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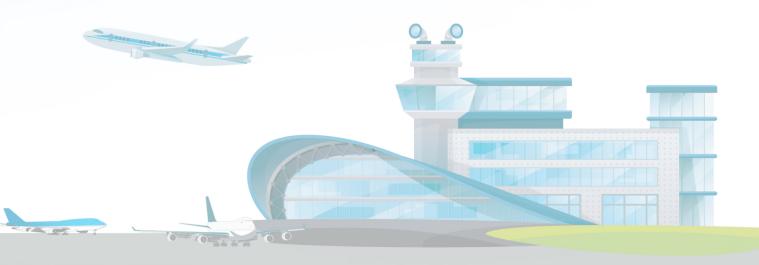
## Dear Readers,

Now we come to the final quarter of the year 2020. We found an increase of air transport. Last month AEROTHAI totally accommodated 31,323 flights mainly focused on domestic travel, while we still had a limitation on international flights.



Even the aviation industry has been facing the slowdown and challenges, the aviation partners have been working together. The National Airspace and Air Navigation Master Plan 2020 has been completed as the direction to enhance capacity and efficiency of airspace management and air navigation.

Another significant aspect of aviation sector that we would like to share is the new airport, Betong, in Yala, the southern province. AEROTHAI has been preparing Air Navigation Service and looking forward to serving the airspace users. This is our intention to support economic growth in the southern areas.



## National Airspace and Air Navigation Master Plan 2020

The Civil Aviation Board has been recently approved the National Airspace and Air Navigation Master Plan 2020 with the aim to enable safe, secure and sustainable development for airspace and air navigation of the country.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, the President of AEROTHAI expressed his vision; "The Master Plan 2020 represents further step of cooperation among aviation partners including concrete partnership between the civil aviation and security sector. The Master Plan indicates 3 phases of airspace and air navigation strategy for short term (2020-2022), medium term (2023-2027) and long term (2028-2037). This has been considered as a vital opportunity for AEROTHAI to involve in the Technical Working Groups for 6 areas including Airspace Organization and Management, Air Traffic Management (ATM), Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS, Information Management, Aerodrome, and Aeronautical Meteorological Service."

He added; "The Master Plan indicates the role of aviation-related organizations, their strengths and areas to be improved. The Technical Working Groups comprise the aviation partners and relevant stakeholders which are going to jointly elaborate the implementation plan, integrate their works, and drive the key performance areas in accordance with the Global Air Navigation Plan."

The President concluded; "The Master Plan encourages the aviation partners including security sector to analyze airspace structure and capacity and to evaluate the ways to enhance efficiency of airspace management based on the concept of Flexible Use of Airspace (FUA). Moreover, the updated technology of ATM and CNS, Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM), Airport-Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) and Information Management have been considered as tools to facilitate airspace management."





## **Betong Airport**

Mr. Thaworn Senneam, Deputy Minister of Transport together with his working team visited Betong Airport in Yala province to explore its readiness. On this occasion AEROTHAI's Management reported the construction of Aerodrome Control Tower, and the progress of Air Traffic Management System including the relevant facilities.



Betong Airport is operated by the Department of Airports with the aim to facilitate the transport in the southern areas connected to the neighboring country. The airport is expected to serve up to 300,000 passengers annually and it is scheduled to officially open in this December.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President said; "AEROTHAI has been entrusted to provide Air Navigation Service. The construction of Aerodrome Control Tower has been completed. Now we are in the process of setting the systems and preparing our staff to serve the airspace users."

The President added; "According to the government policy to develop the southern areas, Betong Airport will be a crucial factor for promoting tourism, facilitating border trade and encouraging economic growth."



