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REPORT OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS TASK FORCE (MET/R TF/4)

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INTRODUCTION

1. Seminar and Meeting

1.1 The Meteorology/Air Traffic Management Seminar 2015 and the Fourth Meeting of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (MET/R TF/4) were held at the *Mita Kaigisho*, Tokyo, Japan, from 29 June to 3 July 2015.

2. Attendance

2.1 The Seminar was attended by 64 participants and the Meeting was attended by 40 participants from 11 States, 1 Special Administrative Region of China and 3 International Organizations, including Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam, the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Federation of Air Line Pilot's Associations (IFALPA) and ICAO. A list of participants is provided at **Appendix A** to this Report.

3. Chair and Secretariat

- 3.1 Mr Jun Ryuzaki, Senior Scientific Officer, Japan Meteorological Agency, presided as Moderator of the Seminar and Chair of the Meeting.
- 3.2 Mr. Peter Dunda, Regional Officer Aeronautical Meteorology, and Mr. Shane Sumner, Regional Officer Air Traffic Management, ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, acted as the Secretariat and ICAO Coordinators for the Seminar and Meeting.

4. Opening of the Seminar and Meeting

4.1 Mr. Peter Dunda welcomed all participants on behalf of Mr. Arun Mishra, Regional Director, ICAO Asia/Pacific Office, Bangkok, and thanked the Government of Japan and the Japan Meteorological Agency for hosting the event.

5. Documentation and Working Language

5.1 The MET/R TF met as a plenary throughout the Meeting. The working language of the Seminar and Meeting was English inclusive of all documentation and this Report. A total of 23 special presentations (SP) and 9 information papers (IP) were discussed in the Seminar. A total of 7 working papers (WP) and 4 information papers (IP) were considered by the Meeting. The list of papers and presentations is attached at **Appendix B** to this report. All documentation (including this Report) is available at the following websites: http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-METATM-Seminar--.aspx and http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/2015-MET-R-TF4.aspx.

6. Draft Conclusions, Draft Decisions and Decisions of MET R TF

6.1 The Meteorological Requirements Task Force recorded its actions in the form of Draft Conclusions, Draft Decisions and Decisions within the following definitions:

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- a) **Draft Conclusions** deal with matters that, according to APANPIRG terms of reference, require the attention of States, or action by the ICAO in accordance with established procedures;
- b) **Draft Decisions** deal with the matters of concern only to APANPIRG and its contributory bodies; and
- c) **Decisions** of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force relate solely to matters dealing with the internal working arrangements of the Task Force.

List of Draft Conclusions, Draft Decisions and Decisions of MET R TF

6.2 MET/R TF/4 Draft Conclusions

Draft Conclusion MET/R TF 4/2: Survey of State Meteorological Information Supporting Air Traffic Management

That, States are urged to respond to a survey of meteorological information provided by MET services to support Air Traffic Management including Air Traffic Flow Management operations.

6.3 MET/R TF/4 Draft Decisions

Draft Decision MET/R TF 4/1: Amend terms of reference of MET/R TF

That, the revised terms of reference of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (MET/R TF) at **Appendix C** to the report on MET/R TF/4 be adopted.

6.4 MET/R TF/4 Decisions

There were no Decisions recorded by MET/R TF/4.

REPORT ON THE MET/ATM SEMINAR 2015

1. Keynote address

1.1 Mr. Takeshi Imagome, Director of Air Traffic Control Division, Japan Civil Aviation Bureau (JCAB), and Mr. Toshihiro Kurauchi, Director of Aeronautical Meteorology Division, Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), delivered keynote presentations addressing the collaboration between ATM and MET services provision in Japan supporting international civil aviation.

2. Discussion and outcomes

- 2.1 The Seminar programme included presentations and discussion on the following agenda items:
 - Agenda Item 1: Review of MET and ATM coordination in States
 - Agenda Item 2: Impact of MET on Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM)
 - Agenda Item 3: ATM-tailored meteorological services
 - Agenda Item 4: Future directions
- 2.2 Participants provided information in 4 SPs and 1 IP under Agenda Item 1, 4 SPs and 3 IPs under Agenda Item 2, 8 SPs and 4 IPs under Agenda Item 3 and 4 SPs under Agenda Item 4.
- 2.3 A summary of the presentations, discussion and key outcomes from the Seminar was provided in SP20. It was apparent that participation by key representative organizations would enhance the formulation of ATM requirements for MET.
- 2.4 Some States are already implementing ATM-tailored MET services (in addition to traditional Annex 3 'products') to meet user requirements. Such information should be provided with consideration to the 'general provisions' in Annex 3 even when the technical specifications have not been developed in Annex 3. In this respect, regional guidance material could be enhanced to assist States to develop MET services to meet the (current and future) requirements of ATM.
- 2.5 The development of future global provisions for tailored MET services to support ATM shall be managed principally by the ICAO Meteorology Panel. Support from, and coordination with, regional groups will remain important.

REPORT ON MET/R TF/4 AGENDA ITEMS

1. Organizational Matters

Adoption of Agenda (WP/01)

- 1.1 The Secretariat provided information on the overall objective of the MET/R TF, and presented a provisional agenda addressing the business of the meeting and work programme of the task force.
- 1.2 The provisional agenda, provided in the **Attachment to MET/R TF/4 WP/01** was adopted by the meeting.

