

CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ENHANCE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY



COSCAP-SEA is a cooperative, non-profit association of civil aviation administrations in the South East Asian region to enhance flight safety.

As a region with one of the fastest growing passenger traffic, ensuring continued effective safety oversight is a priority. In advancing regional flight safety, the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme – South East Asia (COSCAP-SEA) Steering Committee has made considerable progress over the past years. As a technical committee comprising civil aviation authorities of 13 states, COSCAP-SEA has been a useful platform for members to seek support in their efforts to raise the safety standards of the region. Addressing the 15th COSCAP-SEA Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) held in Bangkok from 25-26 November 2013, outgoing chairman, Yap Ong Heng, Director-General, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) shared the team’s achievements in the past year. In 2013, COSCAP-SEA focused on addressing three key areas . The first was building capacity and technical competence in the region. To drive this effort, more than 18 courses, workshops and seminars attended by 370 participants. Additionally, in the year, a total of 22 missions were carried out to follow up on USOAP findings and assist States in the transition towards ICAO’s Continuous Monitoring Approach for safety oversight. This effort helped States meet the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and recommended practices. Lastly, the COSCAP-SEA Regional Aviation Safety Team (SEARAST) aligned its work with the Asia-Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Team (APRAST), in order to provide a more harmonised approach towards safety enhancement. Regional harmonisation of regulations, policies and procedures related to the surveillance certification and supervision of operators, manufacturers, and maintenance facilities continue to be one of COSCAP-SEA’s focus.

Mr Yap also took the opportunity to pay special tribute to Capt. Kim Trethewey, Chief Technical Advisor, COSCAP-SEA, who will be retiring in June 2014. Mr Yap commended Capt. Trethewey on his significant contributions to the COSCAP-SEA programmes over the past few years.

63 delegates from civil aviation authorities, safety partners and international aviation bodies such as ICAO, Federal Aviation Administration, European Aviation Safety Agency, Civil Aviation Safety Authority Australia, Boeing, Airbus and International Federation of Air Pilots' Association participated in the meeting. They also witnessed the handing over of the chairmanship of COSCAP-SEA to Voradej Harnprasert, Director-General, Department of Civil Aviation, Thailand.

The next SCM will be hosted by Timor Leste in Dili at the end of 2014.