

SAAA@Singapore 2019 Updates

SAAA@SINGAPORE AGM & ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 2019

15 ebruary 2019 proved to be an eventful day as SAAA@Singapore had a series of exciting events unfolded and shared with the participants at Tanah Merah Country Club, Garden Events Room.

It started off with SAAA@Singapore 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM), which addressed on the members' enquiries and feedbacks such as the reflection of expenditure in financial statements and clarifications of donation amounts.

Mr Steven Lee, Chairman, had announced on the Preliminary Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in July 2019 as a call for accounts alignment. With the aim of providing data clarity, the proposed EGM is to align subsequent AGM accounts within the latest financial period. As such, the future AGMs will be held in the period of June or July.

Ms Pauline Tok, Executive Director, had also shared on SAAA@Singapore roadmap initiatives for 2019. SAAA@Singapore will be embarking on the very first series of members-exclusive events titled, "I Speak, You Listen. You Listen, We Speak." It will be a unique platform to give good opportunities for members to present on their respective areas of interest and outreach within the association community. Another great piece of news shared was these events making a comeback: SAAA@Singapore Dinner & Dance, Karaoke and Air Cargo Day.

A new feature will be added onto SAAA website – Members Exclusive Login portal.



Members can look forward to valuable rewards such as statistics, e-learning, air cargo news and discounted events, as well as promotions at nearby eateries.

45th Annual General Meeting closed on a highlight with positive acknowledgement from members. Ms Pauline Tok, Executive Director, had updated members on the hard-earned changes to the criteria of IATA membership application. After months of perseverance, an official agreement had finally been reached between IATA and SAAA@Singapore. ICAP members have supported the change to the local financial criteria for cargo agents in Singapore. In conclusion, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which would like to apply for IATA membership, can now follow the local legislation and submit unaudited accounts as per ACRA requirements and



to submit accounts, signed by either 1 or 2 signatories. On this, Ms Pauline Tok, Executive Director, attributed the wonderful success to the great efforts of the Council Board. With that positive note, tokens of appreciation were given to SAAA Council Board for the many years of contribution made to the association.

This was soon followed by the official signing ceremonies of the two Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs): MOU between SAAA@Singapore and vCargo Cloud Pte. Ltd. and MOU between SAAA Cargo Services Pte Ltd and Worldwide GSA Pte Ltd. SAAA@Singapore will be collaborating with vCargo Cloud Pte. Ltd. on certain aspects such as the development of freight booking marketplace and cross-border connectivity while SAAA Cargo Services Pte Ltd will be collaborating with Worldwide GSA Pte Ltd to promote Airport College online eLearning courses for the airfreight industry. These initiatives will provide members with access to the latest technologies and innovations within industry, enabling ease of entry into new markets and provide consolidation savings.

Lastly, participants listened to Dr Tan Kee Wee on the Economic Outlook 2019. He spoke on the US-China trade war, prospects for the global economy and the dangers faced in 2019.

Overall, the event was well attended.



BREAKFAST MEETING WITH DNATA CEO MR DIRK GOOVAERTS



On 22 May 2019, SAAA@Singapore organized a breakfast meeting with dnata CEO, Mr Dirk Goovaerts, at Changi Village Hotel. The session was well attended by over 50 attendees from the various freight forwarding companies.

Mr Dirk Goovaerts shared details with the audience on the global operations, facilities, cargo operations and future developments of dnata. This was followed by a Q & A session,

which Mr Dirk Goovaerts, together with moderator, Mr Steven Lee, SAAA@Singapore Chairman, took the opportunity to engage the attendees to address any matters of concerns. Mr Dirk Goovaerts answered many pointed questions ranging from modification of web tracking to e-initiatives.

Overall, the engagement session proved to be an informative and fruitful discussion between dnata and the freight forwarders.

