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GM's Foreword

It was an exciting start to 2024, with our participation at the Singapore Airshow 2024 in February, which provided SYFC with the opportunity to engage the public and share our programmes to inspire our Singaporean youths to take up flying. Kudos to our Recruitment and Alumni team, who worked hard in interacting with the visitors during the six-day event.

One of the key milestones in this period was the opening of The Ramp, a multi-purpose space to facilitate interactions, self-study, small-group discussions, as well as to dine and relax. The opening of The Ramp was officiated by BG Ho Kum Luen, President of the SYFC Management Committee, on 25 April 2024. Since its opening, we have received much positive feedback about the cosy facility, and we are glad to see the space being put to good use.

While the work tempo was on the upswing during this period, we took time to unwind at Batam Island and Gardens by the Bay. We believe that work-life balance is crucial for overall well-being, encompassing physical, mental, and emotional health, while also impacting productivity and relationships. It has been a good start to 2024, and I wish everyone a fulfilling year ahead!

Warmest regards

COL (RET) Foo Yang Ge
General Manager
Singapore Youth Flying Club

BFC CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

[18 May 2024 & 29 Jun 2024]

SYFC held its Basic Flying Course (BFC) Certificate Presentation Ceremony on 18 May and 29 Jun 24. The ceremony marked the completion of the BFC, as well as to recognise the achievements of our BFC students. Well done!



SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2024

[20 - 25 Feb 2024]



SYFC participated in the Singapore Airshow 2024 from 20 to 25 Feb 24. It was an excellent opportunity for us to reach out to the public and share with them the programmes that SYFC offers to inspire Singaporean youths to take up flying. Also, a big "Thank You" to our alumni who supported us for the event. Our staff and alumni certainly enjoyed themselves interacting with the public and immersing in the airshow atmosphere.

VISIT TO 130 SQUADRON

[10 - 16 Mar 2024]



A group of 14 SYFC students visited the RSAF 130 Squadron in Mar 24.

The students had the opportunity to view the training facilities and aircraft and interacted with RSAF pilot trainees and instructors. The visit provided our students an insight into what life is like as an RSAF pilot trainee, and the rigour of the training that trainees undergo.

"During our visit to 130 Squadron, I was struck by the intensity and structure of a trainee pilot's day. From Start-of-Day Briefs to meticulous flight prep and detailed debriefs, every step reinforced the

importance of discipline and accountability. The visit impressed upon us the rigour of military aviation and gave aspiring pilots like us a clearer picture of what to expect in the road ahead.

The trip was truly inspiring. We developed a deeper appreciation for the high standards of the RSAF and the dedication of the RSAF personnel. We are sincerely grateful for this exceptional opportunity." - Timothy Ting Zheng Long PPL23/24

SINGAPORE AMAZING FLYING MACHINE COMPETITION (SAFMC) AWARD CEREMONY

[6 Apr 2024]

The SAFMC Award Ceremony was held on 6 Apr 24. During the ceremony, SYFC was presented with an appreciation plaque by the Guest-of-Honor, Mr Heng Chee How, Senior Minister of State for Defence.

The SAFMC is an annual aeromodel building and flying competition, jointly organised by the Defence Science Organisation National Laboratories and the Science Centre Singapore. The competition is open to all school students to challenge the participants

to transform their creative ideas into real flying machines. SYFC is one of the SAFMC's technical partners, offering guidance to participants who need assistance in building aeromodels.



THE RAMP OPENING @ SYFC

[25 Apr 2024]

SYFC has a newly renovated space for our students to interact and study - The Ramp!

The Ramp was officially opened on 25 Apr 24 by the President of SYFC Management Committee, BG Ho Kum Luen.

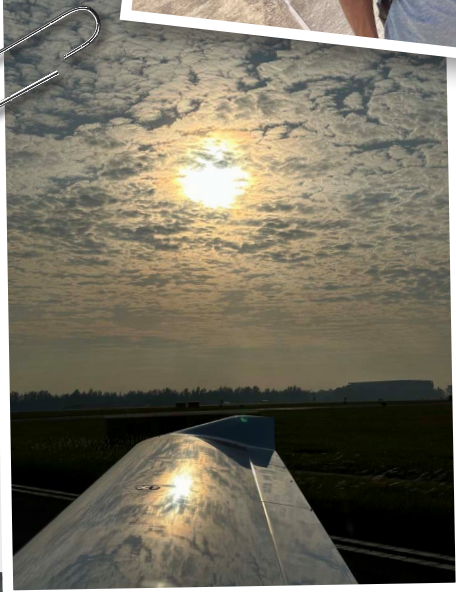


NAVIGATION TRIP TO MALACCA AND SUBANG [13 & 20 Jun 2024]

In June 2024, SYFC conducted Navigation Trips to Malacca and Subang. Our students had the opportunity to observe how the Flying Instructors navigated to the destination airport using landmarks along the planned route, enhancing their understanding of how navigation is conducted under Visual Flight Rules (VFR).

Apart from that, the students and instructors also had the opportunity to interact while enjoying lunch at Malacca and Subang.

"It was an eye-opening and unforgettable experience!" - Kee JH - BFC 283, Yeo WH - BFC 280, D Hadif BFC 284, Tan XJ - BFC 282, Chng KN - BFC 283, Lau WW - BFC 284, Teo YL - BFC 282, CJ Devan - BFC 275, Lik JK - BFC 281 & Loh WJ - BFC 279.



