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Subject: Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific
Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional
Group (APANPIRG/29)
Bangkok, Thailand, 3 to 5 September 2018

Action Required: Reply at your earliest convenience,
preferably not later than

- 1) **17 August 2018** for submission of Nomination Form
- 2) **17 August 2018** for submission of Papers and
Presentation Slides

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Twenty Ninth Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG/29) will be held at ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok from 3 to 5 September 2018.

I have the pleasure in inviting your Organization to attend the APANPIRG/29 Meeting. The Provisional Agenda for the Meeting and Explanatory Notes on the Agenda Items are in **Attachment A** to this letter. A Bulletin containing information about the arrangements for the Meeting is in **Attachment B** to this letter. Information about recommended hotels in Bangkok, location of Regional Office and other information of interest for the participants are available on the ICAO APAC website at: <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/info-for-visitors.aspx>

To facilitate this Office to make appropriate preparations for the meeting, I would appreciate receiving from you the following via e-mail at apac@icao.int or fax +66 (2) 537-8199:

- a) the titles of any Working and Information Papers your Organization intends to submit in accordance with the Provisional Agenda. Kindly note in this regard that electronic copy of the papers should be sent to this Office at your earliest convenience, by e mail to apac@icao.int preferably not later than **17 August 2018**.

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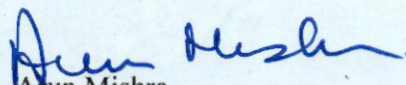
The Working and Information Papers and other related documents for the APANPIRG/29 Meeting will be made available on the ICAO web site at <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>.

Participants are advised that the ICAO Regional Office is moving towards a 'paperless' meeting environment by the increasing use of electronic media for the distribution of meeting materials. Meeting participants are encouraged to take advantage of the wireless network facility and should bring a portable computer equipped with Wi-Fi networking capability for the Meeting. Participants are also encouraged to down load the Working and Information Papers prior to the Meeting.

I will be grateful to receive your reply at the earliest, preferably not later than **17 August 2018** for attendance by your Organization. Please also complete a Nomination Form for each of your nominees using the form in **Attachment C** to this letter and forward via e-mail to apac@icao.int or fax +66 (2) 537 8199.

Please also be advised that the Eight Meeting of the Asia/Pacific Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-APAC) will be held at ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok from 6 to 7 September 2018 for which an invitation letter will be issued separately.

Yours sincerely,


Arun Mishra
Regional Director

Enclosures:

- A – Provisional Agenda (WP/1)
- B – Meeting Bulletin (IP/1)
- C – Nomination Form



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE(s)	AGENDA ITEM #	SUBJECTS
		Adoption of Provision of Agenda
A, B, & E	1A	Outcome of the First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation
A, B, & E	1B	Follow-up on the outcome of APANPIRG/28 Meeting 1B.1 Review of the action taken by the ANC/Council on the Report of APANPIRG/28 1B.2 Review status of implementation of APANPIRG/28 Conclusions and Decisions 1B.3 Review status of implementation of APANPIRG outstanding Conclusions and Decisions
A	1C	Aviation Safety and RASG-APAC activities
A, B & E	2	Global and Inter Regional Activities
A, B & E	3	Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation 3.0 Regional and National Performance Framework 3.1 AOP 3.2 ATM 3.3 RASMAG 3.4 CNS 3.5 MET 3.6 Other Air Navigation matters
A & B	4	Regional Air Navigation Deficiencies
A, B & E	5	Future Work Programme
—	6	Any other business 6.1 Review of effectiveness of Sub Groups' empowerment to adopt conclusions and decisions

The ICAO Strategic Objectives (SO) for the triennium 2017 — 2019 as follows:

Strategic Objective A: Safety — *Enhance global civil aviation safety*

Strategic objective B: Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency — *Increase the capacity and improve the efficiency of the global aviation system*

Strategic Objective C: Security and Facilitation — *Enhance global civil aviation security and facilitation*

Strategic Objective D: Economic Development of Air Transport — *Foster the development of a sound and economically viable civil aviation system*

Strategic Objective E: Environmental Protection — *Minimize the adverse environment effects of civil aviation activities.*

EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item 1A: Outcome of the First Asia/Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation

Declaration of Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation [Beijing Declaration]

Agenda Item 1B: Follow-up on the outcome of APANPIRG/28 Meeting

1B.1 Review of the action taken by the ANC/Council on the Report of APANPIRG/28

The Group will review the actions taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) / Council on the APANPIRG/28 Conclusions and Decisions.

