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Dear Readers,

In August 2019, AEROTHAI hosted an important event, the 3rd Technical Interchange Meeting under System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) in ASEAN Demonstration, aimed to strengthen the collaboration among all ASEAN Members in SWIM development. AEROTHAI welcomed the outcomes carried out so far and encouraged the ASEAN partners to continue participating in the next round.



Somnuk Rongthong
President

Additionally, AEROTHAI together with the press team went to Udon Thani Air Traffic Control Centre to see our services and how we plan to accommodate air traffic growth especially in the northeastern area. The northeastern routes have been revised and adjusted with the aim to enhance the capacity, and will be officially announced soon. Then we visited Lao Air Navigation Services to strengthen the cooperation on Air Traffic Services. For AEROTHAI, we always rely on the commitment to contribute to aviation industry and to deepen the cooperation with the partners regionally and globally.



News Update



The Technical Interchange Meeting under SWIM in ASEAN Demonstration

August 2019, Bangkok, Thailand - During 27-30 August 2019, AEROTHAI hosted the 3rd Technical Interchange Meeting under System-Wide Information Management (SWIM) in ASEAN Demonstration, at Mövenpick Hotel, BDMS Wellness Resort Bangkok, considered as a key driver for the next bound of Air Traffic Management (ATM) capability development. SWIM is an integral part of ICAO's Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), particularly the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs).



In support of ATM modernization in ASEAN, the United States proposed at the 14th ASEAN Air Transport Technical Cooperation (ATTC) Sub-Working Group Meeting. USA aimed to work with ASEAN Member States in SWIM development by providing assistance in conducting a demonstration involving all ASEAN Countries. Considered as the intranet for aviation, enabling the management of ATM information and its exchange between qualified parties, SWIM is thus an important building block of the Seamless ASEAN Sky and will be one of the key initiatives in the ASEAN ATM Master Plan to be adopted and implemented under ASEAN Transport Strategic Plan 2016-2025.

The meeting enabled the participants to experience the benefits of leveraging on seamless data exchange to deliver efficient operations across Flight Information Regions. The participants were able to exchange data through Global Enterprise Management Service. Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, the President of AEROTHAI said; “This was a significant mechanism for collaboration. The event showcased the operational benefits of SWIM, several operational scenarios, involving the exchange of aeronautical information, flight information, and weather information, were being developed with the focus on the Air Traffic Flow Management operation based on the Distributed Multi-Nodal ATFM Network concept.”

AEROTHAI participated with the focuses on the benefits of more accurate and timely information available for decision-making and improved predictability across ANSPs. “We reaffirmed our commitment to strengthen physical, and people-to-people collaboration among ANSPs in ASEAN and beyond, with the objective of achieving a seamless and comprehensively connected through the summary of this forum.” The President summarized; “AEROTHAI encouraged the importance of collaboration among all participants to create a safe, secure, reliable, effective and seamless air navigation service in the region. Therefore, we call on ASEAN Member States to take concrete unilateral actions and collaborate on initiatives to share experiences and capacity building for any further daily operations and actions.”

Recent Activity



AEROTHAI welcomed the press to observe Air Traffic Services in northeastern region and the cooperation with Lao Air Navigation Services

August 2019, Udon Thani, Thailand - AEROTHAI led the press to observe the Air Traffic Services at Udon Thani Air Traffic Control Centre, Udon Thani Province, one of the significant northeastern routes, and the cooperation with Lao Air Navigation Services at Wattay International Airport, Vientiane during 30 August – 1 September 2019.

The President further explained; “The high demand in air traffic encouraged AEROTHAI to cope with this challenge. The newly revised route structure including one-way air traffic management aimed to enhance airspace capacity. In March 2019, AEROTHAI started this process for the southern routes, the well-known tourist destination, and now expand to the northeastern routes to maximize airspace management and to ensure safety for airspace users.”



Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, the President of AEROTHAI said; “Air traffic volume has increased with substantial growth and northeastern routes have been crowded with 239,117 flights a year or 632 flights daily. While airspace is considered as crucial factor and limited resource that should be managed deliberately, AEROTHAI analyzed, restructured and redesigned routes together with airspace management based on the concept of Flexible Use of Airspace to accommodate this growth efficiently.”

The President concluded; “this was a good opportunity for AEROTHAI to bring the press to learn more about air traffic services especially in the northeastern area supporting the overall growth and the cooperation with Lao Air Navigation Services, especially in terms of ATS Interfacility Data Communication and human resource development, which will enhance ATM safety, efficiency and capacity in the region, and advance the Seamless ASEAN Sky.”