Review the Terms of Reference of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (WP/02)

1.3 The Secretariat provided background information on the history of the MET/R TF and the development of its terms of reference (TOR), which were reviewed by the meeting. The meeting proposed several amendments to the TOR, and agreed to the following Draft Decision:

Draft Decision MET/R TF 4/1: Amend terms of reference of MET/R TF

That, the revised terms of reference of the Meteorological Requirements Task Force (MET/R TF) at **Appendix C** to the report on MET/R TF/4 be adopted.

- 1.4 The meeting expressed concern that the absence of participants representing the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), Pacific Island States and New Zealand (in the fields of both MET and ATM) and Australia (in the field of ATM), presents some difficulties in formulating (comprehensive) requirements for MET information to support ATM.
- 1.5 Noting that all ICAO Members in the Asia/Pacific are invited to participate in the MET/ATM Seminar and MET/R TF, including International Organizations such as IATA, IFALPA, the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Association (IFATCA) and the WMO, plus the Russian Federation for inter-Regional coordination on MET/ATM matters such as those related to volcanic ash, the meeting agreed that participation by the absent States should be encouraged where it would assist the task force in carrying out its work. Furthermore, the meeting agreed that CANSO should be invited to join the task force (Action Item 1 refers).
- 1.6 The meeting was reminded that it may not be appropriate to identify in the TOR a link to a specific Task Force/Steering Group where such a body may be expected to discontinue or be placed into recess when its assigned task is completed. Rather, it would be more appropriate to refer to a relevant APANPIRG Sub-Group/s (e.g. ATM/SG), where necessary, when interdisciplinary coordination is an important factor for the TOR of the task force.

2. Review of the Follow-Up from Previous Meetings

Review of the Third Meeting of the MET/R TF (WP/03)

2.1 The meeting was provided with an overview of outcomes from the MET/R TF/3 meeting, held together with the MET/ATM Seminar 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand, from 26 to 29 November 2013, including a progress report on follow-up action to the MET/R TF/3 outcomes in the **Attachment to MET/R TF/4 WP/03**.

- 2.2 It was noted that the action item to develop a proposal for capacity building activities for digital MET information exchange had been overtaken by outcomes from the Thirteenth Meeting of the Regional OPMET Bulletin Exchange Working Group (ROBEX WG/13), through **Draft Conclusion ROBEX WG** 13/4 Capacity building workshop to facilitate planning and implementation of digital exchange of aeronautical meteorological information.
- The meeting was also informed that, while the importance of cross-boundary alignment of graphical SIGMET information was discussed at the 18th Meeting of the MET Sub-Group of APANPIRG (MET SG/18); no further proposals were developed for the provision of additional guidance to States on the alignment of SIGMET with respect to cross-FIR-boundary phenomena. The meeting considered the issue still warranted further action and agreed to coordinate further with the Meteorological Hazards Task Force (MET/H TF) on this issue with a view to possibly updating the Asia/Pacific Regional SIGMET Guide in order to better assist States in aligning cross-boundary SIGMET information. It was noted that the Regional SIGMET Guide stipulates collaboration between (inter alia) the meteorological watch offices (MWOs) concerned is essential for the successful implementation of the SIGMET service and that SIGMET should be disseminated (by the responsible MWO) to the other MWOs concerned. The issue of cross-boundary SIGMET alignment was further discussed in paragraphs 4.16 to 4.18 of this report.
- The meeting noted that the MET/R TF/3 Draft Conclusion (3/6), which proposed an ICAO ATM-MET requirements survey that would assist APAC Seamless ATM Planning, was still to commence and that the Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) survey conducted by the ATFM Steering Group, and subsequently used to analyse the current ATFM status of the Region, did not include any particular analysis of meteorological information that States may have developed in support of ATFM operations. It was noted that a survey of current MET information supporting ATFM would provide important input to the development of regional guidance for such information. In order to further promote this initiative, the meeting agreed to the following Draft Conclusion (Action Item 2 refers):

Draft Conclusion MET/R TF 4/2: Survey of State Meteorological Information Supporting Air Traffic Management

That, States are urged to respond to a survey to gauge the types of meteorological information provided by MET services to support Air Traffic Management including Air Traffic Flow Management operations.

Review of MET/ATM Seminar 2015 (WP/04)

- 2.5 The Secretariat provided a summary of the 2015 Asia/Pacific Meteorology/Air Traffic Management (APAC MET/ATM) Seminar. Outcomes from the Seminar were considered for possible further action to be adopted by the meeting.
- 2.6 Several examples of ATM-tailored solutions are being developed for the provision of MET information to support ATM. The MET/R TF considered how to provide guidance to assist States to develop MET services to meet the (current and future) requirements of ATM.
- 2.7 The meeting noted that so-called 'ATM-tailored' MET information, when provided to support international air navigation, is still required to comply with the Annex 3 'General Provisions' even if the detailed technical specifications are yet to be specified in Annex 3.
- 2.8 With consideration to the outstanding action (Decision 3/5) for the ad-hoc group comprising Australia, China, Hong Kong, China, and Japan, which is to develop a list to guide States on the aeronautical meteorological information or services necessary to support implementation of each element of the APAC Seamless ATM Plan, the meeting considered how to progress this action and

develop specific regional guidance material to assist States with implementation of ATM-tailored MET information (Action Item 5 refers).

