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Dear SAAA Members and Friends,

The past few months have been an exciting period for SAAA@Singapore, marked by meaningful connections, new opportunities and important developments within our community.

On 30 July 2026, we were pleased to host our second members-sponsored Business Networking Event at Oak & Ember, proudly sponsored by Anthola Brokers Pte Ltd and OTONOMI SG Pte Ltd. The event provided an excellent platform for members to connect, exchange ideas and strengthen professional relationships.

We warmly encourage our members to consider hosting a Business Networking Event in 2027. If you are keen, we invite you to reach out to SAAA@Singapore at saaasin@saaa.org.sg. We look forward to supporting more member-led initiatives and creating opportunities for our community to connect and collaborate.

We also held our 52nd Annual General Meeting on 18 September 2026, which marked an important milestone for the Association and brought several changes to our Council leadership. Please refer to page 9 for more information. As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening our member community, creating meaningful platforms for engagement and supporting opportunities for collaboration across the industry.

Thank you.

Warmest Regards,
"Perspectives" Editorial Team

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Beyond the Certificate: Can Your Staff Perform Their Dangerous Goods Functions Competently?

Dangerous goods training is more than a regulatory requirement—it is an investment in the safety of your operations and the wider supply chain. However, a certificate does not automatically establish that staff are competent. CAAS has encountered instances where personnel held valid training certificates, but the organisation had limited evidence that their ability to apply the training in the workplace had been assessed. Get this wrong, and the consequences can range from mishandled shipments to serious safety risks.

The Gap Between Knowledge and Competency

Competency refers to the ability to apply relevant knowledge, skills and attitudes to perform an assigned function to the required standard.

Training service provider courses generally focus on safety requirements. They may not cover your company's procedures or allow enough time to develop the skills needed for assigned responsibilities. Passing a written test is only part of the journey toward competency.



When the Process Stops at the Certificate

Consider a staff member who attended a dangerous goods course, passed the examination and returned to work—but was never assessed on correctly preparing a shipment or following the company's goods receiving procedures. Without structured on-the-job assessment, practical competency gaps may go undetected until something goes wrong.

What Your Company Should Do

For newly hired staff, arrange for them to undergo on-the-job training following knowledge training, allowing them to practise and demonstrate their skills under the guidance of a person competent in the relevant function. Before deploying them independently, assess their competency through methods such as observation of practical tasks, scenario-based exercises, or oral questioning by a supervisor. For existing staff completing recurrent training, periodically assess whether they continue to perform their job functions correctly — for example, through observation of day-to-day tasks, review of work outputs such as completed acceptance checklists, or practical assessments against your company's procedures. In both cases, keep proper records of all assessments conducted, and ensure that recurrent training and assessment are completed within 24 months of the previous training and assessment.

Even when training is outsourced, your organisation remains responsible for ensuring staff are competent. A certificate confirms training completion; competency is demonstrated when personnel perform assigned functions safely and correctly. Verify this before assigning them to work independently.

WSH COUNCIL

Strengthening Vehicular Safety at Work

Vehicular incidents remain a major workplace safety concern in Singapore and were the leading cause of workplace fatalities in 2025. In the coming months, the Ministry of Manpower will be conducting inspections focusing on vehicular safety across multiple industries. Companies are encouraged to review their workplace traffic management arrangements and adopt the following good industry practices to ensure the safe movement of vehicles, mobile machinery (e.g. forklifts and loaders), and pedestrians.

Segregate vehicle routes from pedestrian walkways.



Demarcated pedestrian crossing.

Mark clearly traffic routes, speed limits, parking areas, and loading/unloading zones.



Proper loading/unloading zone.

Conduct daily checks before operating vehicles and mobile machinery.



Perform pre-operational check.

Deploy trained banksmen to assist with reversing and manoeuvring operations.



Trained banksmen directing/manoeuvring vehicle.

Fully engage the parking brakes and use wheel chocks where necessary, especially when parking on slopes.



Wheel chocks are in place after parking the vehicle.

Implement vehicular safety technologies (VST), e.g. driver status monitoring systems, to detect signs of fatigue and alert drivers and operators before incidents occur.



Driving a vehicle installed with VST.



Scan the QR code to learn more about vehicular safety.

