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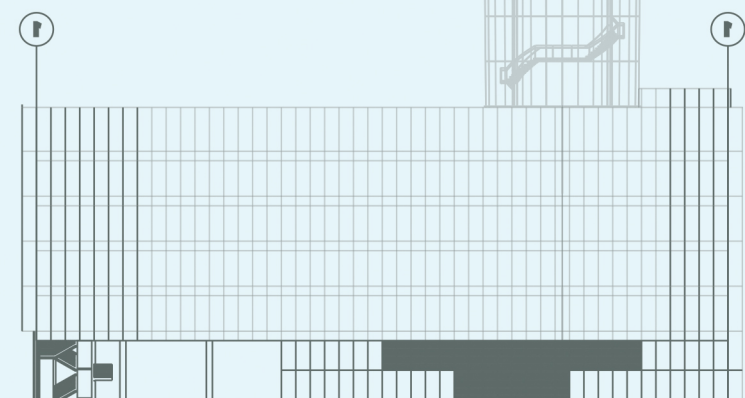
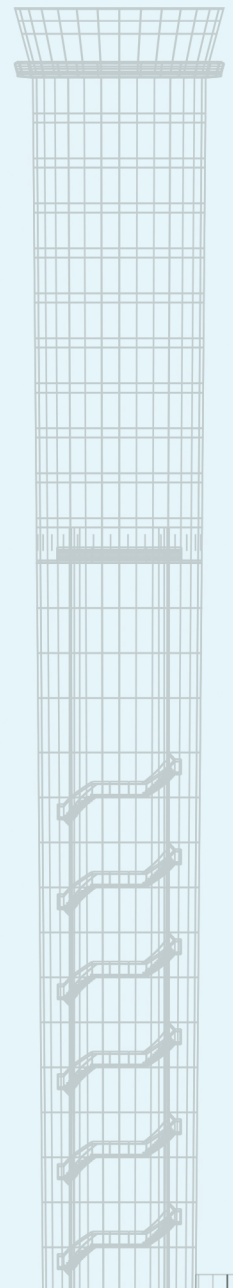
Last month the significant event, ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting & Senior Transport Officials Meeting, was held in Bangkok, Thailand. I greatly appreciate the willing of all ASEAN Members and relevant parties to develop and deepen regional transportation integration, especially aviation sector, and appreciate the supports from all participants for their inputs. For AEROTHAI, collaboration with ASEAN partners has been considered as the key success factor to increase the efficiency and capacity of ATM operations.

Moreover, last month AEROTHAI had a good opportunity to meet our partners, Rockwell Collins, USA, and Aviation Data Communication Corporation (ADCC), China. We jointly hosted the Aviation Customer Meeting, in Phuket, Thailand, to share the crucial information regarding aviation data communications, aviation safety and emerging aviation technology. The participants also discussed about the importance and the utilization of ‘Application’ to facilitate and serve customers. This could be considered as our joint efforts for sustainable growth and development of aviation in Asia and the Pacific.

For the upcoming Christmas & New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and thriving year.



Somnuk Rongthong  
President



# News Update



## ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting & Senior Transport Officials Meeting

The 24th ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting was held on 8 November 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand. H. E. General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.), Prime Minister of Thailand, officially opened the Meeting, while H.E. Mr. Arkhom Termpittayapaisith, Minister of Transport chaired the Meeting with H.E. Mr. Nguen Van The, Minister of Transport of Vietnam, serving as Vice-Chairman. The Meeting was preceded by the 46th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting (STOM) in which Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President, participated.



Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President said; "This was my pleasure and honor to join the vital event of ASEAN and found that ASEAN members are working closely towards further liberalization of economic key accelerator and removing limitation on air services under the ASEAN Single Aviation Market. ASEAN has continually worked with ASEAN partners, especially for technical element of ASEAN ATM Master Plan and supported aeronautical information sharing."



In the opening address, the Prime Minister emphasized the collaboration in transportation as essential element in achieving economic growth and contributing to greater sustainable competitiveness for ASEAN countries. Cooperation in transportation will support movements of raw materials and manpower and facilitate trade and investment. The Prime Minister stressed that the implementation of ASEAN Air Traffic Management (ATM) Master Plan will enhance ATM safety, efficiency and capacity in the region, and advance the Seamless ASEAN Sky. Moreover, the Ministers of Transports of ASEAN countries signed the "Protocol 4 on Co-Terminal Rights between Points within the Territory of Any Other ASEAN Member States," which will allow an airline to serve two or more points in another ASEAN Member State on the same flight routing.



# Recent Activity



## Aviation Customer Meeting (ACM) 2018

AEROTHAI, in cooperation with Rockwell Collins, USA and Aviation Data Communication Corporation (ADCC), the People's Republic of China hosted the Aviation Customer Meeting (ACM) 2018 entitled "Digital Transformation in a Fully Connected Aviation Ecosystem" during 13 - 14 November 2018 at Grand Ballroom, Hilton Phuket Arcadia Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand. The ACM 2018 was presided by Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President, Mr. Li Qiguo, Deputy Director General, Air Traffic Management Bureau (ATMB), and Mr. Mike DiGeorge, Vice President, Commercial Aviation & Networks, Information Services, Rockwell Collins.

ACM 2018 was organized by the three organizations that co-host Airline Operational Communications (AOC) in Asia and the Pacific, namely "GLOBALink /Asia". The forum emphasized the topics related to Aeronautical Operational Communications, Safety Issues and Applications for upgrading the services. As the service providers, we totally aim to derive the optimum strengths to improve the services to the maximum and to facilitate our customers. ACM 2018 also provided an opportunity to foster the dialogue between the different aviation stakeholders on many important subjects and provided necessary background information and reference material discussed. The forum provide the opportunities for exchanging opinions between service providers and users - their field perspective and direct involvement in aviation industries enriched all discussions topics. In addition, ACM 2018 invited the speakers from IATA and from airlines and related aviation organizations to share their views and to update global aviation trend. Throughout the two-day meeting the participants were able to articulate important next steps for servicing, operationalizing, identifying and agreeing on future activities, and developing some action plans for future activities.



Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President said; "AEROTHAI looks forward to encouraging the establishment of a service system for economic oversight for an effective supervision of commercial and operational practices/activities" and he continued; "The insights and perspectives from the esteemed partners likes ADCC and Rockwell Collins are important to the meeting." AEROTHAI is grateful to have representatives from long-term partners, AOC and GLOBALink/Asia for their supports and partnerships. The ACM 2018 was carried out with a deepened understanding on how all parties can work together in implementing the future action plan and build partnerships for securing maximum results.

