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Workgroup (APSAR/WG/10)**

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Agenda Item 4: Asia/Pacific and Inter-regional SAR Planning, Coordination and Cooperation

**CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED
RELATED TO SEARCH AND RESCUE**

(Presented by the Philippines)

SUMMARY

This paper presents the activities conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) which includes promotional awareness for GADSS, LADR, ELT, and the SAR cooperation with Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Relative to the global development on SAR provision, the Philippines endeavors to improve its service through compliance to international standards and working in close coordination with its stakeholders.

2. DISCUSSION

CAAP Memorandum Circular 008-2024

2.1 Upon receipt of e-mail from Cospas-Sarsat on the subject matter, CAAP coordinated with regulatory bodies from within the organization and other Philippine agencies.

2.2 CAAP issued the Memorandum Circular 008-2024 (Opening of New Frequency Channel 406.076MHz on 01 January 2025 and Closing of Frequency Channel 406.031MHz on 01 July 2025) on 04 April 2024 addressed to all ELT testing facilities. The Memorandum Circular requires ELT testing facilities to ensure that their equipment is compatible to receive frequency channel 406.076MHz before 01 January 2025.

SAR Promotional Awareness

2.3 The Philippine Aeronautical Rescue Coordination Centre (PARCC) conducts SAR Promotional Awareness yearly, usually by the fourth quarter to recap the meetings attended by PARCC personnel.

2.4 On 27 and 28 November 2024, CAAP conducted SAR Workshop to aviation stakeholders. It was attended by participants from aviation stakeholders, SRUs and concerned CAAP offices.

2.5 On the first day, the discussion veered towards meetings attended by the CAAP on SAR, as well development on GADSS, ADT, LADR and ELT-DT.

2.6 The second day of the meeting focused on LADR access and ICAO State Letters on the subject.

2.7 Breakout session was conducted in the afternoon of the second day to discuss matters relevant to stakeholders. Letter of Agreements (LOAs) were discussed with SRUs and different CAAP Services, LADR with aircraft and airline operators, ELT registration and testing with CAAP regulatory office.

ELT Registration

2.8 Knowing the importance of the emergency contact details of the 406 MHz beacon, CAAP issued AIC003/24 – Registration, Testing and Disposal of 406MHz Beacon.

2.9 Registration and Testing Forms are made available online through CAAP website.

2.10 As a result of the SAR Promotional Awareness and collaboration from CAAP regulatory office, there is a significant increase in the registration of ELT and submission of testing forms.

2.11 345 ELTs were registered from December 2024 to March 2025. A total of 1,341 ELTs are now registered for 548/Philippine.

CAAP-CAAM ASWG

2.12 The 1st Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines – Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia Aeronautical Search and Rescue Working Group (ASWG) Meeting was held from 04 to 05 December 2025 in the Philippines.

2.13 The meeting aimed to comprehensively address aeronautical SAR matters for future joint operations between Kota Kinabalu Search and Rescue Region (SRR) and Manila SRR, as well as to strengthen coordination, collaboration and enhancement of operational procedure between Malaysia and Philippines Aeronautical RCC (ARCC).

2.14 The 2nd CAAP-CAAM ASWG Meeting is scheduled to take place on the third week of September 2025 either in Kuala Lumpur or Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

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

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