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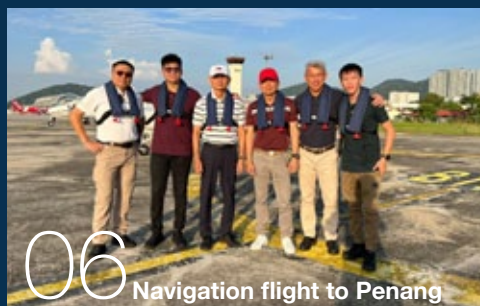
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GM's Foreword

With the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw the in-person activities in SYFC resuming. We started the new calendar year with a slew of Open House events at the various Polytechnics and Junior Colleges and the many Learning Journeys conducted at our premises to give the youths a glimpse of the aviation activities that could lead them to an aviation career.

We resumed our visits to 130 Squadron after a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The visit gave our PPL holders good insights into the training rigour at the RSAF Basic Wing Course (BWC) and life as a pilot trainee, reinforcing their commitment to joining the RSAF.

The Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition (SAFMC) Award Ceremony was held on 1 Apr 23 and the Senior Minister of State for Defence, Mr Heng Chee How, presented a plaque to SYFC, in appreciation of our contributions to the event as a technical partner to Science Centre Singapore and the Defence Science Organisation (DSO) National Laboratories.

The in-person Basic Flying Course (BFC) Certificates Presentation Ceremony was conducted on 29 Apr 23, with MAJ Muhammad Iskandar, Officer Commanding 149 Squadron, sharing his aviation journey in the SYFC and RSAF. The annual SYFC PPL Wings & Aviation Awards Ceremony 2023 was held on 27 May 23 and graced by Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Manpower, as the Guest-of-Honour (GOH). As the SYFC Hangar was unsuitable due to roof leaks, a marquee was erected over the SYFC multi-purpose court for the event. Congratulations to the 25 graduates who received the coveted Wings from our GOH!

We collaborated with Nexus to administer the Total Defence (TD) Badge Programme for our SYFC CCA School Open Unit (SOU). The programme comprised a self-directed learning module on TD, and the interactive Guardians of the City card game, which promoted understanding and appreciation of the changing nature of threats and challenges facing Singapore.

It has been an exciting start to 2023, and I wish everyone a fulfilling year ahead!

Warmest regards

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

BFC 278 ORIENTATION

28 Jan 2023



BFC 278 started on 28 Jan 23 with 18 students onboard.

BFC 279 ORIENTATION

25 Feb 23



BFC 279 started on 25 Feb 23 with 25 students onboard.

BFC 281 ORIENTATION

6 May 23



BFC 281 started on 6 May 23 with 14 students onboard.

BFC 282 ORIENTATION

3 Jun 23



BFC 282 Started on 3 Jun 23 with 15 students onboard.

CNY LUNCH AT BAN HENG

2 Feb 23



SYFC staff celebrated the Chinese New Year with a 'Lohei' lunch at Ban Heng @Orchid Country Club on 2 Feb 23.

ALUMNI ORIENTATION & ONBOARDING

4 Feb 23 - Changi Chalet



The Alumni EXCO held its annual Alumni Orientation and Onboarding Day 2023 (AOOD23) on 4 Feb 23. Freshly barbecued food by several talented Alumni chefs was served as everyone enjoyed the scrumptious dinner spread. The newly minted Alumni were welcomed into the SYFC Alumni community, and everyone had an enjoyable night filled with laughter and joy.

NAVIGATION FLIGHT TO PENANG

8 to 10 Mar 23

SYFC Flying Instructors and students arrive in Penang for a 3D2N navigation trip from 8 to 10 Mar 23. Aside from the delectable variety of food and touring the vibrant streets of Penang, students had a chance to witness the rigours of navigation flying from Seletar to Penang with an intermediate refuelling stop in Subang.



SAFMC AWARDS CEREMONY

1 Apr 23



The SAFMC was an annual aeromodel building and flying competition, jointly organised by the Science Centre Singapore and the Defence Science Organisation (DSO) National Laboratories. The competition was opened to all school students with the objective of challenging the participants to transform their creative ideas into real flying machines. SYFC has been a technical partner in the SAFMC, offering guidance to participants who needed assistance building aeromodels. The competition was conducted from Nov 22 to Mar 23, with the Award Ceremony on 1 Apr 23. Senior Minister of State for Defence, Mr Heng Chee How, presented a plaque to SYFC to appreciate our contributions to the event.