EVENTS

Changi Airport Community Charity Golf 2026

The Changi Airport Community Charity Golf 2026 was held on 9 July 2026, bringing together members of the Changi Airport community in support of a meaningful cause. Organised by Changi Airport Group (CAG), the event raised S\$608,000 for Metta Welfare Association to support the development of the Maitri Building (Training Block), which will provide support for youths with special needs aged 18 and above as they transition from school to vocational training, employment and greater

independence. The event was graced by Mr Jeffrey Siow, Acting Minister for Transport and Senior Minister of State for Finance, and brought together more than 50 donors and sponsors from the Changi Airport community.

SAAA@Singapore was pleased to participate in the Changi Airport Community Charity Golf 2026, joining fellow members of the Changi Airport community in both the golf tournament and charity dinner.

SBF Future of Trade Forum (FOTF)

The Future of Trade Forum (FOTF) 2026 was held on 30 September 2026 at Shangri-La Singapore, bringing together government representatives, business leaders and thought leaders to discuss the future of global trade.

Singapore Business Federation was honoured to welcome Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, as the Guest of Honour. SAAA@Singapore was pleased to support the Forum as a Supporting Association. In a show of support for the event, Ms Pauline Tok, CEO of SAAA@Singapore, and Mr Tan Liang Jian, SAAA Council Board Member, attended the occasion.

Building on the foundations of the earlier Free Trade Agreement Day events, FOTF 2026 focused on the theme, “From Turbulence to Transformation: Building the Next Architecture of Global Trade.” The Forum explored how businesses and governments can navigate an increasingly fragmented and complex global trading environment while sustaining openness and rules-based cooperation.

Key discussions covered the impact of geopolitics on trade, digital trade enablers, developments in the World Trade Organization and Free Trade Agreement landscape, sustainable trade practices, and trade compliance. Drawing on regional and international perspectives, the Forum highlighted the importance of strengthening resilience, enhancing competitiveness and identifying new opportunities for businesses amid a rapidly evolving global economy.

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DHL Group Strengthens Life Sciences and Healthcare Capabilities in Singapore



DHL Group is strengthening its Life Sciences and Healthcare (LSHC) capabilities in Singapore through new investments that further position the country as a regional hub for temperature-sensitive and high-value healthcare products. Following the opening of its first Pharma Hub last year, DHL is expanding its healthcare logistics infrastructure across Supply Chain, Global Forwarding and Express.



Key developments include the S\$22 million Singapore Coldchain Hub at Changi, providing 3,047 sqm of temperature-controlled infrastructure for pharmaceuticals, vaccines and biologics, and Pharma Hub 2, a S\$7 million facility adding more than 8,000 sqm of controlled ambient storage and around 7,680 pallet positions.

DHL Express has also introduced a 20 sqm GDP-compliant temperature-controlled space at its South Asia Hub, it being the first such facility within a DHL Express operation globally.

The investments are supported by DHL's continued development of specialist healthcare expertise and partnerships across the logistics and healthcare ecosystem. Together, these initiatives aim to strengthen supply chain resilience, regulatory compliance and temperature integrity, reinforcing Singapore's role as an important gateway for healthcare and life sciences supply chains across Asia Pacific.

WIN

a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card* by participating in Our 'Spot the Difference' Game!



*The first 5 scans received (with the correct differences circled) will be entitled to a \$20 Starbucks Gift Card. This is subjected to SAAA's final approval.

Simply spot and circle in **red** the 10 Differences, scan this page and email it to saaasin@saaa.org.sg by 20th November 2026. Please state your name, organization, office mailing address, contact and email address in your submission. Good luck, and thank you!



A Warm Welcome to SAAA New Members

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Company Names



Ants Logistic Pte Ltd



FPS Global
Logistics Pte Ltd



Mitra Famosa
International Pte Ltd



Poh Tiong Choon
Logistics Limited

For companies interested to join SAAA membership, please email to SAAA at saaasin@saaa.org.sg

Anthola Brokers – OTONOMI Second Member Sponsored Event



On 30 July 2026, SAAA@Singapore was delighted to host our second members-sponsored Business Networking Event at Oak & Ember, proudly sponsored by Anthola Brokers Pte Ltd and OTONOMI SG Pte Ltd.



The evening brought together more than 35 freight forwarding professionals, providing a relaxed platform to connect, strengthen relationships, exchange ideas, and expand networks. Attendees also gained valuable insights into delay cargo insurance, followed by an engaging Q&A session. We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors, speakers, and members for making the event a success.



Interested in sponsoring a SAAA Business Networking Event in 2027?

