

THE 15th COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION ASIA PACIFIC (CAPSCA-AP/15)

**OPENING REMARKS of
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To our honorable guests:

**Dr. Manjit Singh, ICAO Asia Pacific Deputy Regional Director
General;**

Dr. Ansa Jordaan, ICAO Aviation Medicine Section Chief;

**The Secretary of Department of Transportation, Secretary Jaime J.
Bautista, Sir;**

**Representatives of various local and partner international
organizations;**

Our partners from Public Health Authorities, Airports and Airlines;

My fellow workers in the government;

Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

Today, let me warmly welcome you to the Philippines and to the 15th Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation - Asia Pacific or CAPSCA - AP.

The ongoing pandemic has afflicted the world in many aspects across all sectors, and it is a fact that the aviation sector is one of those that took a big hit.

In this regard, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) through CAPSCA took steps and remained at the forefront to lead the aviation sector in facing these challenges. This is of course in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

As we enter the third year (3rd year) of the COVID-19 pandemic and as the many restrictions globally eases, I would like to express my gratitude to ICAO through CAPSCA and the WHO for playing a key role during this trying times.

The past years have indeed been challenging for all of us. But with the lessons learned from this experience, together with the brilliant ideas that will be formed during this three-day event, we hope to see the aviation sector not only recover, but also help it become more *resilient* moving forward.

Thank you and I wish for this meeting to be productive and fruitful.

Once again, Welcome and Stay Safe!