1B.2 Review status of implementation of APANPIRG/28 Conclusions and Decisions

The Group will review the progress made in the follow-up actions by the States, International Organizations and ICAO Secretariat on the APANPIRG/28 Conclusions and Decisions.

1B.3 Review status of implementation of APANPIRG Outstanding Conclusions and Decisions

The Group will review the progress made on the APANPIRG Outstanding Conclusions/Decisions of its previous meetings and update the list of outstanding Conclusions/Decisions which are to be pursued further.

Agenda Item 1C: Aviation Safety and RASG-APAC activities

The Group will note the outcome of the Meeting of Regional Aviation Safety Group – Asia Pacific Regions (RASG/APAC) and consider and address issues, if any, related to Air Navigation Systems.

Agenda Item 2: Global and Inter Regional Activities

The Group will be presented with global and inter regional activities of interest of the region.

Agenda Item 3: Performance Framework for Regional Air Navigation Planning and Implementation

3.0 Regional and National Performance Framework

The Group will discuss the regional objectives, priorities & targets, and their traceability to ASBU framework. The Group will also discuss regional data collection processes, including the Air Navigation Reporting Forms (ANRFs) and seamless ATM reporting and review the Regional Performance Dashboard and Regional Air Navigation Report.

3.1 AOP

The Group will review the Report of the Meeting of Aerodromes Operations and Planning Sub-Group (AOP/SG) including Seamless ATM reporting and take action on the draft Conclusions and Decisions or other regional initiatives as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant aerodrome and AOP matters, if any raised by the members, States and the Secretariat.

3.2 ATM/AIS/SAR Matters

The Group will review the Report of the Meeting of Air Traffic Management Sub Group (ATM/SG) including Seamless ATM items reporting and take action on the draft Conclusion/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant ATM/AIS/SAR matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.3 RASMAG

The Group will review the activities and result of the work of RASMAG and take action on the draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant RASMAG matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.4 CNS

The Group will review the Report of the Meeting of the Communications, Navigation and Surveillance Sub Group (CNS/SG) including Seamless ATM reporting items and take action on the draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant CNS matters, if any raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.5 MET

The Group will review the Report of the Meeting of the Meteorology Sub-Group (MET/SG), including Seamless ATM reporting items, and take action on the draft Conclusions/Decisions or other regional initiatives, as required. The Group will also discuss other relevant MET matters, if any, raised by the Members, States and the Secretariat.

3.6 Other Air Navigation Matters

The Group will consider matters related to the air navigation services and facilities in the regions not covered under agenda items as above.

Agenda Item 4: Regional Air Navigation Deficiencies

The Group will review the status of the deficiencies included in the Asia/Pacific List of Deficiencies in the Air Navigation Fields and propose appropriate actions with target dates for remedial measures. All providers and user States, IATA and IFALPA are requested to provide inputs to the Group.

Agenda Item 5: Future Work Programme

The Group is expected to review its Terms of Reference and to update its future work programme taking into account the proposals from its contributory bodies. The Group will assign priorities to tasks and will endorse the future meeting programme. The Group will also review and endorse the APANPIRG Sub Group structure and review the amended APANPIRG Procedural Hand Book.

Agenda Item 6: Any other business

The Group will consider any other matters raised by States, International Organizations and Secretariat that could not be addressed under the preceding agenda items. As competent aviation workforce is critical to the continuous development of civil aviation in the region the group will consider papers on ‘Training of competent aviation workforce to meet future manpower demands in the Asia and Pacific Regions’.

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ATTACHMENT B to State Letter AN 3/3 – AP054/18 (AGA)

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MEETING BULLETIN

1. Schedule of Meeting

1.1 The opening session of the Meeting will be held at 0900 hours on Monday, 3 September 2018, at the Conference Room, second floor at the “Kotaite Wing” of the ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok.

