

Message from the President, AsiaSASI

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the AsiaSASI e-Newsletter.

It is my very great honour and privilege to represent Hong Kong CAD as the first President of AsiaSASI.

May I first convey my most sincere appreciation to the Singapore AAIB for kindly taking up the role of Organising Secretary to liaise on our behalf with the ISASI International Council regarding the establishment of the AsiaSASI. With the sterling efforts of the Singapore AAIB, the AsiaSASI is now formed and both the Vice President and the Secretary have also been elected through an open election process. May I extend my warmest congratulations to the Japan Transport Safety Board for taking up the position of Vice President and the Singapore AAIB for taking up the position of Secretary.

The AsiaSASI is established to promote aviation safety and strengthen the cooperation between aircraft accident investigation bodies within the region. Its major objectives are:

- + To promote the free exchange of safety information and the sharing of experience on aircraft accident investigation
- + To establish the investigation resources network and relationship among aircraft accident investigation bodies in the region
- + To strive for international recognition of the expertise and professionalism of aircraft accident investigators
- + To develop the continual competence of aircraft accident investigators

Your active involvement and participation in the AsiaSASI affairs will also be highly essential to the success of the organization. In this regard, I welcome all your valuable feedback and advice on the future work of the AsiaSASI. And I look forward to seeing you in our future activities.

*Norman Lo,
Chief Inspector of Accidents,
On behalf of Hong Kong CAD*

Formation of Asian Society of Air Safety Investigators (AsiaSASI)

During the ISASI 2007 Seminar held in Singapore in August 2007, many ISASI members in Asia surfaced the idea of forming an Asian regional chapter of the ISASI, to be called the Asian Society of Air Safety Investigators (AsiaSASI).

In March 2009, the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB Singapore) took the step of approaching a number of ISASI members in Asia to ascertain their interest in the formation of the AsiaSASI. The response was extremely encouraging. Eighteen ISASI Corporate Members and four ISASI Individual Members in Asia agreed to be Founding Members of the AsiaSASI and nominated the AAIB Singapore to be the Organising Secretary to work with the ISASI towards the creation of the AsiaSASI.

The 18 ISASI Corporate Members are:

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|  Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore |  EVA Airways |
|  All Nippon Airways |  Japan Transport Safety Board |
|  Aviation Safety Council |  Korea Aviation & Railway Accident Investigation Board |
|  Cathay Pacific Airways |  Middle East Airlines |
|  Charles Taylor Aviation |  Ministry of Transport of Israel |
|  China Airlines |  National Transportation Safety Committee of Indonesia |
|  Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong |  Pakistan International Airlines |
|  EL AL Israel Airlines |  Qatar Airways |
|  Etihad Airways |  Singapore Airlines |

The four ISASI Individual Members:

-  Mr Guo Fu (Individual Member, CAA China)
-  Mr Ko Oon Kok, Samuel (Individual Member, CAA Singapore)
-  Wing Commander (Retired) Syed Naseem Ahmed (Individual Member, CAA Pakistan)
-  Ms Mary T Walsh (Individual Member, FAA Senior Representative in Singapore)

Executive Committee Members for AsiaSASI

The AAIB Singapore organised an election for the executive committee member in August – September 2009.



1st row (from the left): Mr Ikuo Takagi (JTSB), Mr Norman Lo (HK CAD), Mr Chan Wing Keong, (AAIB Singapore)
2nd row (from the left): Mr Yoshinori Kawai (JTSB), Mr Hideyo Kosugi (JTSB), Mr Michael Yuen (HK CAD), Mr Koji Fukuda (JTSB)

The following members were elected on 4th September 2009 by the Founding Members and they will hold office for two years:

President –

Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (HK CAD)

Vice President –

Japan Transport Safety Board (JTSB)

Secretary –

Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB Singapore)

Inaugural Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (Exco) met for the first time in Japan on 9 October 2009 at the headquarters of the Japan Transport Safety Board.

The Exco discussed on the administrative issues, future directions and activities of the AsiaSASI. The Exco also endorsed the idea of issuing regularly newsletters to members to keep them informed of what the AsiaSASI is doing and of the events that may be of interest to them (e.g. AsiaSASI activities, other investigation/safety-related events, etc.)

AsiaSASI at 40th ISASI Annual Seminar

On behalf of the AsiaSASI, Mr YP Tsang and Mr Alan Shum of Hong Kong CAD, together with Mr Ikuo Takagi and Mr Hideo Kosugi of JTSB attended the ISASI International Council Meeting. During the council meeting, Mr YP Tsang briefed the ISASI Council on the formation of the AsiaSASI, which was held on 13th September 2009, prior to the ISASI annual seminar held on 14 – 18 September 2009. The President of ISASI, Mr Frank Del Gandio also announced the formation of the AsiaSASI in his address to the Seminar's participants.

The ISASI 2010 41st International Conference will be held in Japan.

41st ISASI Annual Seminar

6 – 9 Sept 2010 • Sapporo, Japan

The Japan Transport Safety Board will host 41st ISASI Annual Seminar on 6 – 9 September 2010 at the Royton Sapporo Hotel in Sapporo, Japan.

