



Fleet of newly commissioned craft deployed for the first time during annual crisis simulation exercise

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Changi Airport Group invests in new sea rescue craft to enhance passenger safety

SINGAPORE, 17 October 2024 – Safety is a top priority for Changi Airport Group (CAG). To ensure the readiness of CAG’s Airport Emergency Service (AES) and its partners, CAG organised its annual crisis simulation exercise, ‘Exercise Bobcat’, today. The annual exercise validated CAG’s emergency preparedness response and training that AES officers have undergone. Nearly 20 agencies and more than 200 role players took part in the exercise.

Learnings from the exercise will also enable participants to refine their

response strategies and update standard operating procedures.

As part of its long-term strategy to enhance operational readiness and safety, CAG continues to invest in both its AES personnel and emergency preparedness equipment. Three new types of craft have been added to AES' sea rescue fleet, replacing older craft that have reached their end of life. They will make their operational debut at 'Exercise Bobcat' this year – Command Craft, Fast Craft and Landing Craft.



The new Command Craft (above) brings improved capabilities for managing on-scene coordination of rescue efforts during emergencies at sea.



Functioning as the workhorse of the fleet, the Fast Craft (above) has the speed and agility to perform firefighting, surface water rescue, and casualty conveyance with greater efficiency.



The newly commissioned Landing Craft (above) replaced the previous hovercraft with enhanced capabilities while maintaining the same core functions – firefighting and casualty management. With a capacity of 50 passengers, and the ability to reach speeds of up to 40 knots, this vessel is versatile for sea rescue operations.

Mr Puar Teck Jin, CAG's Chief of the Airport Emergency Service, shared, "This year's exercise has helped to test the readiness of our men and the new craft as well as the coordination with our mutual aid partners. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the participants and government agencies including MOT, Mindef, MOH, MHA, CAAS, SCDF, SPF, Police Coast Guard, MPA as well as our airlines and airport partners and the Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal team for their contributions to this exercise."

About Changi Airport Group

Changi Airport Group (Singapore) Pte Ltd (CAG) (www.changiairportgroup.com) was formed on 16 June 2009 and the corporatisation of Singapore Changi Airport (IATA: SIN, ICAO: WSSS) followed on 1 July 2009. As the company managing Changi Airport, CAG undertakes key functions focusing on airport operations and management, air hub development, commercial activities and airport emergency services. It also manages the Changi East development project, which includes the building of a new Terminal 5 for Changi Airport. CAG also operates Seletar Airport (IATA: XSP, ICAO: WSSL) and through its subsidiary Changi Airports International, invests in and manages airports around the world.

As one of Asia's most connected international aviation hubs, Changi Airport links Singapore to some 150 cities globally, with close to 100 airlines operating more than 6,900 flights weekly. Jewel Changi Airport, a multi-dimensional lifestyle destination, opened in April 2019, bringing Changi Airport's shopping and dining offering to over 600 F&B and retail outlets. The world's most awarded airport, Changi has won 680 accolades for its consistent and excellent airport staff service, passenger experience and safety standards.

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