PPL WINGS AND AVIATION AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

27 May 23



We held our annual SYFC PPL Wings and Aviation Awards Ceremony on 27 May 23. The event was graced by Mr Zaqq Mohamad, Senior Minister of State for Defence and Manpower, as the Guest-of-Honour (GOH). 21 graduates were presented with the coveted PPL Wings. Of which, the Best-in-Flying trophy was awarded to Caderic Yeo from Singapore Polytechnic and the Best-in-Ground-School trophy was awarded to Choong Dzeroun from National Junior College.



AFTER WINGS PARTY 27 May 23



Photos taken during the After Wings Party 2023 (AWP'23) on 27 May 23. The After Wings Party is a yearly tradition where the fresh PPL graduates gather for a celebratory party after the PPL Wings and Aviation Award Ceremony 2023. Photo booths and catered dinners were just some of the highlights of the AWP where instructors and Alumni commemorate the significant milestone together.



BFC CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

29 Apr 23

We held a BFC Certificate Presentation Ceremony on 29 Apr 23 and marked a milestone for 24 aspiring aviators as they proudly received their certificates. The event was graced by MAJ Muhammad Iskandar Dzulfadhli Bin Abdul Rahman, a distinguished F15SG fighter pilot with the RSAF and an alumnus of SYFC from BFC 138. Having joined the RSAF in 2008 under the prestigious SAF Academic Scholarship, MAJ Iskandar shared his inspiring journey from his early days in the SYFC to soaring the skies with the RSAF. His story of dedication and achievement captivated the audience, leaving a lasting impression on the students and igniting their passion for aviation.



PPL FINAL HANDLING TEST

Preparing for the FHT was a long and challenging process. I needed to be not only skilled and precise in my flying abilities but also thoroughly knowledgeable about aircraft systems and procedures. To get ready for the test, I spent many hours mentally flying and carefully planning the sortie profile I would follow during the exam. Additionally, I greatly benefited from the advice and experiences of friends and seniors who had already passed their FHTs. Their insights helped me anticipate what to expect and taught me valuable lessons.

On my first attempt at the FHT, the weather was unfavorable, with a low cloud base of 1500 feet. This situation heavily tested my decision-making skills regarding whether to continue the test or land. After assessing the weather, I chose to end the flight early and land, resulting in a partial pass. Despite being somewhat disappointed about not passing that day, I was proud of my decision to prioritize safety over completing the test.

My second attempt at the FHT went much more smoothly. The weather was calm, and there was minimal traffic in the training areas. Thanks to thorough mentoring by SYFC's flight instructors and extensive preparation, I performed most of my air exercises with ease and completed the flight without any major issues. After the flight test, I moved on to the oral exam, which tested our knowledge of general aviation, aircraft systems, and aviation regulations in Singapore. With the guidance I had received from peers and seniors, I was able to answer most of the questions confidently and successfully passed my FHT.

Passing the FHT was a proud moment for me, symbolizing the culmination of over a year of hard work and an achievement that not many people attain. It marked a significant milestone in my aviation journey and motivated me to join the RSAF to help defend our nation's skies.

Dzeroun Choong - Course 264 BFC



After diligently preparing and completing all 7 Ground School exams and 51 sorties, the time for my FHT had finally arrived.

This was the moment when all the soft and hard skills we learned from our instructors were put to the ultimate test. From mastering aircraft technical knowledge to perfecting our flying techniques during the sortie profile, it was a challenging task. However, with the confidence gained from our SYFC journey, we felt unstoppable.

On the day of the FHT, the first hurdle was the preflight briefing. I had to deliver a clear and concise briefing about the sortie profile, weather conditions, and aircraft-specific details to my tester, demonstrating my technical understanding of the pre-flight documentation. When my tester gave the signal to proceed

to the aircraft, I felt thrilled, as it meant that I would be proceeding to the next part of the flight test.

With the aircraft key in hand and after conducting my checks, a rush of adrenaline hit me, knowing I was close to earning my PPL.

As we took off for circuits and area work, I was determined to succeed in the mission. Upon returning to Seletar, the cloudy conditions made my PFL more challenging. Nonetheless, I calmly and efficiently circum-navigated the clouds and landed safely.

Stepping out of the aircraft, I realized my PPL was within reach, with just one final challenge remaining - the Oral Examination. This would test my fundamental knowledge of aircraft technicalities and aviation regulations. Thanks to my thorough preparation, I maintained a calm demeanor throughout the questions posed by my tester. Finally, my tester stood up, shook my hand, and congratulated me on achieving my PPL, a milestone reached through much hard work and dedication.

Ang IA - Course 263 BFC