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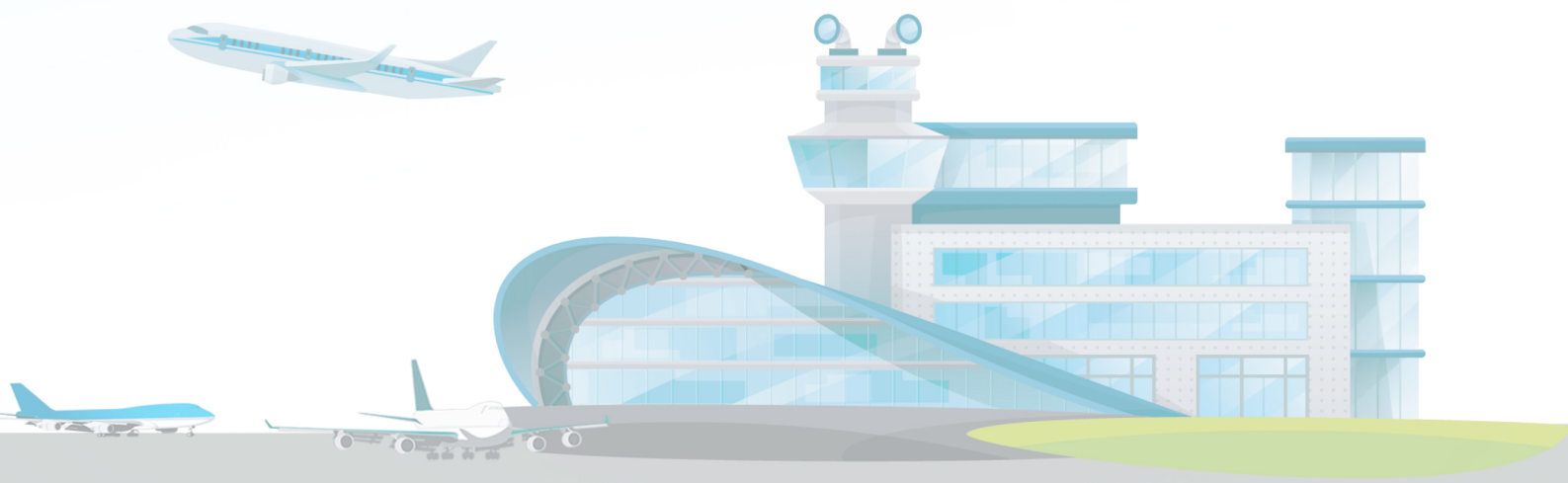
Last month we found increasing demands for air transport in Bangkok FIR, mainly focusing on domestic flights. AEROTHAI accommodated 30,360 flights, while there were 27,639 flights two months ago. We do hope this will be a good start for the recovery of aviation sector.



*Somnuk Rongthong*  
*President*

In August the Deputy Minister of Transport officially visited the U-Tapao International Airport to look over the airport development project and this was a good opportunity for AEROTHAI to deliver the preparation for Air Navigation Services.

Another significant aspect that we would like to share is the cooperation on Airspace Management. The operations of civil and military aviation have been integrated to maximize the efficiency, while maintaining safety and security as the top priorities.







# News Update

## Deputy Minister of Transport visited U-Tapao International Airport

Mr. Thaworn Senneam, Deputy Minister of Transport, visited the U-Tapao International Airport on 24 August 2020 to observe the progress of the U-Tapao Airport and the Eastern Airport City Project. On this occasion the President of AEROTHAI reported the preparation for Air Navigation Services.

Mr. Somnuk Rongthong, AEROTHAI's President said; "Airport City Project and the development of U-Tapao Airport is part of the Eastern Economic Corridor (EEC) Scheme. The airport capacity is expected to accommodate 60 million passengers a year. Previously this airport including relevant services were operated by the Royal Thai Navy. According to the government plan, the airport is expected to fully serve commercial flights in 2025 and AEROTHAI has been assigned by the government to provide Air Navigation Services. Consequently, AEROTHAI has initiated U-Tapao Air Navigation Service Provision or U-TAS Project and established the steering committee to work on the policy level and the Project Management Office to perform all tasks of operational level."

The President added; "AEROTHAI is working closely with the EEC's team and now preparing for the construction of Aerodrome Control Tower and the procurement of Air Traffic Management System including relevant facilities which are also planned to be connected with Suvarnabhumi and Don Mueang Airport to support safety and efficiency of Air Traffic Services."







# Recent Activity

## Tightened Cooperation on Airspace Management Cell

The global aviation has been facing with the challenges that stimulate us to adjust to the new chapter and to join the hands for aviation industry development. For AEROTHAI, cooperations with aviation partners and stakeholders have been considered as crucial factor supporting our capacity to deal with the challenges and enhancing sustainability.

Recently, the Airspace Management Cell Thailand has been established to intensify strategic partnership and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been signed on 28 August 2020. The SOP is expected to function as a framework for integrating the civil and military operations.

The President explained; "AEROTHAI has constantly worked with the Royal Thai Air Force in terms of strategic, pre-tactical and tactical level. Initially, we have jointly studied, planed and modified airspace structure, prioritized airspace utilization needs and considered airspace allocations, while the pre-tactical level has included the functions of planning and making decision on airspace usage for daily basis. At the tactical level, we have worked together on the real-time airspace utilization. We have implemented the Thai Civil-Military Air Traffic Management Coordination System to facilitate the operations as well."

"The Airspace Management Cell will support the optimal airspace management and drive us to reach the goal, the Flexible Use of Airspace," The President concluded.