3. MET/ATM coordination

Meteorological and Air Traffic Management Collaboration in Singapore (WP/06)

- 3.1 Singapore presented the progress of MET/ATM collaboration in Singapore in line with the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) including the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) framework. The various efforts highlighted were aimed to promote sharing of best practices of collaboration between the air navigation service provider (ANSP) and the aeronautical meteorological service providers could further encourage development of solutions to support the progress of ASBU implementation in the field of MET.
- 3.2 Air navigation services including ATM in the Singapore FIR are undertaken by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS), while MET services are provided by the Meteorological Service Singapore (MSS), a division of the National Environment Agency.
- 3.3 Since 2014, MSS and CAAS have met to identify areas of collaboration. Regular exchange visits between meteorologists and Air Traffic Control (ATC) have been organized.
- 3.4 MSS has provided regular MET teleconference briefings to ATC since late 2014, augmented by displays of MET information from the MSS web-based weather portal (**Figure 1**) to enhance ATC situational awareness and support operational planning. User feedback provided the opportunity for further enhancement and improvement to the web portal.

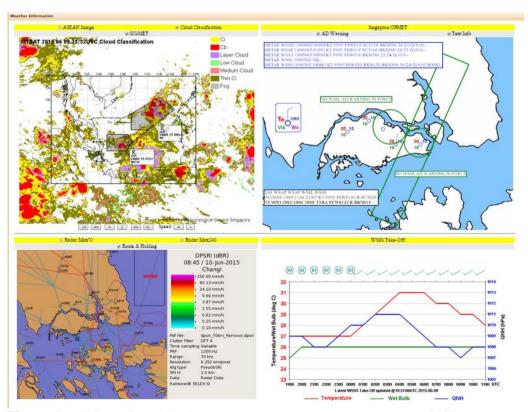


Figure 1: Enhanced graphical representation incorporating air-routes, holding areas and weather information (graphical and textual information e.g. OPMET, graphical SIGMET etc.) overlaid onto a common base map and integrated into a single display.

3.5 CAAS has collaborated with other ANSPs, airlines and airport operators to conduct an operational trial based on the *distributed multi-nodal ATFM network* concept, which commenced on 29 June 2015. To support effective ATFM, existing MET products were tailored to match the ATFM planning horizon. MET forecasts are focused to cover the geographical areas that affect overall capacity, including approach and departure paths and holding areas. **Figure 2** provides an example of MSS web-portal enhancements supporting ATFM.

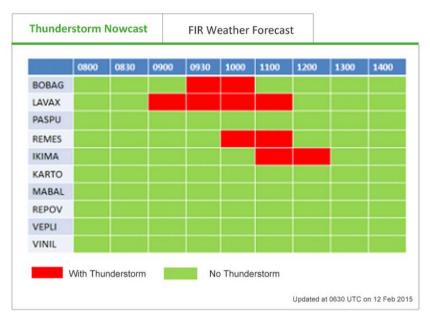


Figure 2: Customized thunderstorm forecast for the holding areas currently being developed for the ATFM operational trial

- 3.6 A MET-ATM collaboration roadmap was developed to progress MET elements of the ICAO ASBU methodology, enabling CAAS and MSS to commit resources. Singapore has progressed well with ASBU Block 0 module B0-AMET implementation. ASBU Block 1 module B1-AMET would be dependent on CAAS' implementation of System Wide Information Management (SWIM).
- 3.7 MSS has collaborated with the Met Office of the United Kingdom to improve Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) capability for Singapore. The project aims to build a tropical convective-scale model with advanced data assimilation to provide improved weather forecasts for Singapore and the surrounding region. Singapore noted that the performance of the model could be constrained by the limited availability of necessary weather observation input data over the South East Asia region, but this could be addressed to some degree by the sharing of weather observation data between neighbouring States.
- 3.8 In response to a query, Singapore advised the meeting that it had conducted studies of existing examples of MET information supporting ATFM, both within and external to the Asia/Pacific Region, to support the development of its MET information program.
- 3.9 The meeting agreed that collaboration and information/data sharing between States' MET service providers would be a key initiative supporting the Regional collaborative ATFM program and other ATM operations. Future meetings of MET/R TF should, after the analysis of survey information on current MET information supporting ATM/ATFM, encourage collaboration, sharing of relevant MET data and harmonization of MET information.

3.10 In discussing the challenges relating to the exchange of MET data, the meeting acknowledged that there would be issues to be identified and managed relating to the sources, format and content of shared data.

4. MET Required to Support End User Systems (CDM, AT/ATFM)

Australian Aviation Weather Services for Air Traffic Management (IP/01)

- 4.1 The meeting was provided with information on aviation weather services and products provided to the Air Navigation Service Provider (Airservices Australia) by the Meteorological Service Provider (Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology). Information was also presented on the products and services that were planned to be provided in the future.
- 4.2 Information was provided on aviation observations and reports, aerodrome forecasts and briefings, forecasts for operations below 20,000 feet, forecasts for operations above 20,000 feet, meteorological watch and warning services, future services and future work on probabilistic weather forecasting techniques.

Collaborative Decision-Making (IP/02)

- 4.3 Australia provided an overview of options under consideration for Collaborative Decision Making (CDM) in support of Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) at major capital city aerodromes in Australia. Four trials had examined products and processes for MET CDM at Brisbane and Sydney airports through the National Operations Centre (NOC) of Airservices Australia. The latest trial had proven that the MET CDM capability would benefit Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM) around these major airports.
- 4.4 Information was provided on issues identified, operational benefits, the MET CDM process, and stakeholder roles and responsibilities.

