

Dear Readers;

The New Year is a time to review what was conducted and look ahead to the opportunities to come. This is also the time to reflect or rearrange the goals and move towards them.

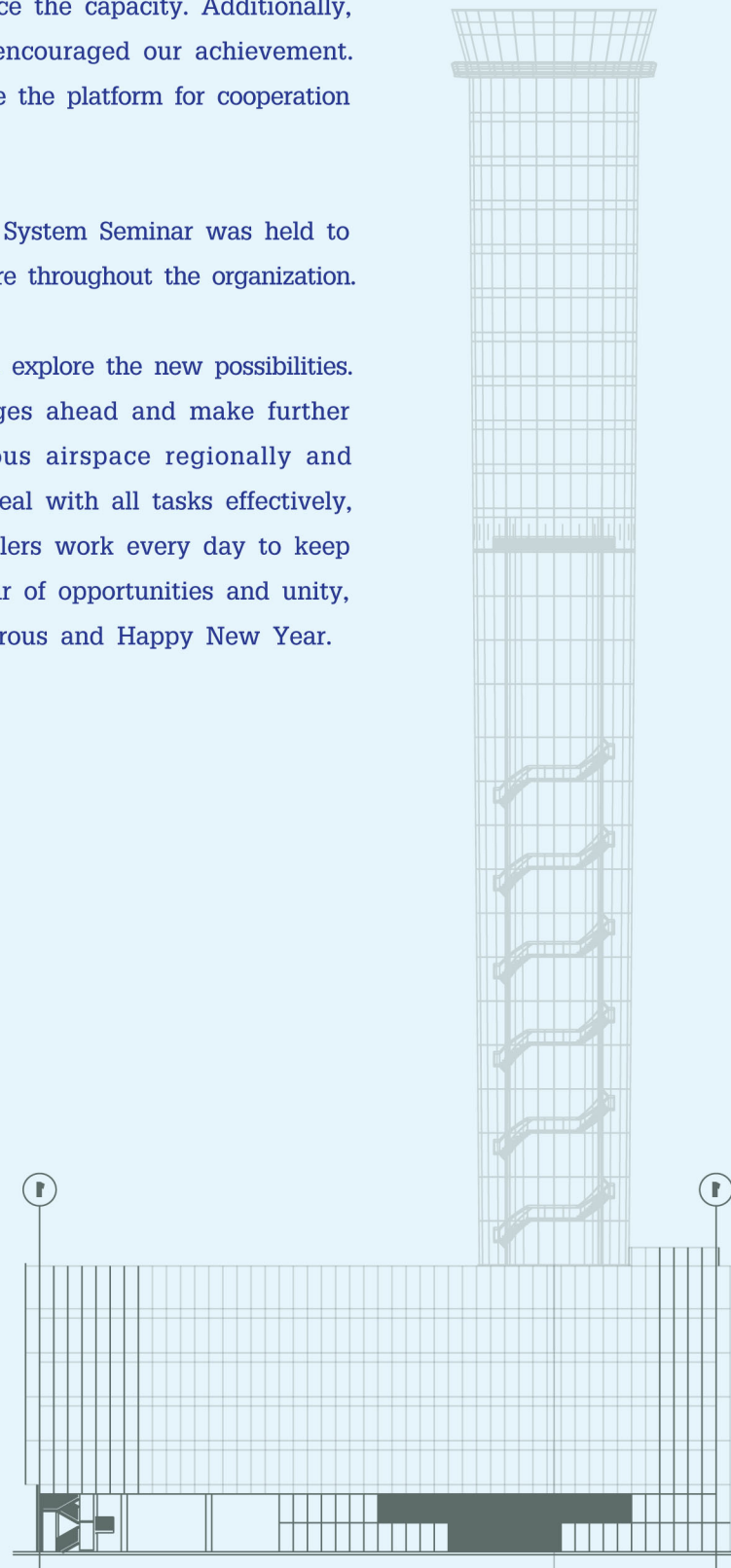
Looking back through 2018, it was a productive year for AEROTHAI. We focused on the vital issues of capacity to efficiently accommodate aviation industry growth and safety including security. Technology was deployed to facilitate and enhance the capacity. Additionally, cooperation with the aviation partners and stakeholders encouraged our achievement. We strengthened collaboration and formed network to create the platform for cooperation with our global partners.

Before going into the New Year, the Security Management System Seminar was held to discuss security and safety issues and to adhere safety culture throughout the organization.