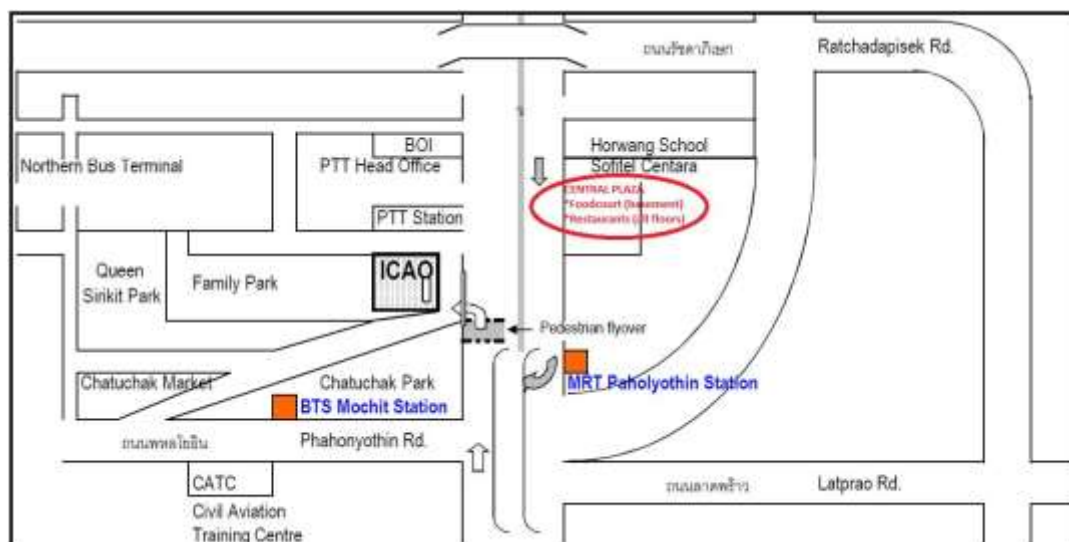
1.2 The daily Order of Business will be announced on the first day of the Meeting.

2. Registration of participants

2.1 Participants are requested to register at the Registration Desk between 0830 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the Meeting. Participants are also requested to wear the identification badge all the time inside the ICAO premise.

2.2 The House Keeping Video is available on the APAC Office website through the link ‘About APAC Region’ <http://www.youtube.com/embed/BIVilcMprnc>.

2.3 Please be informed that participants are required to make arrangement for their own lunch as lunch will not be provided during the Meeting. Participants will find below in red the possible venue available to purchase meals within the Office vicinity.



3. Officers and Secretariat concerned with the Meeting

3.1 Mr. Arun Mishra, Regional Director, ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, will act as Secretary of the Meeting. He will be assisted by Mr. Punya Raj Shakya, Regional Officer, Aerodromes and Ground Aids.

3.2 The daily conference services are the responsibility of Mr. Zamir Frotan, Administrative Officer, and Ms. Mantana, Secretary to the AGA Section.

3.3 Any inquiries related to the Meeting should be addressed to:

Fax: +66 (2) 537-8199

E-mail: apac@icao.int

Cc: pshakya@icao.int

4. Meeting documents for distribution

4.1 The general policy of the Regional Office is towards environmental friendly and efficient “paperless meetings”. To facilitate this policy, the Conference Room is equipped with wireless network and internet access. The documents for the Meeting will be made available on the Regional Office website: <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Meetings/Pages/default.aspx>. It is therefore strongly encouraged that participants should download the papers for the Meeting from the website and bring copies with them as necessary or use their notebook computers during the meeting.

4.2 According to the established procedures for APANPIRG Meetings, only the Working Papers are to be presented at the Meeting, while the related Information Papers should provide relevant background and technical information without calling for specific action by the Meeting. The Working Papers should indicate clearly the action expected from the Meeting; where necessary, a draft text for appropriate Decision/Conclusion to be adopted by the Meeting should be included.

4.3 Participants are encouraged to attach to the Working Papers a “Summary for inclusion in APANPIRG/29 Report” in the format provided together with the template for Working Papers on the website. As a rule, the content of the Information Paper will not be reflected in the Report, unless specifically decided by the Meeting.

4.4 All Working and Information Papers for the Meeting should be submitted to the Regional Office in MS Word format using the template available for download on the website. Papers should be sent via e-mail to the Regional Office as early as possible, preferably **not later than 17 August 2018**. Please include in the subject line of the e-mail the text “APANPIRG/29”.

4.5 Papers submitted after the established deadline will be regarded as Information Paper. During the session, ad-hoc discussion documents and flimsies will be distributed via the website or, if so required by the Group, in hardcopy delivered to the pigeon-holes allocated to the delegation.

4.6 The electronic version of the Draft Report will be made available on the APAC website for download on the last day of the Meeting.

