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Dear SAAA Members and Friends,

We were proud to serve as the Lead Association for the Singapore Pavilion at two major industry exhibitions - CeMAT SEA 2026 and Transport Logistic, Project Cargo & Air Cargo Shanghai 2026. These platforms provided valuable opportunities for the logistics community to explore market expansion, strengthen international partnerships, and advance their globalisation efforts.

Beyond the exhibitions, we also led an AI Learning Journey to Shanghai and Hangzhou, where participants gained first-hand insights into emerging technologies and innovative logistics ecosystems. We encourage members of the logistics community to join us in our upcoming learning journeys, international exhibitions, and industry initiatives as we continue to foster knowledge exchange, business growth, and global opportunities.

In addition, we had hosted a Project IMDD Outreach at ITE College East on 22 May 2026. Companies interested in hosting interns from local polytechnics and ITE College East, and in tapping on internship stipend support under the CAAS Aviation Development Fund, are encouraged to contact SAAA (Zyman) at zyman.tan@saaa.org.sg.

Let's continue to look forward to an exciting lineup of initiatives and events in the months ahead.

Thank you.

Warmest Regards,
"Perspectives" Editorial Team

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Lithium Batteries in the Supply Chain: Why Early Checks Matter

Lithium batteries incidents in aviation are often traced to unclear cargo descriptions, incomplete documentation, or batteries not properly identified or declared. Without clear identification and adequate packaging, the risk of mishandling, short circuits, overheating, and thermal runaway increases - especially in cargo environments where problems may escalate before detection.

What Incident Learnings Are Telling Us

Recent cargo incidents share a consistent pattern: batteries not properly identified, incomplete shipment information, and breakdowns in shipper practices at early stages such as booking, packing, and cargo receiving. Freight forwarders operate at the centre of a complex network involving shippers, consolidators, and multiple handovers, where visibility of shipment contents can diminish at each stage. Documentation alone is not sufficient; it should be checked for clarity, consistency, and credibility.

What to Look Out For

LITHIUM BATTERIES IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN: WHY EARLY CHECKS MATTER

Early checks. Clear information. Safer cargo. Safer flights.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR

-  **Vague cargo descriptions**
"electronics," "parts," or "components"
-  **Inconsistencies across shipper documents**
invoice, packing list, declaration, labels
-  **Shippers unable to clearly explain their goods**
-  **Everyday items that may contain batteries**
power, lighting, tracking features
-  **Battery details unclear**
type, quantity, watt-hour rating

PROBLEMS
AT THE START
BECOME RISKS
DOWNSTREAM



A simple question:
Do I clearly understand
what is inside this
consignment?

If not, stop and verify.
It can prevent a
serious incident.

Conclusion

Most lithium battery incidents stem from problems introduced at the start of the supply chain that become harder to catch the further a consignment travels. If you cannot clearly answer the question – *what is inside this consignment?* – a brief pause to verify can prevent an undeclared battery from becoming a serious incident downstream.

WSH COUNCIL

I Choose Safety. Together We Care.

Following the successful three-year run of the “Reporting Saves Lives” Campaign, the new National Workplace Safety and Health (WSH) Campaign features a new theme - “I Choose Safety. Together We Care.” It reflects the next stage in Singapore’s WSH journey – strengthening a culture of care, ownership and shared responsibility at the workplace.

The Campaign also reinforces the practice “**Pause. Check. Make it Safe**”, encouraging individuals to pause work to assess and rectify hazards, where necessary. There is now greater emphasis on shaping everyday attitudes, behaviours and habits to foster a more proactive and deeply rooted safety culture across workplaces.

Campaign resources

Scan the QR code to watch the campaign video which illustrates how the choices we make in our daily lives carry over into the workplace. It draws a clear connection between everyday decision-making and the actions we take to ensure safety at work.



Centred around four perspectives – an employer, a supervisor, a migrant worker, and a blue-collar worker – the video showcases their journeys as they navigate both personal decisions and workplace safety challenges.

Through these stories, the video offers a nuanced look at workplace safety, showing how individuals at every level of an organisation have the autonomy to make choices that protect themselves and those around them.



Scan the QR code for more information on the Campaign, and download the posters for employers and workers.



EVENTS

MTI-ESG-SBF Singapore - New Zealand Leadership Forum

SAAA@Singapore Chairman, Mr Gabriel Lam, participated in the MTI - Enterprise Singapore (ESG) - Singapore Business Federation (SBF) Singapore - New Zealand Leadership Forum held on 4 May 2026.

The forum convened senior government representatives and business leaders from both countries to reinforce bilateral economic relations and explore new avenues for cooperation amid an increasingly complex global trade landscape.



