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Now we come to August Issue of AEROTHAI E-News and we are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has determined the new President of AEROTHAI, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong.

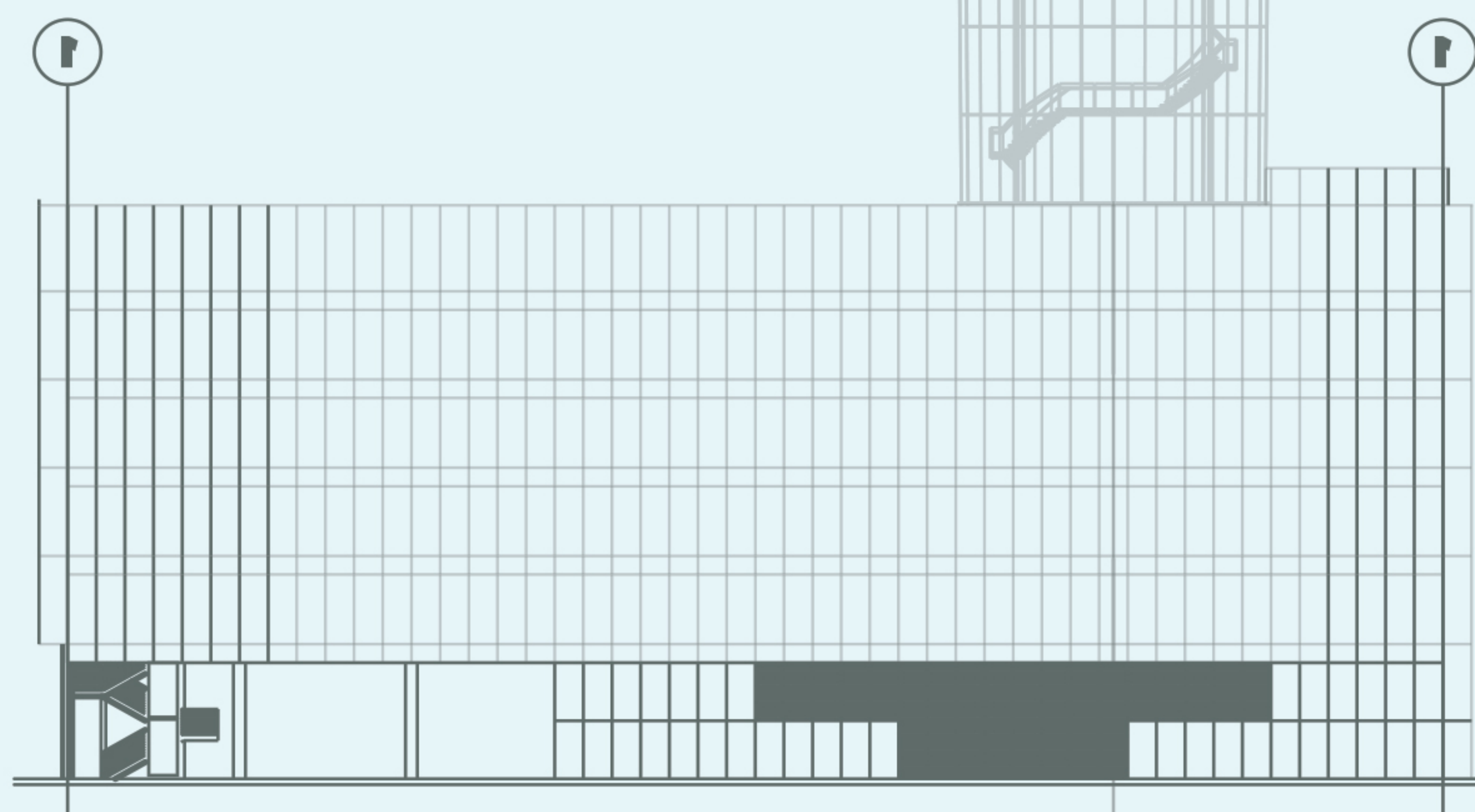
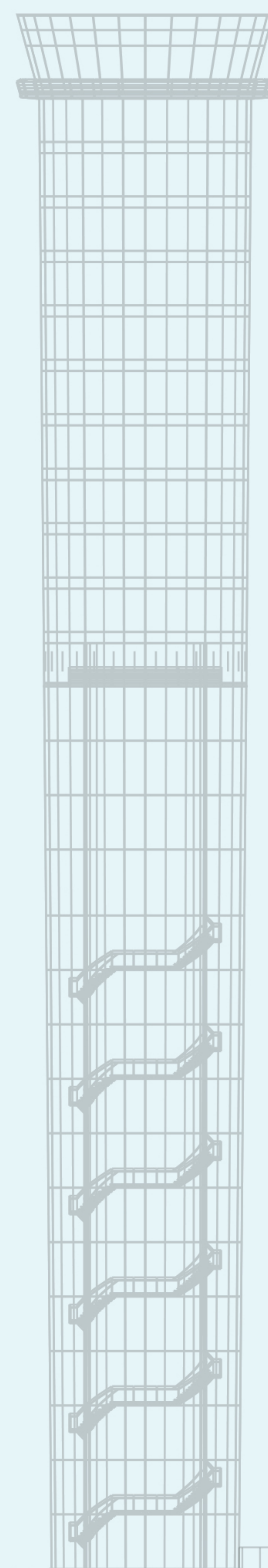
Before taking the new role as the President, he was the Executive Vice President responsible for Air Traffic Service Engineering, Strategic Plan and Development and Business Development Section. He had taken the active role to ensure safety and security for air traffic services.

