

**Sixth Meeting of CNS/MET Sub-Group of APANPIRG**

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Agenda Item 11: Exchange of OPMET Information**BANGKOK OPMET DATA BANK'S PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this paper is to inform problems which Bangkok OPMET Data Bank has encountered.

1. Introduction

1.1. Bangkok OPMET Data Bank as a designated centre is responsible for supporting the ROBEX Scheme to facilitate a regular exchange of OPMET information based on predetermined distribution and providing request/response facilities for users to obtain non-regular or occasional information.

1.2. According to the current ROBEX Handbook (11th Edition- August 1998), the Bangkok OPMET Data Bank has been implemented.

2. Current Bangkok METAR/TAF Bulletin Content

2.1. The updated features not mentioned in the Handbook are as follows:

a) The METAR bulletin of the bank's responsibility is

Data Types	Bulletin Names	Observation Time	Stations in MCA
METAR (SA)	AS31 VTBB	HH+30	VTBD, VTBU, VTCC, VTSS, VTSP, VLVT, VYYY, VVTS, VVNB, VVDN, VDPP, VYMD

b) The task of collecting TAF bulletins from TCA contains two bulletins:

Data Types	Bulletin Names	Observation Time	Stations in TCA
TAFOR (FT)	AS31 VTBB	0400, 1000 1600, 2200	VTBD, VYYY, VGZR, VLVT, VVTS, VDPP
TAFOR (FT)	AS32 VTBB	0400, 1000 1600, 2200	VTBU, VTCC, VTSS, VTSP, VVNB, VVDN, VYMD

3. Problems Encountered

- 3.1. TAF bulletins from Tokyo (FT/FC) usually contain optional groups with “PAA” or “PZB”;
- 3.2. The amended TAF bulletins from Tokyo, Seoul and Singapore usually contain characters “AMD” prior to their stations;
- 3.3. TAF bulletins received from Bombay often contain their geographical designators as “AS31” or “AS32” instead of “IN31” or “IN32”; and
- 3.4. The appendixes of the current ROBEX Handbook (11th Edition- August 1998) are not properly updated.

4. Action

- 4.1. The meeting is invited to discuss the problems which the bank has encountered and find out the solutions
