



Ministry of Tertiary Education  
and Skills Training

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## Soaring to New Heights

# TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AVIATION INSTITUTE (TTAI)

The Place for **Home Grown, World Known** Training in Aviation

### September, 2014

Commencement of Undergraduate programmes at UTT:

- Certificate in Aviation Theory
- Diploma in Aviation Technology With Specialisation In Airframes And Engines or Avionics
- Bachelor's in Aviation Technology



Graduates from the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard



A cross-section of graduates from the Avionics Trainee Engineer programme

### March, 2014

Graduation of the first cohort of fifteen (15) students from the Avionics Trainee Engineer programme and eighteen (18) students who are all members of the Trinidad and Tobago Air Guard (TTAG). Ten (10) of the graduates from the Avionics Trainee Engineer programme have also successfully written the X-Electrical examination, administered by the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA), and have obtained their X-Electrical licenses.

Addressing the audience at the graduation ceremony, among others, were Senator the Honourable Gerald Hadeed, Minister of Communications, the Honourable Jairam Seemungal, Minister of Land and Marine Resources and the Honourable Steven Cadiz, Minister of Transport.



**Congratulatory moment:** Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills Training (centre), shakes hands with Mr. Geoff Hoon, Managing Director (International Business) of AgustaWestland, at the unveiling of the construction site billboard for the Trinidad and Tobago Aviation Institute (TTAI). Pictured 4th from right: The Honourable Stephen Cadiz, Minister of Transport; 3rd from right: The Honourable Jairam Seemungal, Minister of Land and Marine Resources and 2nd from right, Senator the Honourable Gerald Hadeed, Minister of Communications. Also present are stakeholders of the Aviation sector.

### Memoranda of Understanding to Support Strategic Partnerships in Aviation

The historic occasion also signaled a significant advancement for local training and education as three (3) Memoranda of Understanding were signed with international experts in the sphere of aviation.



Signing for **Art Williams & Harry Wendt Aeronautical Engineering School** was Captain Malcolm Chan A Sue, CEO.



Signing for **AgustaWestland** was Mr. Geoff Hoon, Managing Director.



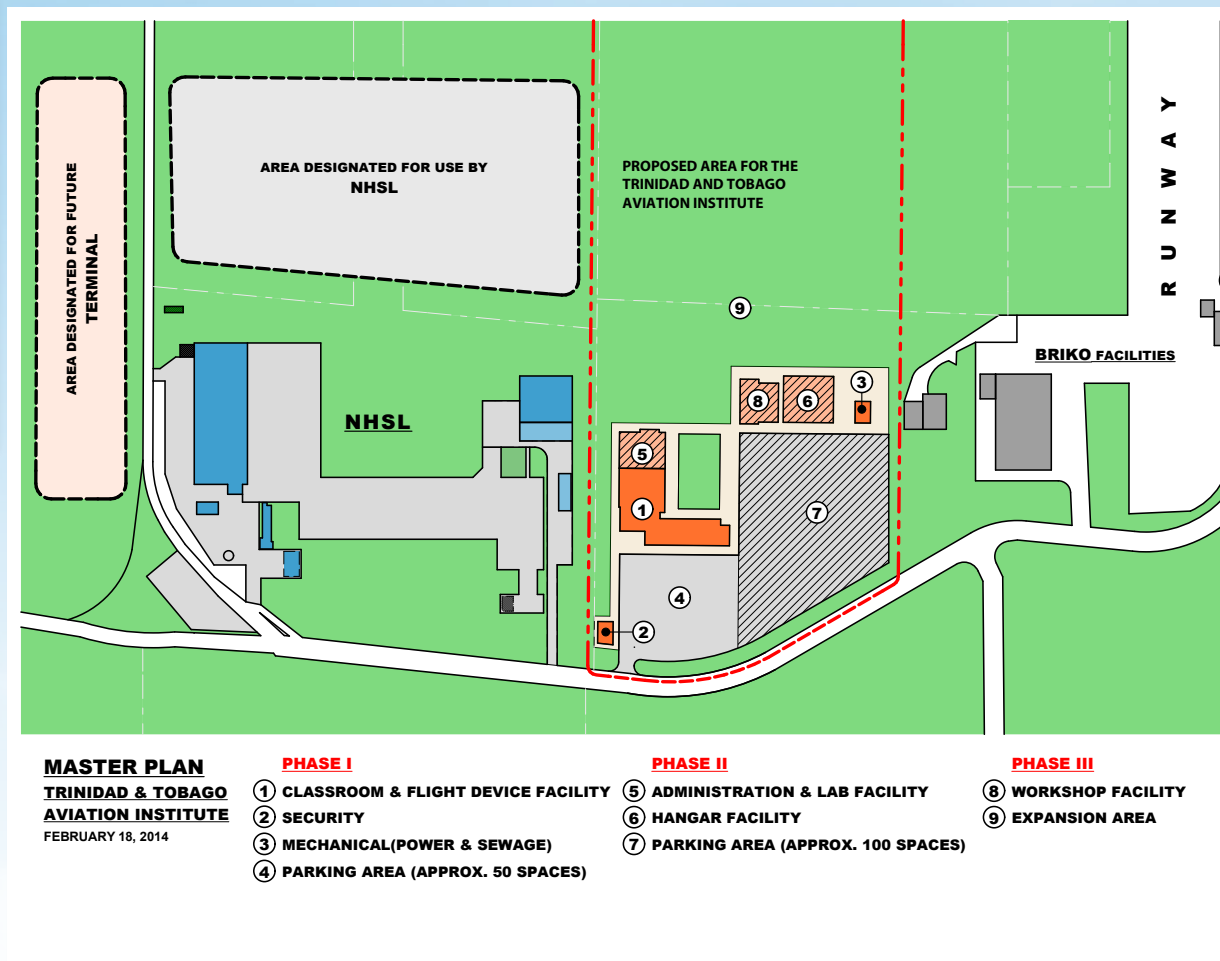
Signing for **Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation** was Mr. Adam Schierholz, Regional Executive (Latin America).



