

SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2008

Set for a grand take-off

Come 2008, we'll be hosting our very own Singapore Airshow and it's going to be bigger and better. Infographics journalists FADZIL HAMZAH and LEE HUP KHENG have the details

THE Asian Aerospace has moved to Hong Kong.

The brand name, owned by London-based Reed Exhibitions, decided to move the 25-year-old airshow after the company could not agree with the Singapore Government on funding for a new venue near Changi Airport.

But don't worry, a new airshow will take its place.

Two years from now, from 19 to 24 Feb, a vast plot of reclaimed land called Changi East will play host to Singapore Airshow 2008.

And it will be even better-designed than before.

There will be a gigantic 40,000 sq m hangar-like exhibition hall.

It is expected to hold up to 2,000 booths and boast a huge viewing deck for the aerobatic display.

Adjacent to the complex is the static display area. It measures a staggering 9.2 hectares, about the size of 12 soccer fields.

This is where aircraft of all make and models will be displayed for public viewing.

A short walk from the tarmac will be 200 chalets for participating guests. If you dread the idea of parking your car kilometres away and then walking or taking a bus to the airshow, relax.

There will be 2,000 lots for visitors and 296 for VIPs within a stone's throw from the venue.

The public parking area will also have bus bays and taxi stands for commuters, with registration and security points leading into the main show area.

Along the coast near the jetty, a partially-shaded picnic area doubles as an air-display viewing area.

For performing aircraft, this world-class airshow venue will also have its own taxiway, which will be linked to a runway nearby.

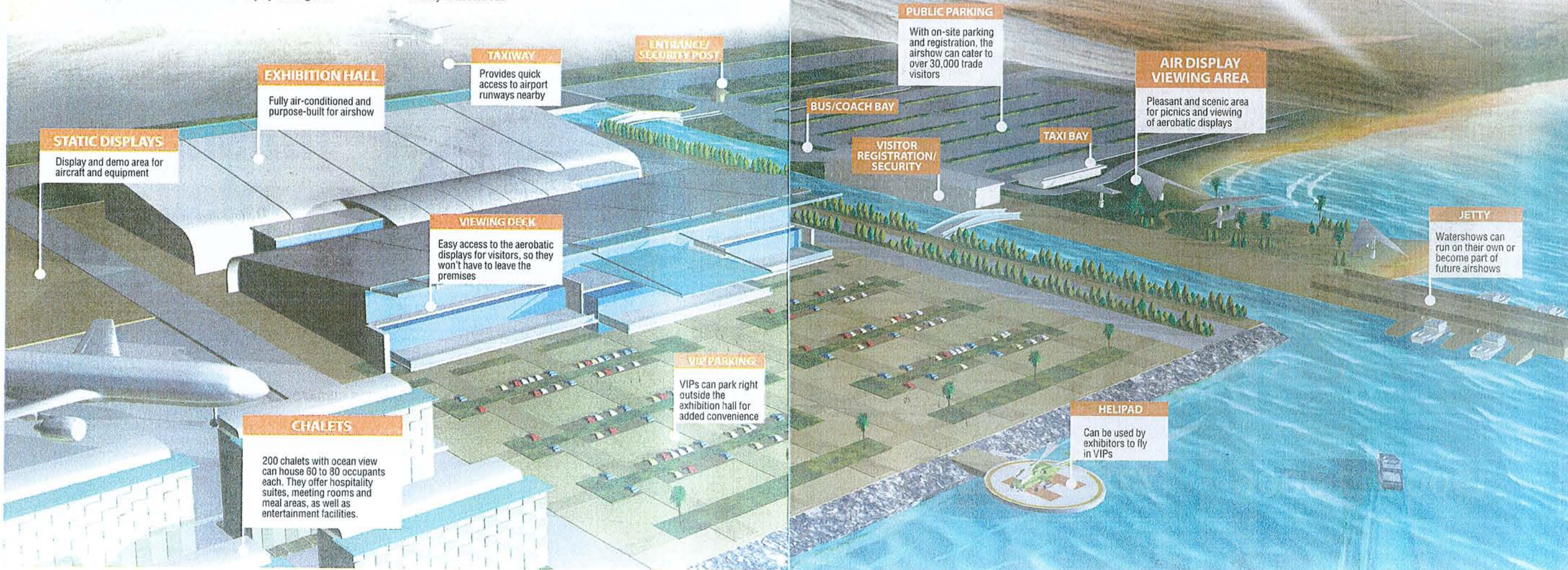
A helipad will be built on the coastline, next to the carpark, to receive VIPs.

The new show here is being organised by Singapore Airshow and Events, a 50-50 venture between the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Defence Science and Technology Agency.

The rentals are 10 to 15 per cent lower than those at Asian Aerospace, and the exhibition space has already been sold out.

Top aerospace companies such as Boeing and Raytheon International have already signed up.

With all that going, the Singapore Airshow promises to take off in style.



STATIC DISPLAYS

Display and demo area for aircraft and equipment

EXHIBITION HALL

Fully air-conditioned and purpose-built for airshow

TAXIWAY

Provides quick access to airport runways nearby

ENTRANCE/ SECURITY POST

PUBLIC PARKING

With on-site parking and registration, the airshow can cater to over 30,000 trade visitors

AIR DISPLAY VIEWING AREA

Pleasant and scenic area for picnics and viewing of aerobatic displays

BUS/COACH BAY

VISITOR REGISTRATION/ SECURITY

TAXI BAY

JETTY

Watershow can run on their own or become part of future airshows

VIEWING DECK

Easy access to the aerobatic displays for visitors, so they won't have to leave the premises

VIP PARKING

VIPs can park right outside the exhibition hall for added convenience

HELIPAD

Can be used by exhibitors to fly in VIPs

CHALETS

200 chalets with ocean view can house 60 to 80 occupants each. They offer hospitality suites, meeting rooms and meal areas, as well as entertainment facilities.

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