5. Location of the ICAO Regional Office

5.1 The ICAO Bangkok Regional Office is located at 252/1 Vibhavadi-Rangsit Road, Chatuchak, next to the Petroleum Authority of Thailand (PTT) Headquarters and opposite the Central Grand Plaza Bangkok. It is about 35 km. away from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport and about 12 km. from the Sukhumvit Road, where most of the recommended hotels are located. Location of the Regional Office and the route map of the Bangkok Mass Transit System (BTS, also

known as the *Sky train*) and MRTA Sub-way system (the *Underground Metro*) are published on the APAC website <http://www.icao.int/APAC/Pages/default.aspx> under the heading “Information for Visitors”.

5.2 The nearest BTS (*Sky train*) station to the Office is **Mor Chit** and the nearest MRTA station to the Office is **Phahon Yothin**. Detailed routing instructions are provided on the web site.

6. Passport, visa and customs

6.1 All foreign nationals entering Thailand must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel. Participants from certain countries are not required to obtain visas for a temporary visit not exceeding 15 days. It should, however, be noted that the temporary visas issued upon arrival at the Airport cannot be extended beyond the period of 15 days except under extraordinary circumstances. It is, therefore, suggested that all participants consider obtaining official visas from the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate prior to their arrival in Thailand.

6.2 International certificates of vaccination against yellow fever are required if arriving within 6 days after leaving or transiting an infected area.

6.3 Following items can be brought in duty free:

- a) Personal effects such as clothing etc.
- b) 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of cigar or tobacco.
- c) 1 litre alcoholic beverages.
- d) Perfume for personal use.

6.4 There are no restrictions on import of foreign currency. However, if the amount exceeds US\$10,000 it must be declared on entry. Foreign currencies may be taken out of the country up to the amount imported and declared. (Current exchange rate US\$1 = Baht 32.00 approx.).

7. Hotel reservations, arrival and departure

7.1 Participants may contact recommended Hotels listed in APAC website directly. Participants are advised to make reservation as soon as possible. **While making reservations, participants should mention that they are attending ICAO Meetings to get the special room rate.**

7.2 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from the Airport to the city.

7.2.1 Airport Taxi Services operate private limousine services from the Airport to downtown Bangkok, at about Baht 1000-1200 per vehicle. Public taxi meter service is also available at the Airport. In addition to the fare indicated in the taximeter, 50 Baht extra surcharge is required to be paid for hiring a taxi from Airport to city plus express way toll charges if any. The Bangkok Mass Transit Authority operates Airport Bus service to the city centre.

7.2.2 When departing, the hotel can arrange for transportation to the airport. Public taxis, which are less expensive than hotel taxis, are also available. Most taxis have a fare meter.

7.2.3 Participants are requested to ensure that their return bookings are confirmed as required.

7.2.4 Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for transportation from their hotels to the venue of the Meeting.

8. Other Useful Information

8.1 Time in Thailand is 7 hours ahead of Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC+7).

8.2 International credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master Card, etc. are normally accepted at major hotels and department stores.

8.3 All commercial banks exchange major foreign currencies and are open from 0830 to 1530 hours from Monday through Friday and some keep the foreign exchange counter open until 2000 hours during weekdays. Foreign exchange counters operated by various commercial banks are located at several places in the city and are also open during Saturdays and Sundays and on public holidays from 1000 to 2000 hours. To change travellers' cheques you are required to show your passport.

8.4 Information about Bangkok climate could be found on the ICAO APAC website. More weather information including 5-day forecasts can be obtained from the web site of the Thai Meteorological Department: www.tmd.go.th.

8.5 Tropical or lightweight and washable cotton clothing's/dresses will suffice.

8.6 Most hotels add a 10% service charge to the room rate in addition to the government tax of 7%. Baggage boys at hotel expect a tip of at least Baht 20. At restaurants, a tip of about 10% is expected unless a service charge has been added to the bill.

8.7 Although the tap water in Bangkok is chemically treated, it is, however, recommended that participants drink only bottled water and beverages.

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Nomination Form [please type or print]									
State/ Organization									
Name	Title	Family name (capitals)			First name			Middle initial	
	Mr/Dr/ Ms								
Status		Principle Delegate			Delegate			Advisor	
Official Position									
Mailing Address									
Telephone (office)									
Fax									
e-mail (1)									
e-mail (2)									

Note 1: Participants are expected to make their own hotel/visa arrangements.

Note 2: All meeting materials will be posted on ICAO web site. All meeting participants are encouraged to download the Working and Information Papers prior to the Meeting.

Date

Signature

After completing, please send to: ICAO Regional Office for Asia and Pacific, Fax: 66 (2) 537 8199 or
E-mail: apac@icao.int by **17 August 2018**.