Meteorological Services in Support of Massive Delay Response System (IP/03)

- 4.5 China provided information on MET products supporting the Massive Delay Response System (MDRS) including (special) aerodrome warnings on thunderstorms/heavy precipitation, low visibility and low cloud, snow, freezing precipitation/frost, strong surface winds, wind shear, and other phenomena as agreed with users.
- 4.6 Information was also provided on weather consultation and briefing processes.

Development of Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area in China (IP/04)

- 4.7 The meeting was provided with information on the development of Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area (MSTA) in China in response to user requirements for new types of weather information to support operations in the terminal area and to bridge the gap between the traditional aerodrome forecast (in TAF code) and the en-route forecast information.
- 4.8 The MSTA was launched in 2010 by the Air Traffic Management Bureau of the Civil Aviation Authority of China (ATMB of CAAC), in cooperation with the Hong Kong Observatory. Progress had been made in 3 regional meteorological centres providing weather services for the 3 busiest airports in China: Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.
- 4.9 MET information provided by the MSTA included convection forecasts and icing and wind forecasts. Future work would include the demonstration of products to users and soliciting the input of users to improve the MSTA.

MET Information to Support ATM and ATFM (WP/07)

- 4.10 The Secretariat provided information on outcomes from the Asia/Pacific Air Traffic Flow Management Steering Group (ATFM/SG) related to the provision of MET information to support ATFM. ATFM/SG/5 (Bangkok, Thailand, 30 March to 3 April 2015) had finalized the draft Regional Framework for Collaborative ATFM, which included among its performance objectives the implementation of meteorological information; in particular the so-called tailored MET products and information developed in a number of States in addition to traditional operational meteorological (OPMET) information.
- 4.11 The Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan included the following performance objectives related to aviation meteorological services:

Preferred ATM Service Levels (PASL) Phase I (expected implementation by 12 November 2015)

- 7.26 All high density aerodromes ¹ should provide meteorological forecasts, aerodrome warnings and alerts that support efficient terminal operations
- 7.39 ATM systems should be supported by implementation of appropriate meteorological information reporting systems, providing, inter-alia, observations, forecasts, warnings and alerts, and also provide for information to meteorological authorities or offices where required.
- 4.12 The performance objectives of the draft Regional Framework for Collaborative ATFM, which would be presented to the ATM Sub-Group of APANPIRG in August 2015, and subsequently to APANPIRG for endorsement in September 2015, were aligned with and where necessary expanded upon those of the Seamless ATM Plan. The Framework included inter alia the expectation of the development and delivery of meteorological information supporting ATFM. Background information on meteorological services to support ATFM was provided in the Framework, together with the following associated performance objectives:

REGIONAL ATFM CAPABILITY PHASE IA

Expected implementation by 12 November 2015

- 7.8 Daily pre-tactical airport and airspace capacity and demand analysis should be conducted for all ATFM Program Airports and associated terminal area airspace, and for all en-route ATC sectors supporting the busiest Asia/Pacific city pairs, including consideration of:
- i. expected runway and airspace configurations;
- ii. forecast meteorological phenomena;
- iii. ATC resources, facilities and equipment;

¹ The Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan defined high density aerodromes as those with 100,000 scheduled movements per annum or more. The Plan stated that the 100,000 movement benchmark must not be viewed as lessening more stringent requirements or criteria established by the State.

- iv. other known or expected capacity constraints; and
- v. updated flight schedule and flight plan information.

REGIONAL ATFM CAPABILITY PHASE II

Expected implementation by 08 November 2018

- 7.31 Meteorological services for the terminal area (MSTA) should be implemented, including near-term or *now-casting* forecasts of convective weather activity at or affecting ATFM Program Airports and associated instrument approach procedures, terminal area ATS routes and holding points and other significant locations.
- 4.13 Both the Seamless ATM Plan and the draft Regional Framework for Collaborative ATFM are iterative in nature, and shall be updated at regular intervals or whenever a need for further update is identified. It is expected that the performance objectives of the Framework, in particular, shall be updated to extend the objective of near term (*now-casting*) forecasts of convective weather activity to en-route ATC sectors supporting high density major traffic flows (MTF)² (**Figure 3**) and the busiest Asia/Pacific city pairs (**Figure 4**), and to other en-route airspace where there is an identified need to support collaborative ATFM.

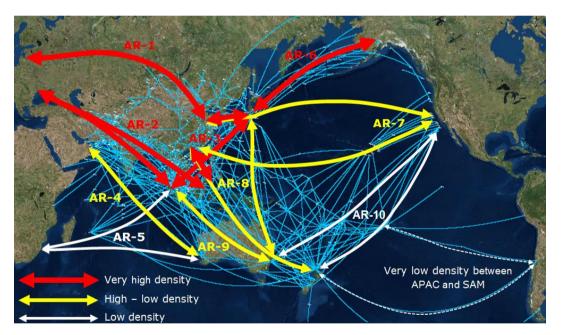


Figure 3: eANP Major Traffic Flow Depiction

Major Traffic Flows (MTF), previously included in ICAO Doc. 9750 *Globa*

² Major Traffic Flows (MTF), previously included in ICAO Doc. 9750 *Global Air Navigation Plan*, are currently under review before being included in the *Asia/Pacific Region Air Navigation Plan* on its transition to the online version (eANP).

