

Savio Pereira: one of the first Goans in the RAAF

Savio Pereira, a recent Aerospace Engineering graduate from RMIT University, Victoria, Australia graduated as an officer of the RAAF last Friday 15 June 2007 at the Graduation Parade at Williams Base, Point Cook, Victoria, becoming one of the first Goans in the RAAF! (The Royal Australian Air Force)

Savio is an Australian citizen, was born in Dar_es_salaam Tanzania, son of Joe and Divina Pereira (Dar_es_salaam).

'2007' happens to be a providential year for the Pereira family as Savio's younger brother **Mark** also graduated in Aerospace Engineering (FIT, Florida, US) last month and brother **Reid** in Business/IT at ECU Perth Australia in February.

His little brother **Charlton** (Dar) graduates from primary to secondary school.

Having moved to Melbourne in early 2000 to join RMIT as a student, Savio should consider himself fortunate to have and live with 'family' in a foreign land; having his paternal grandmother Anna Pereira, cousins Greg, Rodney, the late Lloyd, and aunt and uncle Aggie and Chris Da Costa who hosted and took great care of him ever since his arrival seven years ago.

His passion for airplanes and flying world, since his childhood is reflected in the comment made by one of his close school friends, Frank M..... from Dar_es_salaam. "Savio's talks during school breaks would be mostly about the designs and different types of planes, and I would tell him: 'hey, don't tell me more....I am lost!' He's surely in the right place now!

Engaged as a ground Engineer, he will be exposed to a host of opportunities for professional growth and his dream to 'fly high'.

Asked to comment about the event, his mother Divina said "We thank the Lord for his abundant graces and for enabling Savio to do what he always loved and become what he is today. I am also very happy that we were there to see his brothers Mark and Reid as they graduated this year. We did witness Savio's graduation from University, but it would have been great if we were there again, for this wonderful event. We will surely miss it!"

(Posted by Chris Da Costa)
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