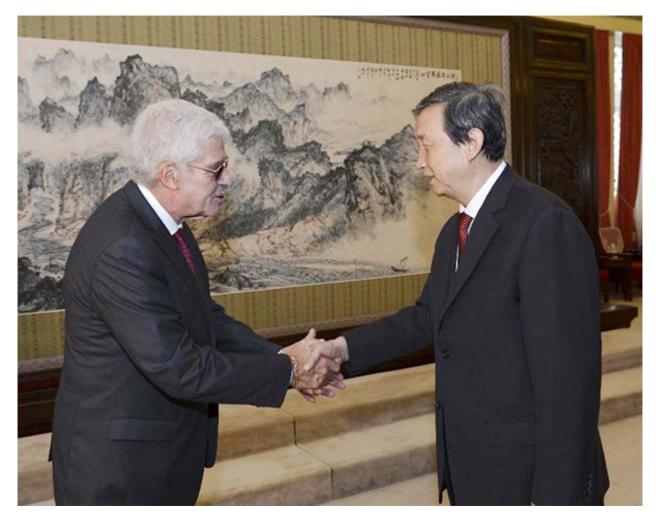


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ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE TOUR - BEIJING



ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin (L), meets with Chinese State Councillor Ma Kai (R) in Beijing, capital of China, 21 September 2012. (*Photo courtesy Xinhua/Rao Aimin*)

MONTREAL, Sept. 28 (Xinhua) – As part of his tour of the States presently being considered as host nations for the planned ICAO Asia-Pacific (APAC) Sub-regional Office, ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin met recently with Chinese State Councillor Ma Kai.

During the meeting, Ma said China hopes to boost exchanges and cooperation with the ICAO and play a more active role in promoting aviation safety in northeast Asia.

"ICAO attaches significant importance to its cooperation with China and is happy to it playing a bigger role in promoting aviation in the region," noted Benjamin.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.

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