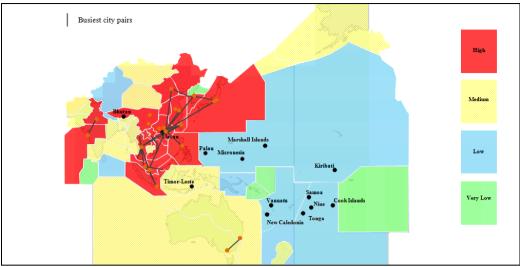


Figure 4: Asia/Pacific High Density FIRs, showing Busiest City Pairs (Source: Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan)

- 4.14 The meeting was informed that Framework's performance objective of implementation of near-term convective weather forecasting does not specify forecast issuance times, lead times before the effective forecast period, specific content, or provisions for continuous review and amendment of forecasts and the automatic cancellation of any previously issued same-type forecast for the same location. It is proposed that Regional guidance in these matters should be developed to ensure harmonized practices, and to facilitate sharing of this forecast information between States (noting, however, that Annex 3 does require that States ensure the quality management of the meteorological information to be supplied to the users).
- 4.15 Several Administrations have implemented near-term forecasts of convective weather activity, including Hong Kong China, Japan and the United States, as demonstrated at the MET/ATM Seminar 2013. These implementations may be considered as examples for the development of regional guidance.
- 4.16 The proposal that MET/R TF/4 develop guidance material for ATM-tailored MET information supporting ATM and ATFM was further discussed under WP/08 (Japan).
- 4.17 Cross-FIR-boundary alignment of SIGMET information, as discussed at MET/R TF/3 (Agenda Item 2, WP/05) is also necessary to ensure optimized airspace capacity, harmonization of ATC tactical traffic management and ATFM measures, and improved operating efficiencies for airspace users.
- 4.18 The meeting was informed that, while the development of guidance material for meteorological information supporting ATFM was the primary theme of the working paper, alignment and harmonization of cross-boundary SIGMET information was also necessary to support future collaborative ATFM capability in en-route airspace, and was likely to be achievable considerably earlier than State infrastructure and capability for tailored meteorological information in that airspace.
- 4.19 It was further noted that airspace users had indicated that they were not confident in the quality of SIGMET information provided in some FIRs and that there were cases of States that did not promulgate SIGMET. The meeting agreed that the MET/H TF is the appropriate body to address issues such as the alignment and harmonization of cross-boundary SIGMET information and to improve States' understanding of Annex 3 requirements for SIGMETs. Such work may require improvements to the Regional SIGMET Guide (Action Item 4 refers). The meeting also noted that other initiatives were being conducted by the MET/H TF to help improve the issuance of SIGMET in

the equatorial region of the Pacific. The alignment of cross-boundary SIGMET information was also discussed earlier in the meeting in paragraph 2.3 of this report.

Development of Regional Guidance for ATM-Tailored Meteorological Services (WP/08)

- Japan informed the meeting that in the Asia/Pacific Region there had been a quite limited numbers of States which had implemented dedicated meteorological services in support of ATM. In response to continuously increasing air traffic demands in the Region, effective air traffic flow management and supporting specific MET services were keenly required. The development of regional guidance for implementation was proposed.
- 4.21 Following approval of the GANP, including the ASBU methodology, by the Assembly of ICAO in 2013, the ICAO Meteorology Divisional Meeting held in 2014 agreed to develop provisions for MET services in support of ATM in the terminal area for inclusion in ASBU Block 1 (Recommendation 2/10 Development of meteorological services for the terminal area). ATM-tailored meteorological services supporting the goals of the Asia/Pacific Seamless ATM Plan should also be considered.
- 4.22 The JMA, through its Air Traffic Meteorology Centre (ATMetC), has provided dedicated meteorological information and services to the Air Traffic Management Centre (ATMC) of JCAB since 2005 (MET/ATM Seminar 2013, IP/3 refers). The ATMetC has developed and enhanced its services in consultation with ATMC, and through experience has identified and implemented MET information and services and consultation and briefing practices that are helpful in support of ATM. The Tokyo Metropolitan Area Team (TMAT) was established as a branch of ATMetC to support JCAB traffic management units (TMUs).
- 4.23 Japan recommended that, in consideration of the increasing requirement for the implementation and enhancement of ATM and supporting meteorological information in APAC Region, regional guidance for the implementation of ATM-tailored meteorological information and services should be developed in order to help States in the Region implement and operate effective ATM. Such guidance should include, but not be limited to:
 - Procedures to determine the content and format of ATM-tailored meteorological information in close coordination between the MET and ATM service providers;
 - Examples of technologies, systems and infrastructure necessary for providing ATM-tailored meteorological information;
 - Methods to estimate the impacts of weather conditions on air traffic flow; and
 - Collaborative operational procedures for MET and ATM service providers.
- 4.24 The meeting agreed to commence the development of regional guidance material to assist States in developing tailored MET information and services to support ATM and ATFM (Action Item 3 refers).

5. Sub-Regional Exchange of MET

5.1 The meeting noted that previous discussions on the exchange of MET information tailored to support ATM, such as in WP/06 presented by Singapore, had already addressed this agenda item.

6. Future Work Programme

6.1 The MET/R TF Work Programme presented by the Secretariat in the attachment to WP/02 of MET/R TF/4 was updated by the meeting and is provided at **Appendix C** to this report.

