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Dear Readers,

The diversity of the Asia Pacific Region reflected in the different levels of air navigation system development and implementation of aviation security provisions, together with continuous air traffic growth posed a major challenge for ICAO and member states. The Third Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium (GACS 2019) was held last month with the aims to reduce development gap among member countries and promote sustainable development in the fostered plan and implementation of the ICAO provisions: International Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS) and Regional Air Navigation Planning.

GACS 2019 offers unrivaled opportunities to meet with regulators, service providers, operators, key decision makers which allowed attendees to discuss the latest technology and technique to improve safety and efficiency of air transport. GACS 2019 also offers a unique platform for aviation professionals to exchange their views and discuss challenges and opportunities, and best practices in implementing technical cooperation projects.

Another significant aspect is the cooperation between AEROTHAI and Collins Aerospace to provide enhanced wireless connectivity system, which is the solution for airlines in Asia to transfer data on and off the aircraft, while increasing safety and efficiency of airlines by providing faster and easier data monitoring.



# News Update



## AEROTHAI joined the Third Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium (GACS 2019)

July 2019 - Phuket, Thailand - Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, President of AEROTHAI attended the Third Global Aviation Cooperation Symposium (GACS 2019), joining the delegation led by ICAO member states, authorities, and professionals. H.E. Mr. Saksayam Chidchob, Minister of Transport Ministry presided over the opening session of the GACS 2019 on 22 July 2019 at Le Meridien Phuket Beach Resort Phuket, Thailand. The event was attended by Mr. Chaiwat Thongkamkoon, Permanent Secretary for Transport Ministry; Mr. Olumuyiwa Bernard Aliu, President of the ICAO Council; Dr. Chula Sukmanop, Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand (CAAT); together with approximately 450 delegates from 193 member states around the world. GACS 2019 allowed aviation professionals to discuss significant challenges, solutions, and best practices for enhancing aviation efficiency. It also focused on promoting the role of ICAO's Technical Cooperation Programme and strengthening relationships and cooperation among ICAO member states, related organizations, and aviation industries including stakeholders at all levels.



GACS is an exclusive forum organized by ICAO every two years that contributes to aviation industry development. AEROTHAI delegates were able to access information, pose questions, and exchange opinions on developing the aviation industry. The event comprised speaker sessions, discussion panels, and presentations covering the main areas of aviation including Aviation Infrastructure Development, Bridging the SARPs Compliance Gap, Capacity Building and Vision for Aviation's Future.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, President of AEROTHAI said; "Prior to GACS 2019, AEROTHAI witnessed the launch of ICAO: Bridging the SARPs Compliance Gap Deliverables for 2019 to build and maintain a safe, secure, and sustainable aviation system, we work to find solution for capacity building through technical cooperation and assistance projects - in order to build a safe, secure, and sustainable air transport industry."

"AEROTHAI stressed the need of ICAO to work towards to bridge the SARPs compliance gap and to develop greater synergies among ICAO member states and other regional frameworks, as well as expressed Thailand's readiness to take forward the fundamental pillars of cooperation, including connectivity, technology and innovation, human resources development, safe and secure, aviation and promoting approaches to inclusive and sustainable development," the President concluded.



# Recent Activity



## **AEROTHAI worked with Collins Aerospace to launch Global Connect wireless connectivity solution in Asia**

AEROTHAI in cooperation with Collins Aerospace, a unit of United Technologies Corp., a leader in technologically advanced and intelligent solutions for the global aerospace and defense industry, expand connectivity beyond the aircraft by providing its Global Connect, which offers Asian airlines access to Global Connect's wireless movement of both Flight Operations Quality Assurance (FOQA) data and Maintenance Operations Quality Assurance (MOQA) data. It also supports ACARS over Internet Protocol (IP) and an enabled Electronic Flight Bag to reduce pilot workload.

Available first to airlines with Airbus A320 and A330s, GlobalConnect is the only offering that can handle multiple datalinks including legacy SATCOM, as well as new Internet Protocol links such as broadband satellite, Wi-Fi and cellular. This saves airlines the time and cost required to manually download FOQA and MOQA data while an aircraft is on the ground and increases the safety of the aircraft with faster and easier maintenance and performance data monitoring.

AEROTHAI's President, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong said, "This is our pleasure and good opportunity to work with Collins Aerospace and support the new digital evolution for airlines.

We believe that our expanded partnership to deploy GlobalConnect here in Asia will realize all benefits for the connected aircraft and enhance safety and efficiency for airlines going forward."

As overall air traffic growth in Asia continues to accelerate, GlobalConnect will play a key role in helping airlines in the region move towards more digital operations to accommodate increased demand. This solution goes beyond just creating a connected aircraft - it creates a connected ecosystem by seamlessly uniting the data flow between the aircraft, the airline and ground applications."

In addition, GlobalConnect supports data feeds to the growing number of mobile applications that are used by flight crews. These include efficiency applications for weather, flight planning, logbooks, maintenance and performance calculators which bring new levels of productivity and value to airline operations.