Key discussions centred on strengthening trade and investment linkages, enhancing supply chain connectivity, and identifying opportunities in emerging areas such as sustainability, digitalisation, and innovation. The exchange also highlighted the importance of resilient and future-ready partnerships in navigating global uncertainties, while fostering closer collaboration between Singapore and New Zealand's business communities.

**SBF Seminar: Tariffs and Energy Uncertainty
What Now, What's Next?**

SAAA@Singapore was represented by Mr Benjamin Ong, Second Deputy Chairman, and Ms Pauline Tok, CEO, at the Singapore Business Federation (SBF) seminar, "Tariffs and Energy Uncertainty: What Now, What's Next?", held at SBF Centre on 21 April 2026.

The seminar examined the implications of evolving U.S. tariff policies and ongoing uncertainties in the global energy market, particularly developments in the Middle East, and their potential impact on international trade, supply chains, and business operations. The session provided valuable insights into the challenges facing trade-dependent businesses in an increasingly complex global environment. Participants gained perspectives on emerging risks, market trends, and strategies for building resilience, while engaging in discussions on how businesses can better navigate geopolitical and economic uncertainties through proactive planning and informed decision-making.

A Warm Welcome to SAAA New Members

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Company Limited



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Technical Education



MMI Asia Pte Ltd



OTONOMI SG Pte Ltd

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

SAAA - Empire Bison First Member Sponsored Event



The SAAA–Empire Bison Business Networking Event was successfully held at georges@Changi, Changi Sailing Club, on 28 April 2026, attracting more than 25 attendees from across the logistics and business community. As SAAA's first member-sponsored networking event, organised in collaboration with member company Empire Bison Singapore Pte Ltd, the gathering marked a significant milestone in strengthening member engagement and industry partnerships.



Set against the scenic waterfront backdrop of Changi Sailing Club, the event provided an excellent platform for members and partners to build new connections, exchange industry insights, and explore potential business opportunities in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Over refreshments and informal discussions, attendees enjoyed meaningful interactions and valuable networking opportunities. The success of the event underscores SAAA's ongoing commitment to fostering a vibrant and connected business community through collaborative initiatives with its members.



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SAAA@Singapore Leads CeMAT SEA 2026 Singapore Pavilion

As a strategic supporting organisation, and in partnership with Hannover Fairs Asia Pacific and LogiSYM, SAAA@Singapore led the Singapore Pavilion at CeMAT SEA 2026, held from 12 to 14 May 2026 at Singapore Expo Hall 3.



The Singapore Pavilion served as a key platform for Singapore enterprises to showcase their capabilities, strengthen their international visibility, and explore new business opportunities within the global logistics and air cargo ecosystem. SAAA@Singapore extends its heartfelt appreciation to Enterprise Singapore for its partnership and continued support in empowering Singapore Pavilion exhibitors and strengthening the international presence of Singapore enterprises.



The event officially opened on 12 May 2026 alongside CargoNOW, LogiSYM Asia Pacific, LogiSYM Planning & Procurement, and LogiSYM Cold Chain. SAAA@Singapore was honoured to have Mr Gabriel Lam, Member of Parliament and Chairman of SAAA, as Guest of Honour to deliver the opening address. The ceremony was followed by a VIP tour led by SAAA@Singapore CEO, Ms Pauline Tok, during which the VIP delegation visited the CeMAT exhibition hall, the Singapore Pavilion, and engaged with exhibitors showcasing innovative logistics and supply chain solutions. SAAA@Singapore would also like to acknowledge Mr Roger Chew, SAAA Council Board Member, for his active participation in speaking engagements and panel discussions throughout CeMAT SEA 2026. SAAA@Singapore was also pleased to have Mr Andrea Bettoni, SAAA Council Board Member, in attendance at the event.



On 13 May 2026, the event concluded with the exclusive industry gala dinner and the LogiSYM Awards 2026. The evening celebrated industry excellence, collaboration, and networking opportunities. Representing SAAA@Singapore at the dinner were Ms Pauline Tok, Mr Roger Chew, and Mr Jimmy Ler. Heartiest congratulations to SAAA member company, Project Argus Pte Ltd, on receiving the Supply Chain Management Champion Award, alongside all other deserving award recipients.

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Project IMDD 3rd Outreach & Training 2026



SAAA@Singapore successfully hosted the third edition of Project Inspire, Mentor, Discover and Develop (IMDD) at ITE College East on 22 May 2026, in collaboration with our educational institution partners: ITE College East, Nanyang Polytechnic, Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Republic Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, and Temasek Polytechnic.



The outreach initiative aims to strengthen industry engagement with students and raise awareness of career opportunities within the logistics sector. The programme also supports internship opportunities through relevant industry and government initiatives.