7. Any Other Business

Breakout Group Outcomes

- 7.1 The meeting conducted further discussions in 4 breakout groups, addressing the following topics:
 - **Group 1**: Regional Survey for MET support to ATM including ATFM Questions to be included in the Survey
 - **Group 2**: Regional Guidance on MET Supporting ATM Contents to be included in Regional Guidance
 - **Group 3**: MET Data Exchange Type of data to be shared between States and issues to be addressed
 - **Group 4**: MET/ATM Coordination How MET and ATM can work closely together, and ATM requirements for MET
- 7.2 The results and recommendations of the breakout groups are included in **Appendix D** to this report.
- 7.3 The meeting was reminded of the existing ICAO standards, policies, procedures and guidance concerning issues such as the implementation of air-reports and the concept of cost recovery (for MET services) and noted that that the MET/R TF could assist States to identify and implement the appropriate standards, policies and procedures if not already done so (Action Item 6 refers).

Next Meeting of the MET/R TF

7.4 The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 2016 (dates TBC) at Bangkok, Thailand, possibly to be conducted back-to-back with the MET/H TF.

List of Actions

7.5 A list of actions agreed by the meeting is provided at **Appendix E** to this report.

Closing

7.6 The Chair thanked the meeting participants for their valuable contributions and productive discussions through the Seminar and the meeting.

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4TH MEETING OF THE ASIA/PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS TASK FORCE (MET/R TF/4)

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2. DESCRIPTIO	N			
Objective	Improve safety, efficiency and sustainability of ATM and operators by providing MET information needed to meet current and future requirements.			
Benefits	Increase efficiency – save time and fuel as well as reduce carbon emissions			
Terms of Reference	Under guidance from ICAO Secretariat:			
	 a) Obtain and evaluate the current and future requirements for MET (including space weather) in support of ATM (includes ATFM), as well as ATM in support of MET, in the ASIA/PAC Region and update Regional Air Navigation Plan accordingly and provide guidance material to assist States to develop MET services to meet these requirements; 			
	 Assess aeronautical meteorological services, systems and architecture in the region and how they can integrate weather information into ATM, airspace user systems and decision support tools; 			
	 c) Investigate sub-regional exchange of MET information (including digital) and associated agreements that facilitate ATM operations particularly over busy routes that overlap different FIRs; 			
	 d) Promote coordination between MET and ATM communities in the ASIA/PAC Region to enhance the level of understanding of MET requirements and capabilities in support of ATM; 			
	e) To study the successful involvement of MET in the development of CDM/ATFM in other regions with a view to future application in ASIA/PAC;			
	f) Monitor regional implementation of global policies associated with source data and delivery of MET information for ATM;			
	g) Coordinate with MET/H TF on framework for Provide support to other appropriate bodies under the MET Sub-Group and ATM Sub-Group on the development of ATM contingency plan for specific phenomenon including volcanic ash, radioactive cloud, tropical cyclone and tsunami with reference to developments made by the global ICAO groups and WMO developments;			
	h) Coordinate with the ATFM/SG to Provide expertise on MET services and information to assist appropriate bodies under the ATM Sub-Group in the establishment of sub-regional ATFM and to identify what kind of MET services/information can be considered as the most important for it;			
	i) Enhance regional implementation of MET services in support of ATM in line with the priorities defined in the ASIA/PAC Seamless ATM Plan, closely referring to the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and the Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBUs); and			
	j) Report to the MET Sub-group of APANPIRG for further co-ordination through the ICAO Secretariat with other relevant bodies (ATM/SG, APSAPG, CNS/SG).			

3. COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES					
Description	Target Audience	Delivery Method	Frequency / Date	Responsibility	
Work Plan	Task Force Members	Document via email	As required but reviewed at least quarterly	Chair	
General correspondence	Task Force Members	Email	As required	Task Force Members	
Task Force Meeting	Task Team Members	Meeting	As required, supplemented by teleconference	Chair	
Status & Milestone Reports	ICAO Secretariat and Task Team Members	Report via email	At least half-yearly	Chair	
Task Force Report	MET SG	Working Paper	Yearly	Chair	

4. PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FORM (PFF)					
Tasks	Time Frame	Responsibility	Status	Milestone	
Task 1: Conduct MET/R TF meeting to obtain regional MET requirements to support ATM	2016 (Mar)	Chair, secretariat	To commence	1	
Task 2: Conduct survey on regional ATM requirements for MET information	2016 (Mar)	Chair, secretariat, Ad hoc group	to commence	1	
Task 3: Conduct MET/ATM seminar in coordination with WMO to promote regional implementation of MET to support ATM	2016 or 2017	Chair, secretariat	To commence	1	
Task 4: Assess aviation meteorological services, systems and architecture in the region and how they can integrate weather information into ATS/aircraft operator decision support tools	201 <mark>5</mark> -2016	MET/R TF ATFM/SG	In progress	2	
Task 5: Investigate sub-regional exchange of MET information and associated agreements that facilitate ATM operations particularly over busy routes that overlap different FIRs	201 <mark>5</mark> -2016	MET/R TF ATFM/SG	In progress	3	
Task 6: Facilitate implementation of MET services to support ATM in the terminal area in accordance with current and evolving ICAO and WMO standards, procedures and policies	201 <mark>5</mark> -2016	MET/R TF	In progress	4	
Task 7: Monitor regional implementation of global policies associated with source data and delivery of MET information for ATM	201 <mark>5</mark> -2016	MET/R TF	Future	5	