SAAA@Singapore welcomes our members to get in touch and explore this opportunity to showcase your company while supporting meaningful connections across the logistics and freight forwarding community. Please feel free to reach out to SAAA at saaasin@saaa.org.sg.

New SAAA Council Member: Mr Yigit Siricinar



On 18 September 2026, SAAA@Singapore welcomed Mr Yigit Siricinar as a new member of its Council.

Yigit is Director, Airfreight, Asia Pacific and Middle East at GEODIS. He brings extensive experience across the air freight industry, having previously served as Regional Air Freight Director for Asia Pacific and Middle East and Regional Air Freight Director for South East Asia based in Singapore.

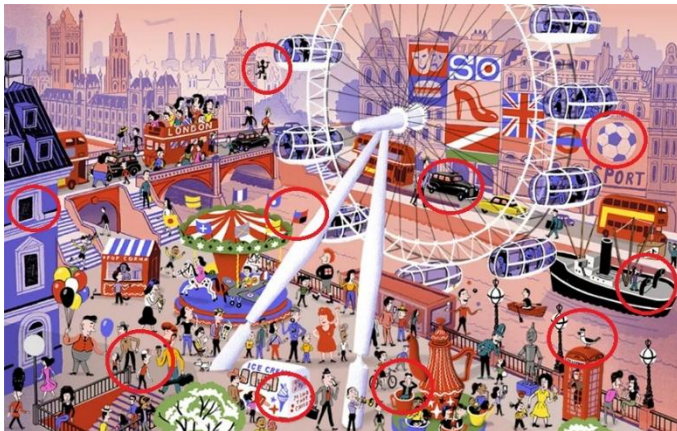
Before returning to his regional role in Singapore, he spent three years leading GEODIS business in Thailand.

SAAA@Singapore is pleased to welcome Yigit to the Council and looks forward to his contributions to the logistics industry and the Association's member community.

Congratulations!
Winners of the previous
"Spot the Difference" Game

SAAA Members' Corner:
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Serene Lee, AIT Worldwide Logistics Singapore Pte Ltd
Yip Pooi Kuan, Apex Logistics International (S) Pte Ltd
Merlin Eng, Baylink Logistics Pte Ltd
Errol Cheong, Expeditors Singapore Pte Ltd
Tang Lip Cheng, Silk Express Freight Pte Ltd



Dear Members,

SAAA has officially begun the Members' Corner – a free marketing SAAA circular which features the members' products and services and is disseminated to the members community quarterly.

For more information and further enquiries, please email to SAAA at saaasin@saaa.org.sg



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52nd SAAA Annual General Meeting 2026

On 18 September 2026, SAAA@Singapore held its 52nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Changi Cove (Incubator), attended by 25 Ordinary Members, 10 Associate Members, and guests. The event began with a lunch reception, providing an opportunity for members to network and exchange updates ahead of the AGM proceedings.

Mr Ken Chua, SAAA Honorary Treasurer, presented the Council's Report and shared key updates on the Council Board's movements and developments on behalf of Mr Jimmy Ler, SAAA Honorary Secretary, who was unable to attend. The presentation covered the following key highlights:

- Mr Steven Lee PBM stepped down as Immediate Past Chairman – 18 September 2026
- Mr Roger Chew stepped down from the Council Board – 30 July 2026
- Mr Yigit Siricinar, Geodis Singapore Pte Ltd, joined as Council Member – 18 September 2026
- Mr Eric Tan, Federal Express (S) Pte Ltd, joined the Council Board – 1 March 2026
- Mr Gabriel Lam PBM has served as SAAA@Singapore Chairman since 13 February 2026

The SAAA 52nd AGM unanimously approved the minutes of the 51st AGM, the Council's Report and audited accounts for FY2025, annual subscription and entrance fees, the appointment of Thong & Lim as external auditor for FY2026, the FY2027 Budget, and the newly elected Council Board for the 2026–2028 term through live on-site voting.