For this year, it reminds us to dedicate more to achieve and explore the new possibilities. We, at AEROTHAI, are ready to tackle the 2019 challenges ahead and make further progress in building secure, harmonious, and prosperous airspace regionally and internationally. Together with our allies, AEROTHAI will deal with all tasks effectively, and support our ATM and security services as our controllers work every day to keep our airspace safe and secured. As we look ahead to a year of opportunities and unity, let me wish you and your organization a peaceful, prosperous and Happy New Year.



Somnuk Rongthong,
President of AEROTHAI



News Update



Looking backward to move forward 2019

While the global aviation industry continually growing, AEROTHAI's operations totally accommodated 1,040,736 flights or 2,851 flights a day in 2018. The capacity to cope with this growth had been emphasized as the significant aspect, consequently, the Thailand Modernized CNS/ATM System or TMCS project was undertaken to develop air navigation service with competitive capacity based on current global standards and changes in global aviation technology and reduce limitations and obstacles. The TMCS progress in 2018 came into the transition process. The new system was preliminarily operated in parallel with the current system, known as shadow operations, at Suvarnabhumi Aerodrome Control, Don Mueang Aerodrome Control Tower, Bangkok Approach Control Center, Provincial Approach Control Center, and Provincial Aerodrome Control Towers. This year the shadow operations are expanding to Bangkok Area Control Center and Phuket Aerodrome Control Tower, and whole system is projected to fully operate at the end of 2019.



Moreover, AEROTHAI started the trial operation of Airport-Collaborative Decision Making (Airport-CDM) at Suvarnabhumi and Don Mueang Airport. The web-based application, Intelligent Departure Enhancement Program (IDEP), was produced to facilitate the Airport-CDM process and sequence aircraft based on the principle of best plan best serve. Collaboration from airlines and stakeholders contributed to the success of this trial operation. Now AEROTHAI is going into the second phase of Airport-CDM to enable airlines and stakeholders to improve on-time-performance and predictability.



Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President, said: "For this year air traffic volume is estimated to grow by 6% with a total of 1,100,000 flights or 3,012 flights a day. The TMCS will function as crucial element to expand the capacity including efficiency and maintain value-added services to the airspace users.

AEROTHAI's President added: "Apart from technology, tighten cooperation with aviation partners and stakeholders had been considered our important element to enhance aviation system capacity. AEROTHAI organized many forums and joined many forums, domestically and internationally, such as Airspace Users-ANSP Meeting, CANSO Global ATM Summit, ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting, to share the strategy to develop air navigation services and aviation system. We promoted and emphasized our ANSP initiatives to enhance regional stability and integration."

Recent Activity



Security Management System Seminar

The President of AEROTHAI, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, presided over the opening ceremony of the Seminar on Security Management System (SMS) during 12 - 14 December 2018 to encourage members in safety division to identify and address security risks, threats, gaps and vulnerabilities consistently and proactively. Although AEROTHAI developed management systems to ensure service performance, this forum has also been boosted through the need to meet ICAO requirements, implementing quality management systems and procedures in support of ICAO standards.

“AEROTHAI organized this seminar with its objectives on the fundamentals of how to establish and maintain an effective SMS within our organization. Participants learned how to apply the principles of SMS into their own work environment, the importance of a positive security culture, and the value of having a SMS in place to facilitate risk and threat identification leading to effective performance assurance,” Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, President of AEROTHAI said; “SMS is another approach to proactively develop and maintain an effective oversight and quality assurance process. It is about taking a systemic approach to managing security risks, leading to instill security in the routine daily activities of AEROTHAI and indeed its very culture.”

This 2-day seminar provided the fundamentals of how to develop and maintain an effective Security Management System concept from joined forces among targeted participants; the President explained, “In AEROTHAI, our Management Level is accountable for maintaining rigorous security standards to have access to sufficient and reliable performance data; and should promote high-security standards throughout the working process.”



“We developed and promulgated procedures for communications of safety-related issues to ensure that AEROTHAI personnel are adequately trained to the prescribed standards.” Mr. Somnuk Rongthong said; “This seminar was another floor provided participants with an expanded background in intermediate and advanced SMS concepts, and supported implementation and continuous improvement of our active SMS within AEROTHAI.” Through a focus on practical strategies for maturing safety management practices, attendees will develop tools to implement the theory and principles of SMS as well as an understanding of local, regional and international guidance and requirements.

