

**November 2019**

Dear Readers,

As known widely that Thailand is the Chair of ASEAN 2019 and the ASEAN Summit including related meetings were held in Bangkok and Nonthaburi in the beginning of this month. On behalf of the host country, this was the great pleasure to welcome the Leaders, and the Delegates to Thailand.

A portrait of Somnuk Rongthong, President of AerOTHAI, wearing a dark blue suit and a yellow tie, standing in front of a window with a city view.

**Somnuk Rongthong**  
President

While the theme of the Chairmanship is ‘Advancing Partnership for Sustainability,’ it is a challenging one for ASEAN members including Thailand to integrate more for sustainable growth. The November Issue would like to focus on ASEAN and what AEROTHAI has done in ASEAN community, together with the importance of collaboration among all ASEAN countries to create safe, secure, reliable, effective and seamless Air Traffic Services in the community.

Another topic that I would like to share is what AEROTHAI has joined with the partners in ASEAN and Asia Pacific to develop human resources for aviation sector, the Workshop on Test Design Guidelines in accordance with ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (LPRs). This was a collaboration of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Civil Aviation English Association (ICAEA), AEROTHAI, and Asia Pacific Countries, which will create an understanding and develop the English Test Guidelines including language proficiency based on ICAO standard. This is a key component that ensures safety and capacity of aviation professionals, while driving towards aviation growth and sustainability.

# News Update



## ASEAN Aviation Community: Partnering for Greater Success

Apart from service quality and sustainability, AEROTHAI focuses on cooperation and partnership especially with the ASEAN countries. The President of AEROTHAI, Mr. Somnuk Rongthong emphasizes collaboration in transportation as essential element in achieving economic growth and contributing to greater sustainable competitiveness for ASEAN.

The President said; “AEROTHAI is one of the key members supporting the development of ASEAN Air Traffic Management (ATM) Master Plan and its implementation under the ASEAN framework, namely ASEAN Air Transport Working Group, ASEAN Air Transport Technical Cooperation Sub-Working Group and ATM Strategic Planning Group. AEROTHAI’s Executives and staff are also encouraged to involve in the relevant working groups. This is the great thing for AEROTHAI to join with ASEAN partners and found that ASEAN members are working closely towards further liberalization of key element and removing limitation on air services in support of the ASEAN Single Aviation Market.”

The President further explained; one of the key enablers for improvement of ATM efficiency and Seamless ASEAN Sky is the aeronautical information sharing, cross-border planning and management. Consequently, AEROTHAI and ASEAN partners work on the System-Wide Information Management (SWIM).

We support the development and implementation of SWIM in relation to information service, information and technical infrastructure, developing standard and supporting material, governance and civil-military cooperation.



Recently, SWIM in ASEAN Demonstration has been hosted during 10-12 November 2019 at Movenpick DBMS Wellness Resort Bangkok. This event aims to test, explore and determine how aeronautical information sharing could be operated effectively together with its operational framework. The demonstration has showcased the operational benefits of SWIM, several operational scenarios, involving the exchange of aeronautical information, flight information, and weather information, being developed with the focus on the Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) operation based on the Distributed Multi-Nodal ATFM Network concept.”

The President concluded; “We reaffirmed our the objective of achieving seamless and comprehensively connected ASEAN Sky and making air transport more sustainable.

# Recent Activity



## ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (LPRs) - ICAEA Workshop on Test Design Guidelines

AEROTHAI hosted the ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements (LPRs) - ICAEA Workshop for the Asia Pacific region on the implementation of the Test Design Guidelines (TDG), from 28 to 30 October 2019 at the Banyan Tree Hotel Bangkok. This workshop is the third in a series of four regional workshops (1<sup>st</sup> in Luxembourg, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Tbilisi, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Bangkok and 4<sup>th</sup> in Buenos Aires) that is delivered by ICAEA personnel. ICAEA TDG, developed the ICAO LPR Test Design Guidelines to support Civil Aviation Authorities. The workshop offers practical help on how to apply the Test Design Guidelines. The target audience for the workshop are those personnel involved in the approval, auditing, selection, design and development of ICAO LPR tests from relevant agencies within Civil Aviation Authorities (CAA LPR focal points), including departments responsible for ICAO LPR testing and licensing issues.

The ICAEA Workshop provided opportunities to examine the ICAO LPR Test Design Guidelines in detail, look at hypothetical test tasks and evaluate how the design of test instruments influences assessment outcomes, as reflected by each of the test design criteria. The workshop offered opportunities for sharing experiences, also encouraged achievements and challenges, with a view to fostering cooperation and sharing between representatives from various ICAO States.

The workshop concluded with a session on how to use a checklist evaluation tool to apply the guidelines during test selection and ongoing monitoring and evaluation processes.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, President of AEROTHAI, said; “English has been considered a contributory factor causing confusion or misunderstanding in aviation communication, affecting safety under our responsibility. ICAO requires our air traffic controllers to meet the language proficiency requirements, while ICAO Members States have to train the personnel to meet the testing and licensing standards.”



“Training English for individual States using English as a second language to enable aviation professionals to stay competitive with rapid and multidimensional changes and is vital to the development of human resources, driving the organizations towards efficiency. From my point of view, the event examined the Guidelines in detail, examples of appropriate and inappropriate test tasks, and provided opportunities for participants to share experiences in test design and administration. It is our hope that the ICAEA Workshop will be beneficial to all participants and aviation professional endeavors.”