Council Board for new Council Term 2026/2028

S/N	Names	Role	Representing
1	Mr Gabriel Lam	Chairman	Shalom International Movers Pte Ltd
2	Mr Paul Teo	First Deputy Chairman	Speedmark Air Transportation Pte Ltd
3	Mr Benjamin Ong	Second Deputy Chairman	Alliance 21 Pte Ltd
4	Mr Jimmy Ler	Honorary Secretary	Logwin Air + Ocean Singapore Pte Ltd
5	Mr Ken Chua	Honorary Treasurer	UT-WAYS Freight Services Pte Ltd
6	Mr Ramadas Naidu	Council Member	Raffles Fulfillment Pte Ltd
7	Mr Daniel Chng	Council Member	Airtropolis Express (S) Pte Ltd
8	Mr Tan Liang Jian	Council Member	Union Air Freight (S) Pte Ltd
9	Mr Andrea Bettoni	Council Member	Skyquick International Pte. Ltd.
10	Ms Chorina Khoo	Council Member	Rohlig Singapore Pte Ltd
11	Mr Lim Zhiwei	Council Member	Apex Logistics International (S) Pte Ltd
12	Ms Kitty Teo	Council Member	Dachser (Singapore) Pte Ltd
13	Mr Eric Tan	Council Member	Federal Express (S) Pte Ltd
14	Mr Yigit Saricinar	Council Member	Geodis Singapore Pte Ltd

STATISTICS

Current Pulse of the Air Freight Industry

Item Description	Total (Jan-Jun) 2025	Total (Jan-Jun) 2026	YTD Variance	YTD Variance (%)	Monthly Average 2025 (Jan - Jun)	Monthly Average 2026 (Jan - Jun)
Outbound Air Volumes	457,382	496,649	39,267	8.59	76,230	82,775
Inbound Air Volumes (Discharge)	539,100	586,812	47,712	8.85	89,850	97,802

Current Pulse of the Air Freight Industry
(Cont.)

Item Description	2025 (Jul - Dec)	2025 Monthly Average (Jul - Dec)	2025 Total
Outbound Air Volumes	496,158	82,693	953,540
Inbound Air Volumes (Discharge)	591,180	98,530	1,130,280

Source: SingStat Website

Current Pulse of Ocean Freight Industry

Item Description	Jan-Jun 2025	Jan-Jun 2026	YTD Variance	YTD Variance (%)	Monthly Average 2025 (Jan - Jun)	Monthly Average 2026 (Jan - Jun)
Total Cargo ('000 Tonnes) (Thousand Tonnes)	300,672.90	309,903.00	9,230.10	3.07	50,112.15	51,650.50
Cargo (General) (Thousand Tonnes)	195,696.70	203,512.30	7,815.60	3.99	32,616.12	33,918.72
Cargo (Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	104,976.40	106,390.70	1,414.30	1.35	17,496.07	17,731.78
Cargo (Oil-In-Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	89,495.10	87,372.90	(2,122.20)	(2.37)	14,915.85	14,562.15
Cargo (General & Non-Oil In Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	211,177.90	222,530.00	11,352.10	5.38	35,196.32	37,088.33
Total Container Throughput ('000 TEUs) (Thousand Twenty-foot Equivalent Units)	21,715.40	22,742.00	1,026.60	4.73	3,619.23	3,790.33
Bunker Sales ('000 Tonnes) (Thousand Tonnes)	26,979.40	28,254.40	1,275.00	4.73	4,496.57	4,709.07

Source: SingStat Website

2026 SCHEDULE

Upcoming Industry Events 2026



Date	Industry Events
Oct 27 - 29	transport logistic Southeast Asia 2026
Nov 04 - 06	Singapore Urban Mobility Week (SUMW) 2026
Nov 10 - 11	TOC Asia 2026
Nov 18 - 19	Breakbulk Asia 2026
Nov 23 - 25	Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) APAC Congress 2026
Dec 02	Responsible Supply Chain Conference APAC 2026
Dec 02 - 03	IntraLogisteX Singapore 2026

SAAA Training Programs Schedule for 2026

Training	October	November	December
Airfreight Forwarders Basic Course	21 st – 23 rd	4 th – 6 th	22 nd – 24 th
HazMat Transport Driver Permit (HTDP) Course	11 th & 18 th	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th	6 th , 13 th & 20 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.1 – 4 days (Preparing DG Consignment, exclude Radioactive materials)	5 th – 8 th	23 rd – 26 th	7 th – 10 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.1 – 5 days (Preparing DG Consignment, include Radioactive materials)	5 th – 9 th	23 rd – 27 th	7 th – 11 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.3 – 4 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments, exclude Radioactive materials)	12 th – 15 th	16 th – 19 th	14 th – 17 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.3 – 5 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments, include Radioactive materials)	12 th – 16 th	16 th – 20 th	14 th – 18 th
Transport of DG by Air (Recurrent) 7.3 – 3 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments)	19 th – 21 st	11 th – 13 th	30 th Nov – 2 nd Dec



SAAA Cargo Services Pte Ltd

HAZMAT TRANSPORT DRIVER PERMIT (HTDP) COURSE

To prepare HazMat Transport Drivers with the knowledge of managing the transportation of hazardous materials and response procedures for any incident.

