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### **25 Singapore Youth Flying Club Trainees Attain Private Pilot Licence**

1. The Singapore Youth Flying Club (SYFC) held its Private Pilot Licence (PPL) Wings & Aviation Awards Ceremony on 5 Oct 2024. 25 Junior College and Polytechnic students graduated from the SYFC PPL course after undergoing a year of rigorous flight training. Gracing the ceremony was Senior Minister of State for Defence and Manpower, Mr Zaqy Mohamad.
2. The SYFC conducts flying courses for Junior College and Polytechnic students, leading to the PPL issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS).
3. In his speech, Mr Zaqy congratulated the 25 young graduates for their achievement, noting their grit and resilience in balancing the demanding PPL course alongside their schoolwork and family responsibilities. Mr Zaqy also acknowledged SYFC's mission, success and effort in grooming Singapore's next generation of young pilots and expressed his hope that SYFC's programmes would continue to inspire and nurture Singaporean youths to join the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF).
4. During the ceremony, Mr Zaqy presented the ST Engineering Excellence Award to the top three performing graduates in the flying and ground school categories.
5. Apart from the flying courses, SYFC also collaborates with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to implement a CCA programme for Secondary School students. The SYFC CCA programme aims to promote interest in aviation among students through its aeromodelling programme and aviation-related activities. Mr Zaqy presented the SYFC CCA Excellence Award to Hillgrove Secondary School, Hwa Chong Institution, and Northbrooks Secondary School for their contributions to the SYFC CCA programme.

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