

CAAS ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP OF COSCAP-SEA



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More than 62 high level international participants including members of COSCAP-SEA, director-generals from participating civil aviation authorities, safety partners and donors from International Civil Aviation Organization, International Air Transport Association, Federal Aviation Administration, European Aviation Safety Agency, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, France Director-General for Civil Aviation, Boeing and Airbus met in Singapore recently for the 14th Cooperative Development of Operational Safety & Continuing Airworthiness Programme – South East Asia (COSCAP-SEA) Steering Committee Meeting. Representatives from Singapore Airlines, Silkair, SIA Engineering, SIA Cargo, SCOOT, Jetstar Singapore, ST Aerospace, MAJ Aviation and Jet Aviation were also in attendance at the two-day event held from 7 to 8 November 2012. This year's meeting saw Singapore taking over the Chair from Myanmar.

Formed in July 2001 under the umbrella of ICAO's Technical Co-operation Programme, COSCAP-SEA's primary purpose is to enhance flight safety in the South East Asia region. According to ICAO's State of Global Aviation Safety report, Asia made up 28% of the world's air traffic in 2010, but also recorded almost 50% of the total number of fatal accidents that year. Whilst the safety record has improved in 2011, there is still more to be done to improve aviation safety in Asia. "Singapore is committed to support efforts in enhancing regional aviation safety. CAAS has participated actively in COSCAP-SEA through the sharing of safety practices and provision of technical assistance to support COSCAP programmes, and training courses conducted in Singapore Aviation Academy," said Yap Ong Heng, Director-General, CAAS.

With the ongoing support of donors and safety partners to the COSCAP-SEA programme, CAAS assumes chairmanship of COSCAP-SEA this year with a focus on three key thrusts – safety framework in areas of legislation, capacity building through training and safety enhancement initiatives. This year's meeting concluded with the endorsement of a proposal on the exchanges of experts among members, support for ICAO USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach implementation and support for Performance Based Navigation Programmes. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in 2013.