

APAC Regional Runway Safety Seminar
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. Summary of # of participants and list of States and Organizations represented:

107 participants from: APAC Member States Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, China, Cambodia, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand and USA.

International Organizations:- AAPA, ACI, IATA, ICAO, IFALPA, IFATCA, Flight Safety Foundation.

II. List of known Runway Safety Teams (RSTs) in the region and level of maturity:

Australia, China, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Thailand confirmed establishment of RST.

III. What potential barriers for the success of RSTs in the Region were mentioned?

- a) Limited Human and financial resources (In some instances reflecting a lack of organizational commitment). Establishment of multidisciplinary team;
- b) Limited Awareness of threats due to in part to incomplete reporting, ineffective and unstructured analysis;
- c) Lack of Training (example- General Aviation pilots or training on soft skills eg, team building, resolution of conflict, negotiating and consensus building);
- d) Ineffective Communication, and limited cooperation and collaboration among stakeholders;
- e) In effective SMS (non-compliant airports with ICAO Standards);
- f) Lack of open and non-punitive reporting, due in part to fear of retribution which impacts the free flow on safety data. (e.g., lack of a Just culture);
- g) Selecting the right people.

IV. What mitigation strategies were discussed to address barriers mentioned above?

- a) ICAO promotion at State level of the establishment of runway safety programme;
- b) Continued promotion of the establishment of RSTs at each airport;
- c) Continued collaboration between ICAO, States and Safety Partners to increase awareness of the value of RSTs;
- d) Establishing effective reporting systems , for sharing information of hazards;
- e) Exchanging information and best practices;
- f) Implementation of effective safety management systems which requires an interface with other stakeholders SMS systems and sharing of safety data.

V. Was there anything identified that States, ICAO and the Runway Safety Partners can do to support RSTs? Mention any specific commitments made by Partners:

- a) States/Administrations to provide regulations and advisory requirements for establishing RSTs which would explain to stakeholders and users the benefits of RSTs;
- b) APAC States advanced in establishing RSTs to offer assistance to other States. COSCAPs to identify the States which can provide assistance and the airports which need assistance; ICAO TCB to support States without resources;
- c) ICAO to continue to advocate and support RSTs using various means (including the on-line tools);
- d) Safety partners to promote runway safety and RSTs through their constituencies; and
- e) COSCAPs to champion establishment of RSTs and present a paper at the next RASG meeting proposing a mechanism for monitoring RST activities under APRAST which will include clear targets and goals for the next three years.

VI. Future Work for APAC Region:

- a) For those (airports/States) who have not started the process to establish RST
 - Leverage the spirit of ‘collaboration’
 - Possible Assistance sources are - ACI/COSCAPs/Australia/Malaysia
 - Convey the messages - ‘just do it’ and ‘what is the consequence of not doing it’
 - Communicate the information on ‘how to do it’
- b) For those airports/States who already have their RSTs
 - Provide a gap analysis/check-list/measurement tool to confirm if they are doing it right
 - Need for benchmarking of best practices with others
 - Sharing of data/Develop safety performance indicators
- c) Endorsement of terminology used i.e. RST, Airfield Safety Committee etc.
- d) RASG/APRAST to look into assistance mechanisms for those who have not started.

VII. Action for ICAO:

- a) Finalize the Draft Runway Safety Team Handbook
 - Include the links to the various documents (i.e. Doc 9780, Doc 9859, Annex 19, etc)
 - Include other feedback received from stakeholders.
- b) Update information on ‘List of known RSTs’ in the APAC Region