5. MILESTONES				
Milestone	Accountability	Dates	Status	
Milestone 1: Determine regional MET requirements for ATM	MET/R TF	2016	To begin	
Milestone 2: Develop guidance material on how to provide/use weather information in support of ATM decision making tools	MET/R TF	2016	To begin	
Milestone 3: Implement sub-regional exchange of MET information to facilitate ATM operations in busy routes	MET/R TF	TBD	To begin	
Milestone 4: Develop regional implementation plan for the Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area	MET/R TF	TBD	future	
Milestone 5: Implement global policies associated with source data and delivery of MET products for ATM	MET/R TF	TBD	To begin	

6. WORK PLAN					
Activity / Milestone	Accountability	Predecessors	Date	Status	
Activity 1: Develop regional MET requirements for ATM					
Activity 1.1: Conduct MET/R TF meetings and MET/ATM seminars to contribute in developing MET requirements for ATM	MET/R TF	-	Nov 13- completed (at least every 18 months)	In progress	
Activity 1.2: Analyse existing surveys (e.g. ATFM survey) and develop new surveys, when necessary, to determine regional ATM requirements for MET	MET/R TF	-	201 <mark>6</mark>	To commence	
Activity 1.4: Recommend regional MET requirements for ATM to MET SG-and AMOFSG (through direct membership) meetings	MET/R TF	-	Annual (AMOFSG -18 months)	To begin	
Milestone 1: Determine regional MET requirements for ATM					
Activity 2: Developing methods to use weat	her information i	n decision suppo	rt tools		
Activity 2.1: Develop a list to guide States on the MET information or services necessary to support implementation of each element of the APAC Seamless ATM Plan, and report to the next meeting of the MET/R TF. Note: this should include requirements for aircraft reporting	Ad hoc group (Australia, China, Hong Kong, China, and Japan)	-	201 <mark>6</mark>	To begin	
Activity 2.2:		-			
Activity 2.3:		-			
Milestone 2: Develop guidance material on how to provide/use weather information in support of ATM decision making tools					

Activity 3: Developing sub-regional exchan	ge of MET inforn	nation to facilita	te ATM operat	ions
Activity 3.1: develop a proposal in close collaboration with other appropriate bodies and assisted by the Secretariat, for capacity building activities in the APAC region to foster the implementation of digital MET information exchange, and report to MET SG	Ad hoc group (Australia, Hong Kong, China, New Zealand and Singapore) ROBEX WG	-	July 2015	In progress
Activity 3.2: States develop agreements on the exchange of MET information that provides benefits to ATM operations on subregional level	States ATFM/SG	-		To begin In progress
Activity 3.3: States report developments to MET/R TF and MET SG meetings	States/ MET/R TF	3.2		To begin
Milestone 3: Implement sub-regional exchange of MET information to facilitate ATM operations in busy routes				To begin
Activity 4: Developing regional implementa	tion plan for Met	eorological Ser	vices for the T	erminal Area
Activity 4.1: Monitor developments of Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area	MET/R TF	-	Annual	In progress
Activity 4.2: Monitor Annex 3relevant ICAO provisions developments	MET/R TF	4.1		future
Activity 4.3: Develop regional implementation plan for Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area	MET/R TF	4.2		future
Activity 4.4: Monitor regional implementation of Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area	MET/R TF	4.3		future
Activity 4.5: Report implementation progress to MET SG	MET/R TF	4.4		future
Milestone 4: Develop regional implementation plan for the Meteorological Services for the Terminal Area				future
Activity 5: Implementing global policies ass ATM	sociated with sou	ırce data and de	elivery of MET	products for
Activity 5.1: Implement global policies associated with source data and delivery of MET products for ATM	MET/R TF	-		To begin
Activity 5.2: Report results to MET/R TF and MET SG meetings	MET/R TF	5.1		future
Milestone 5: Implement global policies associated with source data and delivery of MET products for ATM				

Summary of Discussions - Breakout Groups

Group 1	
Regional Survey for MET support to ATFM- Questions to be included in the Su Survey Question	rvey Secretariat Comment
Q1. Provide the specific meteorological products and/or websites that your administration (and/or State) has available to support ATFM. Include all applicable MET products, e.g. TAF, TREND, SIGMET, etc., (write manually) and any tailored MET information other than OPMET products defined in Annex 3?.	Modified by Secretariat
Q2. What are the methods you use to receive distribute meteorological information, e.g. AFTN, AMHS, telephone, internet portal, web/video conferencing, etc	Modified by Secretariat to reflect that the survey will be directed towards the MET service provider, through the State
Q3. List the MET products your facility State considers operationally valuable (in order of the most importance) to ATFM	Modified by Secretariat to reflect that the survey will be directed towards the MET service provider, through the State. DISCUSS (ANSP may be the most appropriate to answer this)
Q4. Does your facility State use automated processing of gridded MET data in ATM automation and/or ATFM systems for the calculation of flight trajectories and flight plan updates? (There is a need to provide a short explanation of what these data are, if you require a further detailed explanation please seek guidance from your met service provider). Q5. If you answered YES to Q4, what gridded data is currently being used,	Modified by Secretariat. Discuss.
e.g. wind, temp,etc? Q6. If you answered NO to Q4,does your facility plan to implement automated ATM/AFTM automation system processes of using gridded data, and if so by what date? Q7. What are your expectations of the MET service provider in the provision of MET services in support of ATFM?	Modified by Secretariat as per Q4. DISCUSS
Q8. What efforts are you presently undertaking to improve MET service provision in support of ATFM in your State?	

