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## Organisers make final preparations for 2008 Singapore Airshow

SINGAPORE : Final preparations for the 2008 Singapore Airshow are well underway.

Touted as Asia's largest-ever aerospace trade event, the Singapore Airshow will take off from 19 to 24 February.

Workers are completing preparations for the third largest aerospace event in the world.

Jimmy Lau, Managing Director, Singapore Airshow and Events, said: "The weather has been helping so that's good. I think we're 90 per cent set. We've got a couple of things we need to put right. Signage and the marshalling of traffic and so forth but I think on opening day on February 19th, everything should fall in place."

The Singapore Airshow will allow visitors a great close-up view of 42 civilian and military aircraft.

And the inaugural show will be at the brand new S\$60 million Changi Exhibition Centre covering the size of 28 football fields.

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The event will bring together key players in the industry and the Asia Pacific region is expected to account for one-third of all global aircraft orders over the next two decades.

Mr Lau said: "Many companies are looking at Singapore being the staging ground for their market inroads around the region and we bring to them the largest Asia Pacific delegation both from the civil and defence people."

More than 500 exhibiting companies have booked space for the Airshow.

Organisers are expecting more than 30,000 trade visitors and about 50,000 public visitors for the event.

The show will be opened to the public on the 23rd and 24th of February. - CNA/ch

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