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Subject: 13th Meeting (Special) of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation Asia Pacific (13 CAPSCA-AP (SP)) - ***"Harmonized Implementation of CART Take-off Guidance for air travel through COVID-19"***
(16 July 2020)

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you and your representatives to participate in the 13th Meeting (Special) of the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation - Asia Pacific (13th CAPSCA-AP (SP)) which will be held through web conferencing from 09:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bangkok time (UTC+7) on 16 July 2020. This meeting invitation includes both CAPSCA Member States and non-CAPSCA Member States in the APAC Region. The theme of the meeting is ***"Harmonized Implementation of CART Take-off Guidance for air travel through COVID-19".*** The meeting will be conducted in close collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and participation of the public health authorities.

The meeting will focus on enhancing awareness on the various risk mitigation considerations described in the four modules in the CART *Take-off Guidance* document to reduce public health risk to air passengers and aviation workers to help restart of aviation systems. The meeting will further provide the opportunity to discuss common challenges and issues identified by the APAC States and submitted through the checklists in response to the ICAO APAC State Letter ref. SN 5/1 – AP136/20 (TC) dated 24 June 2020 which requested APAC State's response on implementation of mitigation measures introduced through the CART *Take-off Guidance* document by 3 July and 10 July 2020 respectively for domestic operations and for international operations.

ICAO's close CAPSCA partners, WHO, Airports Council International (ACI), International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) are also invited to attend and make presentations on CART *Take-off Guidance* implementation from their perspective which will be useful for relevant State stakeholders in the aviation restart planning and regional harmonization of mitigation measures.

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The meeting has a question and answer session which will provide the opportunity for States and stakeholders to seek clarifications from the meeting and the experts present on various challenges and issues faced in the recovery/restart efforts as well as share good practices amongst the participants.

It is strongly recommended that States encourage CAPSCA focal points, relevant Civil Aviation Authority personnel who deal with public health emergency preparedness planning, Public Health Authorities, Airport, Air Navigation Service Provider and Airline representatives, and other Stakeholders as relevant who have interest in this meeting to participate. To that end, you are kindly requested to forward this invitation to your counterparts in the Ministry of Health and other concerned agencies.

Provisional Agenda and video conference joining instructions are enclosed.

I would appreciate if you could kindly confirm participation of your Administration/Organization **preferably by 14 July 2020** by email to APAC@icao.int with copy to csakdanuphap@icao.int.

Please send any inquires you have in this regard to CAPSCA APAC Regional Coordinator, e-mail: ddissanayake@icao.int.

Please accept Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Arun Mishra
Regional Director

Enclosures:

- Provisional Agenda
- Video Conference Joining Instructions

Cc:

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