Group 1						
Regional Survey for MET support to ATFM- Questions to be included in the Survey						
Survey Question	Secretariat Comment					
Q9. Has your State enacted primary legislation and supporting regulations	1. Added by					
for the provision of MET services under Annex 3 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.	Secretariat 2. Should be the first question asked; but 3. May result in non-responses from some key States, if they do not have adequate legislation or regulation in place					
Q10. Does your State have regulations in place requiring that MET	Added by Secretariat					
service providers, air navigation service providers and other stakeholders						
enter into formal agreements defining roles and responsibilities of all parties,						
and the MET information to be provided by all parties?						

Group 2					
Regional Guidance on MET supporting ATM/ATFM – Contents to be included					
Item	Secretariat Comment				
Define the policy, administration and technical aspect:	Need to check whether				
Policy:	we can include this in				
 ANSP should define the high level requirements; 	ICAO guidance				
 MET services should be supported by ATM; 	material.				
 Define higher level requirements for cost recovery 					
Establish plans for regular engagement					
Establish a service level agreement (SLA) to ensure there is a longer term					
commitment between MET and ATM authorities/service providers to support					
ATFM and ATS					
Define strategic plans and longer term roadmaps					
Define best practice					
Continuous engagement					
Guidance on key routes, airspace and other significant points to be					
considered for tailored MET information supporting ATFM					
Guidance on forecast horizon, lead times, amendment/update cycles and					
forecast cancellation procedures for tailored MET information supporting					
ATFM	Added by Secretariat.				
Guidance on tailored MET information that may be provided from different	DISCUSS				
technology/infrastructure/capability levels					
Guidance on information display/presentation formats for ANSPs/ATFMUs.					

Group 3 MET Data Exchange – Type of data to be shared between MET service providers, and concerns to be addressed					
Item	Secretariat Comment				
Type of data to be shared: takeoff data/takeoff forecast, local forecast,					
radar information, satellite information, LIDAR information if available					
Mechanisms for data exchange in cases where AFTN may not be available	Additional words by				
(data/products already or potentially distributed by AFTN, in accordance with	Secretariat				
Annex 10 requirements)					
Guidance communications media for data transfer and data	Added by Secretariat				
formats/protocols for information that may not be transferred via AFTN					

Group 4						
MET/ATM Coordination – How MET and ATM can work closely together, and ATM requirements for						
MET						
Item	Secretariat Comment					
ATM Requirements for MET:						
 Improve accuracy of MET forecast info: 						
 TREND forecast 						
 Timely update of TAF, SIGMET 						
 SIGWX Chart – coverage of phenomena, height range 						
Make MET products more visual, easier to use and visualize, use						
more graphical products rather than text						
• Integrate different information to make one graphical product						
(e.g. satellite image, CB area, CB height, movement, ATS route						
map, areas of turbulence, etc.						

Group 4 MET/ATM Coordination – How MET and ATM can work closely together, and ATM requirements for MET						
Item	Secretariat Comment					
ATM and MET working closer:						
 AT ICAO level, may require/recommend aviation MET providers train general receive training in general ATC knowledge for MET forecasters 	Minor modification by Secretariat					
 Share more case study/research on weather impact on flight operations 						
 Regular meetings between MET and ATM personnel and organizations 						
 Meetings between ICAO Regional MET and ATM Sub-groups and their related contributory bodies. 						
 Improved knowledge among MET personnel of weather minima affecting flight operations and ATM/ATFM services 	Added by Secretariat, from meeting					
 Verification of MET information/products (to improve quality) Airline consideration of familiarization visits/flights for forecasters to 	discussions after Breakout Groups					
improve understanding of the flight operations environment						
 Forecasters providing information to assist the ATM community to better understand the limitations of MET science and/or MET organizational capability 						
 Improved reliability and timeliness of ATM (and pilots) providing MET information received or observed to the MET provider, to validate and/or amend forecasts (improved product quality) 	Added by Secretariat					

LIST OF ACTION ITEMS

	ACTION ITEM	TIME FRAME	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	STATUS	REMARKS
1.	Invite CANSO to join the task force	After adoption of revised TOR by MET SG/19	Secretariat	To commence	Letter of invitation and inclusion on list of invitees
2.	Develop and conduct the Regional Survey of MET information provided to support ATM/ATFM	Results to be available for review by the next MET/R TF meeting (Mar 2016)	Chair, secretariat	In progress	Meeting report material to be used as starting point; related to MET/R TF Decision 3/6 and Draft Conclusion MET/R TF 4/2
3.	Develop regional guidance for tailored MET information supporting ATM and ATFM	Initial draft to be available for review by the next MET/R TF meeting (Mar 2016)	Ad hoc group (Australia, China, Hong Kong, China, Japan*, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam) *Rapporteur	To commence	Meeting report material to be used as starting point
4.	Coordinate with MET/H TF and MET SG on possible improvements to the SIGMET Guide to assist States in aligning cross-boundary SIGMET information	Submit information to MET SG/19 (Aug 2015) and MET/H TF/6 (Mar 2016)	Secretariat	To commence	Promulgate information on relevant discussion from the meeting; related to MET/R TF Decision 3/4
5.	Progress work in identifying MET information needed to support the elements of the APAC Seamless ATM Plan	Progress report to the next MET/R TF meeting (Mar 2016)	Ad-hoc group (Australia, China, Hong Kong, China, and Japan)	In progress	Continue from work done in WP/07; related to MET/R TF Decision 3/5
6.	Identify and promote existing provisions related to air-reports and cost recovery for MET services	Report to next meeting of MET/R TF	Secretariat	To commence	