As part of SAAA@Singapore's and the members' ongoing efforts to attract and develop young talent for the logistics industry, SAAA@Singapore would like to thank the following participating companies for their strong support and commitment:

- Alliance 21 Pte Ltd
- B&H Worldwide (SG) Pte Ltd
- Crane Worldwide Logistics (S) Pte Ltd
- KC Intl Logistics Singapore Pte Ltd
- Ninja Logistics Pte Ltd
- Sky Leader Freight Pte Ltd
- Union Air Freight (S) Pte Ltd



SAAA@Singapore welcomes more members and industry partners to participate in future Project IMDD outreach sessions. Interested parties may contact Mr Zyman Tan at zyman.tan@saaa.org.sg for more information on participating in Project IMDD.



In addition, SAAA@Singapore is currently managing the March internship cohort. As part of the programme, the students had the opportunity to hear from expert speakers on AI and digitalization on, as well as visit the Singapore Pavilion at CeMAT SEA 2026 on 13 May 2026. During the visit, they explored the exhibition, learned about industry best practices and innovations, and attended presentations by logistics industry exhibitors. Through such initiatives, Project IMDD provides interns with further opportunities to broaden their horizons through industry exposure, learning experiences, and engagement with logistics professionals.



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SAAA@Singapore Leads Transport Logistic, Project Cargo & Air Cargo Shanghai 2026 Singapore Pavilion & S.M.A.R.T Entrepreneurship X Global: Shanghai (AI & Robotics)



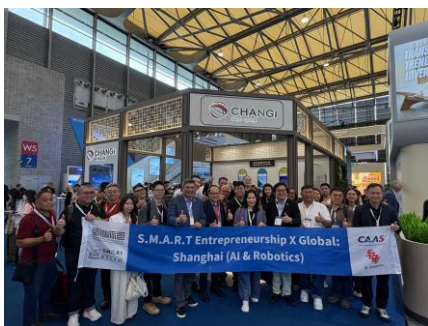
As a strategic supporting organisation, and in partnership with MMI Asia Pte Ltd, SAAA@Singapore led the Singapore Pavilion at Transport Logistic, Project Cargo & Air Cargo Shanghai 2026, held from 24 to 26 June 2026 at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre.



This marked the first time SAAA@Singapore led a Singapore Pavilion at an international exhibition overseas. SAAA@Singapore also extends its appreciation to Enterprise Singapore for its continued partnership and support in empowering exhibitors and advancing Singapore's internationalisation efforts.



In conjunction with the exhibition, SAAA@Singapore also welcomed participants of the S.M.A.R.T Entrepreneurship X Global: Shanghai (AI & Robotics) Programme to the Singapore Pavilion. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for participants and industry stakeholders to connect, exchange insights, and explore potential collaborations across logistics, technology, and innovation sectors.



In collaboration with the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), SAAA@Singapore concurrently led an AI Learning Journey to Shanghai and Hangzhou, which offered participants exposure to advancements in artificial intelligence, robotics, and smart operations through visits to leading technology companies, innovation hubs, and terminal-related facilities.

The programmes collectively reinforced SAAA@Singapore's commitment to fostering international engagement and encouraging members of the logistics community to participate in future overseas business missions, learning journeys, and exhibition opportunities, supported by available funding schemes.

STATISTICS

Current Pulse of the Air Freight Industry

Item Description	Total (Jan-Mar) 2025	Total (Jan-Mar) 2026	YTD Variance	YTD Variance (%)	Monthly Average 2025 (Jan - Mar)	Monthly Average 2026 (Jan - Mar)
Outbound Air Volumes	218,967	235,303	16,336	7.46	72,989	78,434
Inbound Air Volumes (Discharge)	261,304	281,489	20,185	7.72	87,101	93,830

Current Pulse of the Air Freight Industry
(Cont.)

Item Description	2025 (Apr - Dec)	2025 Monthly Average (Apr - Dec)	2025 Total
Outbound Air Volumes	734,573	81,619	953,540
Inbound Air Volumes (Discharge)	868,976	96,553	1,130,280