Who should attend?

This course is meant for drivers who are involved in the transportation and handling of hazardous materials on Singapore roads.

Accreditation & Examination

Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) has accredited SAAA as a training institution to conduct this course. Upon completion of the course and passing the assessment, a Statement of Test Results will be issued for the trainee. It will enable the trainee to apply for a Hazardous Materials Transport Driver Permit (HTDP) from the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF).

For further enquiries, kindly email Ms Peggy Lim at admin@saaa.org.sg or contact her at 6545 5006.



CAREER CONVERSION PROGRAM (CCP) FOR AIR TRANSPORT PROFESSIONALS AND COORDINATORS

CCP for Air Transport Professionals and Coordinators helps employers to broaden their talent pool by reskilling mid-career new hires or existing employees into growth job roles with good longer-term prospects.

Job roles includes Air Cargo Operations, Airport Operations, Airline Operations and Management and Ground Handling.

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Mode (Full-time)	Air Transport Professionals	Air Transport Coordinators
New Hire	Up to 6 months	Up to 3 months
Job Redesign Reskilling	Up to 3 months	

Standard Rate	Enhanced Rate
Up to 70% of monthly salary (Capped at \$5,000 per month)	Up to 90% of monthly salary (Capped at \$7,500 per month) For long-term unemployment* or mature local trainees ≥ 40 years old

For further enquires, kindly email Fatah Nawawi at muhd.fatah@saaa.org.sg or contact him at 65454721.

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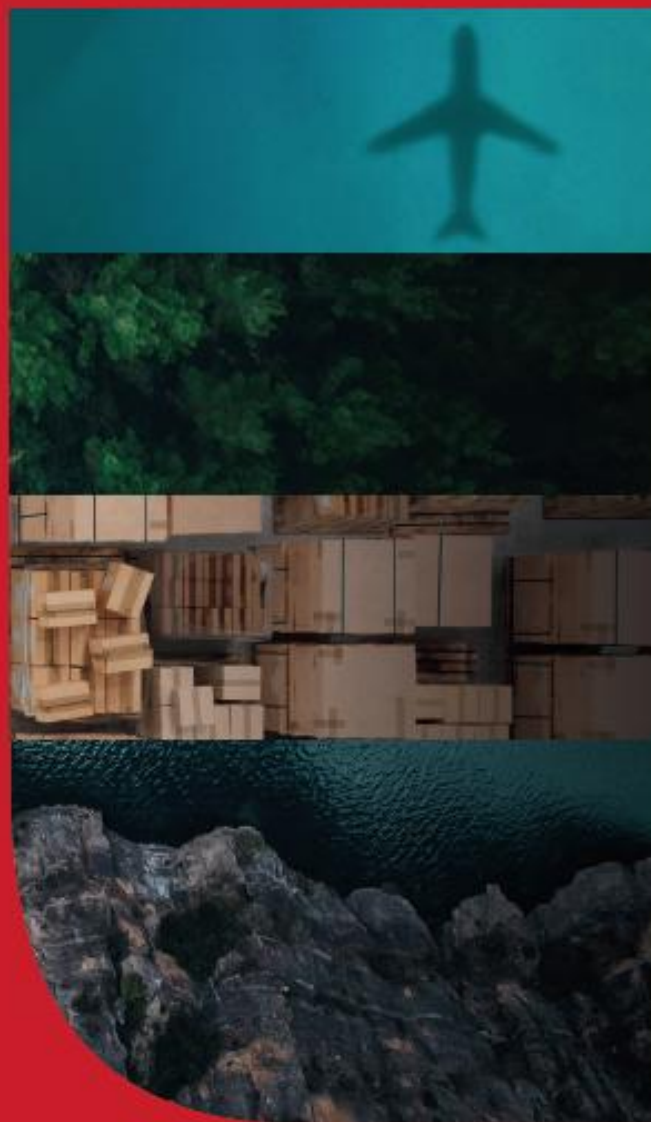
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