Standing high: Senator Karim stands atop the backhoe for the inaugural turf-cutting at the site of the Trinidad and Tobago Aviation Institute. Also pictured are from right: Mr. Curtis R. Manchoon, Chairman - UTT, Senator Gerald Hadeed, Minister of Communications, the Honourable Jairam Seemungal, Minister of Land and Marine Resources and the Honourable Steven Cadiz, Minister of Transport (partially hidden).

### January, 2014

Cabinet approval granted for 20 acres of land for the construction of the Trinidad and Tobago Aviation Institute in Camden, Couva.



### March, 2014

The Aviation Symposium "Managing Talent for the Aviation Value Chain", hosted at the UTT Chaguana Campus Agora, saw several stakeholders present on an array of topics concerning Trinidad and Tobago's aviation sector.

Among the presenters were Mr. Parisram Jaggernath, Manager - Technical Training and Maintenance Economics at Caribbean Airlines Ltd. who gave an overview of 'Aviation Training & Development (Maintenance & Engineering)', Mr. Harry Dass - Executive Director at Briko Air Services who presented on the 'Current Status of Flight Training in Trinidad & Tobago' and Mr. Francis Regis - Executive Manager, Safety Relations at the TTCAA, who spoke on the 'Regulations and its impact on Aviation Workforce Development'.

Captain Malcolm Chan-A-Sue - CEO at the Art Williams & Harry Wendt Aeronautical Engineering School shared on the "Aviation Training Model - A Regional Best Practice" while Mr. Giovanni Cecchelli, Vice President, Customer Support and Services of AgustaWestland, presented on the future direction of "Aviation: The Global Industry".

### April, 2013

Launch of the Avionics Trainee Engineer programme at UTT.

### May, 2012

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed among the consortium: UTT, Caribbean Airlines Ltd (CAL), National Helicopter Services Ltd (NHSL), Metal Industries Company Ltd. (MIC) and the Trinidad and Tobago Civil Aviation Authority (TTCAA), for the development of education and training into the aviation sector. This collaborative initiative crossed all boundaries as it incorporated the strategic linkage of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training with the Ministry of Transport.

### May, 2011

Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, announced plans for a feasibility study to explore the commencement of an aviation complex at UTT in Point Lisas and at Camden to support a training programme to deal with aviation.