Source: SingStat Website

Current Pulse of Ocean Freight Industry

Item Description	Jan-Mar 2025	Jan-Mar 2026	YTD Variance	YTD Variance (%)	Monthly Average 2025 (Jan - Mar)	Monthly Average 2026 (Jan - Mar)
Total Cargo ('000 Tonnes) (Thousand Tonnes)	148,114.90	156,649.50	8,534.60	5.76	49,377.33	52,216.50
Cargo (General) (Thousand Tonnes)	95,385.60	101,608.00	6,222.40	6.52	31,795.20	33,869.33
Cargo (Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	52,729.50	55,041.30	2,311.80	4.38	17,582.20	18,347.10
Cargo (Oil-In-Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	45,042.40	44,776.90	(265.50)	(0.59)	15,014.13	14,925.63
Cargo (General & Non-Oil In Bulk) (Thousand Tonnes)	103,072.60	111,872.50	8,799.90	8.54	34,363.23	37,290.83
Total Container Throughput ('000 TEUs) (Thousand Twenty-foot Equivalent Units)	10,549.30	11,210.80	661.50	6.27	3,516.43	3,736.93
Bunker Sales ('000 Tonnes) (Thousand Tonnes)	13,102.20	14,671.70	1,569.50	11.98	4,367.10	4,890.57

Source: SingStat Website

STATISTICS

GDP at Current Market Price

Year	Billion
4Q25	\$209.6
1Q26	\$202.8

Main Drivers of GDP Growth in 1Q26

Type	Percentage of Contribution (%)
Wholesale Trade	2.1
Manufacturing	1.3

Merchandise Trade Imports

Year	Million
4Q25	\$181,789
1Q26	\$189,818

Merchandise Trade Exports

Year	Million
4Q25	\$200,684
1Q26	\$219,647

Services Trade Imports

Year	Million
4Q25	\$129,536
1Q26	\$132,068

Services Trade Exports

Year	Million
4Q25	\$140,648
1Q26	\$143,017

International Trade
(YoY Growth)

Year	Percentage (%)
1Q26	Total Merchandise Exports increased by 27.9%
	Total Services Exports increased by 3.9%

Services Exports Increased By:

Year	Percentage (%)
1Q26	Other Business Services by 2.1%
	Financial Services by 0.9%
	Travel by 0.5%

Transportation & Storage
(YoY Growth)

Year	Percentage (%)
1Q25	5.3
2Q25	3.3
3Q25	2.7
4Q25	2.1
1Q26	1.5

Wholesale Trade
(YoY Growth)

Year	Percentage (%)
1Q25	3.1
2Q25	6.1
3Q25	5.4
4Q25	9.9
1Q26	11.7

STATISTICS

Sectors with the Highest Growth in Value-Added per Actual Hour Worked in 1Q26

Type	Percentage (%)
Wholesale Trade	12.3
Real Estate	9.0
Information & Communications	8.8

Source: MTI Economic Survey of Singapore First Quarter 2026

Yearly Breakdown of Air Freight Movements

Year	No. of Tonnes ('000)
2021	1,947
2022	1,850
2023	1,740
2024	1,995
2025	2,080
2026 (Till May)	896

Source: Air Traffic Statistics, Changi Airport Group

Yearly Breakdown of Passenger Movements

Year	No. of Passengers ('000)
2021	3,053
2022	32,200
2023	58,900
2024	67,700
2025	69,980
2026 (Till May)	29,000

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2026 SCHEDULE

Upcoming Industry Events 2026



Date	Industry Events
July 2	Shipping Network Singapore - Improving Operations in Logistics and Maritime
July 15	Logistics Innovation & Technology Enablement Showcase (LITES)
July 25	International Conference on Global Logistics and Supply Chain Integration
July 31 – Aug 1	International Conference on Future Directions in Supply Chain, Logistics, and Business
Aug 26 - 27	Asia's Leading SME Business Event
Sept 9 - 10	International Conference on Supply Chain and Logistics Management
Sept 29 - 30	Data Centre World

SAAA Training Programs Schedule for 2026

Training	July	August	September
Airfreight Forwarders Basic Course	8 th – 10 th	12 th – 14 th	9 th – 11 th
HazMat Transport Driver Permit (HTDP) Course	19 th , 26 th	2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd	13 th , 20 th , 27 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.1 – 4 days (Preparing DG Consignment, exclude Radioactive materials)	6 th – 9 th	3 rd – 6 th	7 th – 10 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.1 – 5 days (Preparing DG Consignment, include Radioactive materials)	6 th – 10 th	3 rd – 7 th	7 th – 11 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.3 – 4 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments, exclude Radioactive materials)	1 st – 2 nd	17 th – 20 th	14 th – 17 th
Transport of DG by Air (Initial) 7.3 – 5 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments, include Radioactive materials)	1 st – 3 rd	17 th – 21 st	14 th – 18 th
Transport of DG by Air (Recurrent) 7.3 – 3 days (Processing or accepting DG Consignments)	27 th – 29 th	12 th – 14 th	21 st – 23 rd

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E&OE.

There were no winners for the past edition of Perspectives' "Spot the Difference" game.



SAAA Members' Corner: Book your slots with SAAA

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





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

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