BFC COURSES

SYFC is pleased to have started the aviation journey with 145 students in the 1st half of 2024, We welcomed the students of BFC 289, BFC 290, BFC 291, BFC 292, BFC 293 and BFC 294. We wish them all the best in their flying training!



BFC 289 [27 Jan 2024]



BFC 290 [24 Feb 2024]



BFC 291 [23 Mar 2024]



BFC 292 [27 Apr 2024]



BFC 293 [25 May 2024]



BFC 294 [15 Jun 2024]



FIRST SOLO



During my 1st solo check, I had to demonstrate to my instructor my ability to take-off and land the aircraft safely, alone. Having flown the circuit pattern so many times and having hours upon hours of mental preparation, it was like clockwork. Once my instructor, Mr Teo Mun Tiong, gave me the green light to go solo, I was excited. However my first solo wasn't like how some others may describe it. I felt neither nervous nor exhilarated. I felt calm, composed and contented. I couldn't believe that at 17 years of age I would have the opportunity to fly an aircraft alone! When I flew that one circuit, I could not help but look to my right and see that the instructor seat was empty. My safety was in my own hands, and that I was really flying solo! I managed to take off and land gently, and on centerline. It is really a blessing to be a student in SYFC, and it is a memory that I would always cherish!

LAU WW, BFC 284
[24 Jan 2024]

Embarking on my 1st solo flight was a mixture of excitement and nervousness. Yet, as I soared into the sky, an unexpected serenity enveloped me, and it was surreal to see that I was flying alone this time. The familiar environment I was in calmed me down and I was able to complete the solo circuit just like I did in my previous sorties. When I landed, I couldn't believe that I had turned my dream of flight into reality.

I would like to thank my flying instructor, Mr Lee SL, for his guidance. I eagerly await the next chapter of my flying journey with SYFC, as I embark on my PPL Course.

Geng YiXiang
Michael, BFC 286
[8 May 2024]



FINAL HANDLING TEST



Preparation for the PPL Final Handling Test (FHT) involved more than just flying; it required knowledge of aircraft systems, licensing ratings, and privileges. Learning and understanding the various systems on-board the Diamond DA40 was made easier thanks to the ground school sessions conducted by Mr Preetwant and the various aircraft system briefs conducted by my Primary Flight Instructor, Mr Siva.

During the lead up to my FHT, I could feel the stress building up, fearing that I might slip up and make mistakes. I'm immensely grateful to my flight instructor for guiding me on what to expect and how to prepare for the FHT, and to my course mates who generously shared their pointers and insights gained from their own FHT experiences, despite their busy school schedules.

On the day of the FHT, I felt even more nervous than before. Following my usual routine, I prepared the necessary documents, conducted the pre-flight briefing, and completed the aircraft checks. We started with circuits and I was extremely cautious to avoid repeating past mistakes. As we departed for the training area, the presence of clouds posed challenges. I had to make multiple turns to steer clear of the clouds. Eventually, we reached a higher altitude above the clouds, making the visual air exercises

more manageable. Upon completion of the air exercises, we landed and proceeded to conduct the oral quiz. The oral quiz went relatively well and at the end of it, the examiner congratulated me and told me that I had passed. In that moment, I felt a rush of emotions, as if a heavy weight had been lifted off my chest.

During my time here in SYFC, I forged lasting friendships with my course mates, gained extensive knowledge about aviation, and essential life skills such as time management, effective communication, and perseverance. Throughout my flight training, I encountered challenges and moments of self-doubt, questioning myself if I had what it took to pass the FHT. However, the unwavering support from my flight instructor and fellow course mates served as a source of strength, motivating me to persist and push forward. I am deeply thankful to SYFC for providing me with the opportunity to chase my dreams, and I extend my gratitude to all the flight instructors who never gave up on me and profoundly influenced my life.

Wong YQ NP13H-22 [2 May 2024]

The journey to obtaining my Private Pilot's License had been a rollercoaster of emotions - from the thrill of my first sortie to the frustration of failing difficult manoeuvres in practice sorties. But nothing compared to the mix of nerves and determination I felt during the Final Handling Test (FHT). As I strapped into the cockpit, my mind was serene, complete shift from the anxiousness I felt the night before. With each manoeuvre, my confidence grew, and the aircraft responded smoothly to my touch. The FHT was a blur of precision and focus, but in the moments after passing, tears of joy mingled with sweat and relief. I had earned my wings, and the sky was no longer just a view - it was my playground.



Tan XJ BFC 282

[2 May 2024]

STAFF COHESION ACTIVITIES

[3 Mar 2024]

SYFC organised a trip to Batam on 3 Mar 24. From learning about the making of Kopi Luwak to the making of Kueh Lapis, the trip offered many fun moments and new experiences for our staff. Most importantly, we had the opportunity to bond and get to know one another better!



STAFF COHESION ACTIVITIES TEAM BUILDING VIA AMAZING RACE @ GARDENS BY THE BAY

[27 Mar 2024]

SYFC held our own version of the Amazing Race at Gardens by the Bay on 27 Mar 24. It was a day of fun and games to forge teamwork and cohesion among our staff.



STAFF COHESION ACTIVITIES

CNY 2024 [16 Feb 2024]



SYFC and ST Engineering Defence Aviation Services (STEDAS) staff jointly celebrated the Chinese New Year and the birthdays of staff (in the month of Feb) with a lunch on 16 Feb 24.

