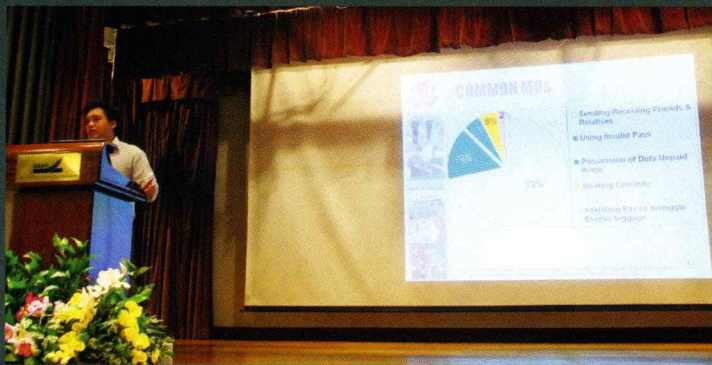


# Misuse of Airport Pass **APD Steps Up Public Education**

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▲ An APD Officer speaking on the different causes of abuse of airport passes

David, in his early 20s, is a part-time staff working at the airport transit area. He had been issued with an airport pass to enable him entry into the transit area for the purpose of work. Not long ago, David was arrested for misusing his airport pass. He had entered the transit area to receive his girlfriend who had just arrived from Bangkok even though he should have been aware that it was not allowed.

Under the law, one can only use his or her airport pass for official purposes. David is fortunate that he was eventually let off with a warning. Many offenders were charged in court under the Protected Areas and Protected Places Act, Chapter 256. Their airport passes were seized and they were banned from the application for an airport pass for a period of time.

In its effort to create greater awareness of the proper use of the airport pass and keep airport pass-holders abreast of airport security issues, the Airport Police Division organised the Security Awareness Seminar. Held over four runs between 3 and 6 June 2008, about 320 management staff representing 270 companies attended the sessions at the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) Auditorium. Participants were also issued with security pamphlets and copies of the latest 'Security Awareness Video' to share with their colleagues on airport security and the proper use of the airport pass.

The highlight of the seminar was the educational yet entertaining skit put up by APD officers depicting the different scenarios of misuse of the airport pass. The response was indeed encouraging as many among the audience commended the event's innovative approach in reaching out to its target audience. APD will continue to explore new initiatives and offer the airport community refreshing activities in its bid to make Singapore Changi Airport safe and secure for everyone. *plm*