



Industry nominee receives ICAO Walter Binaghi Air Navigation Commission Laurel Award

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Montréal, 11 December 2017 – At the opening session of ICAO's Second Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium (GANIS/2) today, Mr. David Nakamura received the ICAO Walter Binaghi Air Navigation Commission Laurel Award.

ICAO's Air Navigation Commission (ANC) is the technical body leading the development of international civil aviation Standards and Recommended Practices. Its Laurel Award is bestowed on an individual or group who, in its opinion, has made an outstanding contribution to furthering the safety, regularity and efficiency of international civil aviation through participation in the Commission's work.

"David Nakamura was nominated for the Laurel Award by the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA), making him the first Laurel Award recipient from industry. This is a fitting symbol of the collaboration between States and Industry that is crucial to ensuring the pertinence of the Air Navigation Commission's work," remarked Mr. Hajime Yoshimura, President of the ANC. "The Laurel Award recognizes Mr. Nakamura's outstanding contribution to the safety, regularity and efficiency of international civil aviation through his valuable work on the development of performance-based navigation. It also recognizes his overall contribution to the work of the Air Navigation Commission through, inter alia, participation in the Air Traffic Management Requirements and Performance Panel (ATMRPP), the Instrument Flight Procedures Panel (IFPP), the Separation and Airspace Safety Panel (SASP) and the Performance-based Navigation Study Group (PBN SG)."

Since 1999, seven other individuals have received this prestigious award. It consists of a statuette replica of 'Vuelo,' a sculpture gifted to ICAO by the Government of Mexico that symbolizes flight and sits in the ANC Chamber.

Previous recipients are:

- 1999 — Mr. Olivier Carel, Direction de la Navigation Aérienne, France
- 2001 — Mr. R. Roy Grimes, Federal Aviation Administration, United States
- 2003 — Miss Kaye R. Warner, Civil Aviation Administration, United Kingdom
- 2006 — Mr. Arthur Bradshaw, Air Traffic and Navigation Services, Republic of South Africa
- 2008 — Mr. Brian Colamosca, Federal Aviation Administration, United States
- 2011 — Mr. Yuri Mikhailovich Fyodorov, Russian Federation
- 2015 — Mr. Robert Charles Butcher, Australia.



Mr. David Nakamura (right), receives the Walter Binaghi Air Navigation Commission Laurel Award from ICAO Air Navigation Commission President, Mr. Hajime Yoshimura (left), at the opening ceremony of ICAO's Second Global Air Navigation Industry Symposium today.

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A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 192 Member States.

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