His numerous years of technical experiences together with his structured and deepened managerial skills will undoubtedly support the corporate performance and steer AEROTHAI into a leading position amongst the global aviation community. He is also looking forward to working closely with other ANSPs and aviation partners and sharing the views on global aviation.

Another topic that we would like to inform is the AAA rating affirmed by TRIS Rating. This reflects good safety performance, strong financial status and experienced management.

In addition, we would like to talk about the Shadow Operations of Thailand Modernization CNS/ATM Systems at Don Mueang Aerodrome Control Tower, which is one of significant step of AEROTHAI to shift to the new system, while maintain our commitment and dedication to aviation safety standard.

Editors





# News Update



## Newly Appointed President of AEROTHAI

According to the Meeting of the Board of Directors on 25 July 2018, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong has been appointed as the President of AEROTHAI, effective on 1 August 2018.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong brings decades of experiences to AEROTHAI and has a proven record of services regarding his tasks for regional and local aviation activities. He has dedicated himself to Air Traffic Service Engineering for more than 30 years. He has led diverse programs to ensure the safety, efficiency and security of Thai airspace system. He has provided most of AEROTHAI's engineering activities regarding flight service functions and operational oversight to all national airspace security.



One of the most widely recognized achievements he involved is Air Navigation Services Infrastructure Development, Thailand Modernization CNS/ATM System Project and the design of AEROTHAI's facilities of the future Air Traffic Management Center (ATMC), ATM Network Management Center and Contingency and Training Center (CONTRA).



While he adopts the ICAO's sophisticated approach to AEROTHAI's Air Traffic Management, he enables the outreach to the regional and international community on behalf of the Thai ANSP, providing subject matter experts and operational insight to global partners. Recently, his role has involved in the development and establishment of ATFM mechanism and related technology, not only within the Bangkok FIR but on a sub-regional basis in the Asia Pacific.

There is more than pleasure Mr. Somnuk Rongthong joining the highest rank in the organization. We are certain that, with his extensive experiences, he will lead AEROTHAI a term of success in all aspects of our services. We are confident that there is high potential to tap and expand in many areas of international cooperation as well.





# Recent Activity



## AEROTHAI has been ranked at AAA

TRIS Rating has affirmed the rating of AEROTHAI at AAA stable, reflecting good safety record, strong financial standing and experienced management team.

The growth in air traffic volume has led to an increase in financial performance. AEROTHAI posted revenue growth of 4.7% during fiscal year 2017 and 6.7% in the first six months of fiscal year 2018. The total debt declined from 1.36 billion baht in fiscal 2017 to 634 million baht at the end of March 2018. The total debt to capitalization ratio improved to 39.1% in the first six months of fiscal year 2018, compared with 58.5% in 2017.

While the major expenditure covers the investment to develop air navigation technology and facilities, it is estimated that the debt to capitalization ratio will be declined to 25% in fiscal year 2020. AEROTHAI has been rated AAA since 2015 until now, with the commitment to maintain service quality.



## TMCS Shadow Operations

AEROTHAI has carried out the project called Thailand Modernization CNS/ATM Systems or TMCS to maximize the capacity and efficiency of air navigation services. Now this project step towards the transition process including the shadow operations which mean the new system work in parallel with existing system to ensure the efficiency of the new one and the new procedure. On 13 July 2018, Executive Vice Presidents, namely Mr. Tinnagorn Choowong and Mr. Suttipong Kongpool, together with AEROTHAI staff attended at Don Mueang Aerodrome Control Tower, in which the delegates of Aviation Authority of Thailand, Airports of Thailand, Nok Air, Thai Air Asia, and Thai Lion Air also participated. Previously, the shadow operations started at Suvarnabhumi Aerodrome Control Tower last year. Then the shadow operations will expand to Chiang Mai Air Traffic Control Center in August and other Regional Air Traffic Control Centers later.

