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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING CENTER

(Presented by Hong Kong, China)

SUMMARY

This paper outlines the importance of the systematic and formalized training provided to the personnel involved in the civil aviation industry. It also mentions the establishment in early 2003 of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Training Center which aims to deliver target oriented training programmes to the aviation personnel on a global basis through a knowledge-sharing process.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The civil aviation industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the world. This growth is particularly significant in the past two decades with the world moving towards a globalized economy. Apart from the increase in demand for air transport services, the operating environment of the civil aviation industry had also become more complex with the emergence of the new technologies as well as new rules and standards.

1.2 To ensure the safety, efficiency and regularity of air transport services in the increasingly complex operating environment, the personnel in the civil aviation industry must continuously demonstrate the highest level of professionalism, dedication and efficiency in their work. In upholding such profound quality, systematic and formalized training for these personnel plays a vital role.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 As a regulator and service provider of the civil aviation activities in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD) is committed to the provision of a safe and efficient air transport system. For the past several decades, the CAD has been upholding this mission. To reinforce such commitment and respond to the new challenges in the civil aviation industry, staff training has always been a main focus in the CAD. Thus the CAD encourages the staff to attend from time to time local and overseas formal training programmes. In the meantime, the CAD has also developed comprehensive and target oriented training programmes for the staff so as to continually equip them with the required skills and knowledge for the effective discharge of their duties.

2.2 Being an active member in the aviation community, the CAD believes that it has a responsibility to share its experience and knowledge with the others in the industry. Against this background, the CAD established in April 2003 a Hong Kong Civil Aviation Training Center (HKCATC) with an aim to improve the safety and efficiency of air transport through the establishment and the conduct of systematic and formalized training for aviation personnel from

around the world. More importantly, the CAD hopes, through this knowledge-sharing process, to benefit from learning the experience of the others in the civil aviation industry.

2.3 Mr. George CHAO, the Assistant Director-General of Civil Aviation assumed the role of the Training Center Administrator for the HKCATC in addition to his present position as the head of the Airport Standards Division. A booklet on the HKCATC had been published and can be obtained on the CAD's website at www.info.gov.hk/cad. Currently, 15 target oriented training programmes, representing some of the major roles of the CAD including Air Traffic Management, Airport Standards, Engineering and Systems, Flight Standards and Airworthiness and Technical Administration, are offered by the HKCATC.

2.4 Colleagues from the regulatory agencies, air traffic management organizations, airport authorities, airlines, maintenance and engineering organizations and all personnel engaged in the aviation-related industries are sincerely invited to participate in the training programmes offered by the HKCATC. Further enquiries on the training programmes can be addressed to the Training Center Administrator through email apsd@cad.gov.hk.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to note the information contained in this paper.
