept, and its team members comprise of Jiang Hao from ACE21, Cui Peng, Cao Liming, Sheng Yinong, Zhou Xuefeng, Zhou Chenglin, Qian Mingfeng, Yu Liang, Li Xiang, Liu Xiao from Production Dept, Zhao Chiyuan (goalkeeper), Ji Minhao, Zhao Chiyuan, Ji Minhao from QA Dept, Steven Zhang, Wang Haiqi from Project & PPC.

As the champion team, SAM Suzhou won a Crystal Cup and the Company is planning to award some prizes to the players during their forthcoming Annual Dinner.

The football tournament is an annual event and aerospace companies in SIP will take turn to host the event. SAM Suzhou hosted the first football league in year 2009.

Apart from having the best players in football, SAM Suzhou’s badminton team is also a force to be reckoned with. The team (left to right: Ding Ying, JiangHao, Zhu Jinhua, Zhu Juan, She Lu, Niu Lichen, Wang Haiqi, Qian Jianhua, Sun Bin), won 1st runner-up at the SIP Badminton Tournament, losing to champion team Primus by only one point.

Hosted by Honeywell, a total of nine companies took part in the two-day tournament. Based on single round system, each team is required to play eight rounds with eight other teams. Each round included mixed doubles, men’s singles, women’s singles, men’s doubles and women’s doubles.

SAM Suzhou was awarded a Crystal Cup for their effort in winning the second placing. Well Done and Congratulations to our SAM Suzhou team!
Dateline: Singapore

Almond Chocolates for Charity

In view of the Christmas festivity, SAM Singapore has decided to celebrate the joyous occasion with charitable activity. More than 20 employees and some of their family members took time off their busy schedule to bake a grand total of 6,072 pieces of almond chocolates.

Profit from the sales will be channelled to the House of Blessings, a home for orphaned and underprivileged children in Chiang Mai, which SAM Group adopted.

While doing their part for charity, employees and their families had a good time learning the entire process, from mixing, baking, packing and decorating.
The chocolates are available in three sizes: 6 pieces at S$4.50, 12 pieces at S$8.00 and 24 pieces at S$15. With the sales collected from AMT, DMT, Accuron Technologies and SAM Singapore, they managed to raise a total amount of S$5,000.

Thanks to Mary Yeo of HR Dept for the wonderful recipe!

Here are some updates on the House of Blessings:

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, SAM Group has been instrumental in supporting the House of Blessings over the years. Most recently, SAM Group has raised funds to purchase cabinets, beddings and other furnishings for the new dormitories. Due to the recent floods, the supplies of bedding materials were destroyed at a Bangkok factory. The Home is currently awaiting new supplies, and the children are expected to move in to their new dormitories by March 2012.

Purchase of fridge and other kitchen utensils have been delivered to the Home.
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