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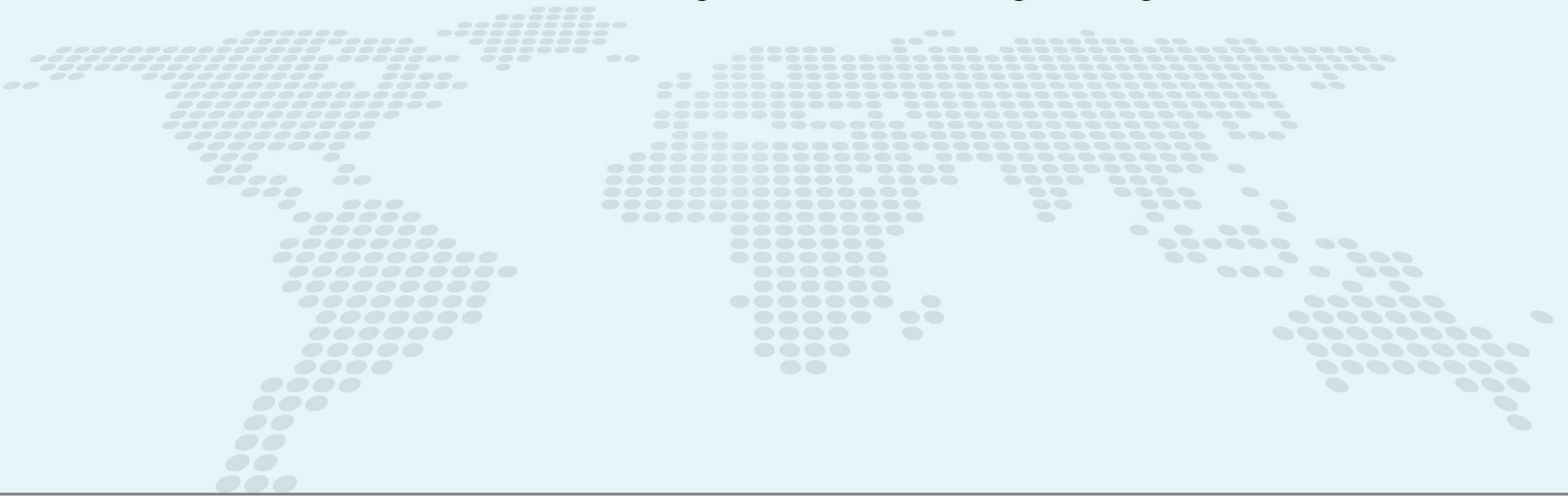
**Somnuk Rongthong**  
AEROTHAI's President

Dear Readers,

A major challenge for Air Traffic Management is the growth in air traffic volume. Effective management and cooperation with stakeholders and relevant partners has supported service quality. The long-term cooperation with the security sector, especially the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF), encouraged airspace management based on the Flexible Use of Airspace.

Furthermore, the cooperation between civil and security sector has been deepened with the redesigned route structure to the crowded southern airports; Phuket, Trang, Krabi, and Surat Thani, together with the goal to expand airspace management capacity.

Additionally, AEROTHAI has the honour to host Safety Performance Measurement Workgroup (SPMWG) and Future Safety Development Workgroup (FSDWG) under CANSO Safety Standing Committee (SSC) during 29 April - 3 May 2019, in Bangkok. During this meeting, prominent experts and participants invited by CANSO will lead the discussion on ATM safety issues, topical and future issues in international ATM, with ample time reserved for interaction with the audience. Through such a forum, participants can learn from each other the success and lessons. We are looking forward to welcoming all delegates.



# News Update



## Royal Thai Air Force and AEROTHAI Cooperated to Redesign Southern Routes



Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI President said; “AEROTHAI has considered airspace as the crucial resource that should be deliberately managed. RTAF and AEROTHAI worked together under the principle of ‘Flexible Use of Airspace’ in terms of both strategic and operational level according to the ICAO framework.

Moreover, the Provision-Directorate of Civil - Military ATM Coordination or P-DCMAC and Airspace Management Cell was set up to jointly make decision on airspace management.”

While last year the Thai Cabinet took another step forward to approve the National Airspace Policy, in order to devise measures to meet growing air traffic demand, for flexible use in civil aviation and security. The airspace situation including high demand in air traffic stimulated AEROTHAI to cope with this challenge dynamically.

Recently, AEROTHAI has taken further step to maximize airspace management. AEROTHAI has redesigned the southern routes, especially to the well-known tourist destination, while RTAF has adjusted the restricted areas to support the new routes.

AEROTHAI President, added; “According to 5-year record, the southern routes to Phuket, Trang, Krabi, and Surat Thani, monthly accommodated 12,400 flights or 400 flights a day, equivalent to 31% of the domestic flights, and AEROTHAI found increasing air traffic demand. This was the reason why the routes should be restructured and redesigned, while the present flight volume is 600 flights a day. The new routes are expected to boost up the capacity to accommodate 1,000 flights a day. Moreover, one-way air traffic management will also enable utmost safety and efficiency for airspace users.”

Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) and AEROTHAI held a press conference on “Airspace Management Cooperation and New Southern Routes” on 14 March 2019 at Miracle Grand Hotel Bangkok, as a significant milestone for civil and military aviation cooperation.



# Recent Activity



## **AEROTHAI will host CANSO's Safety Performance Measurement Workgroup (SPMWG) and Future Safety Development Workgroup (FSDWG) under CANSO Safety Standing Committee (SSC)**

April 2019, - Bangkok, THAILAND - AEROTHAI will host CANSO Global Safety Workgroup, under CANSO Safety Standing Committee (SSC), during 29 April - 3 May 2019 at Renaissance Bangkok Ratchaprasong Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand. CANSO Global Safety Workgroup will unite over 50 senior air traffic management delegates from the region and beyond. The meeting consists of Joint and Separate Sessions that will address Regional and Global issues and opportunities. These Workgroups will bring together senior ANSP Executives and colleagues across the industry for insightful discussion and networking opportunities. Two separate meetings convened include Safety Performance Measurement Workgroup (SPMWG) and Future Safety Development Workgroup (FSDWG).



**Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, President of AEROTHAI** said “By inviting CANSO member and others to attend this Workgroup Meeting in Bangkok, we hope all of the participants will be an active part of this important CANSO event. We also encourage participants to be the part of both Workgroups as well as to present and share their experiences in this forum;”

The President continued: “CANSO's Safety Work Programme helps ANSPs improve Safety through elements such as Safety Management Systems, Best Practices and Benchmarking. This meeting, as CANSO stated, will be available to our Members that develop recommendations, policies, strategies and materials across a wide range of key safety issues.”

Mr. Somnuk also explained; “Our AEROTHAI's participants aim to discuss key regional and bilateral issues, and enhance mutually-beneficial cooperation in major safety areas. During the meeting, both workgroups will also provide an opportunity for all participants and CANSO member to follow up on this year pending issues discussed earlier last year, in order to make tangible progress in Air Traffic Management schemes;” Mr. Somnuk continued; “As a close CANSO members, AEROTHAI is fully committed to fostering our friendly relations with other members at all levels, based on mutual trust, respect and understanding;” “AEROTHAI and CANSO enjoy excellent relations and cooperate closely in regional and multilateral fora. Our participants looks forward to contributing actively to the upcoming discussions, including CANSO's priority areas of safety,” the President concluded.

