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Dear Readers,

According to Thailand 4.0 Policy of the government, aviation industry is set as one of key targeted new S-curve industry to enhance the country to high valued economy. In this issue we would like to talk about U-Tapao International Airport functioning as a catalyst for motivating and facilitating potential developers, investors and operators to join business in Eastern Economic Corridor. Having been designated as Air Traffic Service Provider for this project, AEROTHAI is preparing for Air Traffic Service in terms of human resources, systems, equipment and related facilities.



Somnuk Rongthong
President

Another significant topic for aviation sector is meteorological information which will ensure safety and enhance capacity of Air Traffic Management. AEROTHAI is working closely with Thai Meteorological Department to improve the quality of meteorological information. We have the mutual goal to enable safe, efficient and cost-effective operating environment for airspace users and to create values for aviation.





News Update

AEROTHAI is preparing for U-Tapao Airport

While the pandemic has affected the tourism and aviation industry, Eastern Economic Corridor or EEC has been undertaken major initiatives which includes the development project of U-Tapao International Airport.

U-Tapao International Airport Project will play a significant role in EEC. There are potentials for the growth areas in the eastern region of the country as prime destination through improving infrastructures and more direct access via U-Tapao Airport. The airport will offer multiple opportunities for potential developers, investors and operators interested in joining the growing business community in EEC.

The President of AEROTHAI, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, said; "The aviation city is one of five megaprojects under the government's infrastructure development in the flagship EEC. Investment in aviation infrastructure and air transport sector allow trade and business to reach its full potential."

The President further explained; "U-Tapao International Airport is operated and managed by the Royal Thai Navy. AEROTHAI is involved in this project as the provider of Air Traffic Service. The Working Committee on the Preparation of Air Traffic Service at U-Tapao was set up to oversee the Master Project Plan, follow up and supervise all matters involving ATM/CNS systems, related equipment, human resources, and training. AEROTHAI is currently preparing for the construction of Aerodrome Tower at the airport."

The President added; "The Memorandum of Agreement between the Royal Thai Navy and AEROTHAI has been prepared to identify the areas of cooperation and the ways to efficiently serve air transport in the near future. U-Tapao Airport Development Project has reflected another aspect of civil and military cooperation to drive aviation capacity."





Recent Activity

Aeronautical Meteorological Information Cooperation

Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) and AEROTHAI joined hands to tighten meteorological cooperation to support aviation sector. The Director General, Group Captain Somsak Khaosuwan and the President of AEROTHAI, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong jointly chaired the meeting on 25 May 2020.



AEROTHAI President revealed; "AEROTHAI has emphasized the meteorological data as the crucial factor supporting Air Traffic Management (ATM). Within the context of evolving world and global climate change, the impact of weather data on capacity and efficiency of ATM must be given greater consideration. The Letter of Agreement (LOA) between AEROTHAI and TMD was duly signed in 2016 to initiate aeronautical meteorological cooperation and revised in 2019. Additionally, the updated version will be signed in this June."

He added; "The meeting provided an opportunity to revise the LOA including the areas of cooperation. AEROTHAI appreciated full attention and engagement to enhance the quality of meteorological information service and to develop the platform for facilitating ATM. We are working together to pursue collaboration in meteorological data including hazardous weather forecast and the training of meteorological personnel."

The President concluded; "AEROTHAI stressed the importance of the progress of meteorological information collaboration in accordance with the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan including Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU). The various efforts highlighted from the meeting were aimed to set the milestone for extending cooperation level and to promote best practices of meteorological information sharing."