The seminar serves as a platform for air safety investigators to exchange ideas, experiences and information about aircraft accident investigations and to broaden professional relationships among international colleagues.

The theme for the 41st seminar is “**INVESTIGATION TO BE ASIA IN MIND – ACCURATE, SPEEDY, INDEPENDENT AND AUTHENTIC**”. The sub-theme is “Over Cultural Differences and Language Barriers”. The four day event will include tutorial sessions on 6th September and presentations that deal with the hard and soft aspects of investigation. In addition, tutorial sessions will be set aside for further discussions. The tutorial topics are:

- ❖ Investigation Human Factors: The Human/ Machine Interface
- ❖ Aircraft numbers are increasing worldwide. How do we prevent accidents?

Call for Papers: Papers are invited that address investigative or analytical methods, issues or past findings which illustrates timeless, technical competence and intellectual integrity. Topics may address any segment of the air carrier industry or general aviation. An expression of interest in delivering a paper should be sent by e-mail no later than 1st February 2010 to bob.matthews@faa.gov or kakimoto-yukiko@gmail.com. Please include a working title for your presentation. Abstracts must be submitted by 1st April 2010, from which final papers and presentations will be invited for submission by 15th June 2010.

For more information about the seminar, please contact Mr Mamoru Sugimura, Seminar Chair at +81-3-5253-8814.

Aircraft Accidents Crisis Preparedness and Management Conference

22 – 24 March 2010 • Singapore Aviation Academy

In the global transportation market, an organisation’s level of emergency preparedness and effectiveness in crisis management plays a large role in risk mitigation as their safety programme. In preparing and managing any aviation crisis, it requires detailed planning covering a wide spectrum of related tasks including keeping updated with the latest developments and technologies.

This conference will provide a platform for management and operational personnel involved in aviation crisis preparedness, crisis management and crisis response efforts of international and regional airports and airlines to share and address issues relating to crisis preparedness requirements in aircraft accidents management. Key issues such as policies and governance, emergency response at different accident sites, family assistance, public information management and emergency preparedness will be addressed.

For more information on the Conference, please visit SAA’s website at <http://www.saa.com.sg/saa/en/index.html> or contact Ms Tracy Choo at +65 6540 6210 or tracy_choo@caas.gov.sg

High-Level Safety Conference 2010

29 March – 1 April 2010 • ICAO Headquarters, Montréal

The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) had sent out State Letters on 2nd December 2009 to invite States to participate in a High-level Safety Conference, which will be held at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal. The three major themes of the Conference include: the foundations for global aviation safety, towards the proactive management of safety and other safety issues. The Conference will discuss various topics covering the major themes such as:

- The ICAO safety framework
- The evolution of the safety oversight audit process by ICAO
- Maintaining the transition to the implementation of an State Safety Programme (SSP) environment
- The relationship between SSP and Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)
- Sharing of safety information and the protection of sources of safety information
- Implementing new safety management process
- Harmonisation of rules and process to address other safety issues
- Safety initiatives arising from recent accidents

It is envisaged that the Conference will result in action-oriented approaches to address current and evolving safety issues.



International Accident Investigation Forum

21 – 23 April 2010, Singapore Aviation Academy

Hosted by the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore of the Ministry of Transport



The Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (AAIB) of the Ministry of Transport and the Singapore Aviation Academy (SAA) will be jointly organising the International Accident Investigation Forum (IAI Forum) on 21 – 23 April 2010 at the SAA.

Given the continuous growth of the air transport industry, it is the interest of States to expeditiously improve aviation safety through investigation to find the root causes of accidents and incidents. In recognition of the importance of accident investigation, ICAO has proposed to amend and include Annex 13 (Accidents and Incidents Investigation) to the Chicago Convention as one of the requirement of the State Safety Programme.

The IAI Forum aims to bring together in Singapore the world's top level investigation officials and experts to discuss issues on organisational, infrastructural and management of accident investigation. It is open to investigation officials responsible in discharging their country's obligation to ICAO Annex 13 to the Convention, regulatory officials and aviation safety professionals from the private sector. It also serves as a good platform for safety investigators to network, share ideas and forge cooperation in accident investigation.

The forum will focus on the theme: **"INVESTIGATION IN THE NEW STATE SAFETY PROGRAM ENVIRONMENT"**. The three days forum will feature investigation case studies, presentations and discussions on the following topics:

- Updates from ICAO on follow-up to the recommendations of the AIG Divisional Meeting 2008, USOAP Annex 13 audit, and Amendment 12 to Annex 13
- International cooperation in challenging major investigations
- Search and recovery of aircraft wreckage and flight recorders
- Lessons learnt from bird strike and aircraft ditching (e.g. certification issues relating to aircraft integrity against bird strike and ditching, operational issues relating to aircraft ditching, bird detection and avoidance)
- Aircraft manufacturers' support for investigations in the area of new technologies
- Protection of safety information

There will be an opportunity for group discussion following each series of discussion topics.

For more information on the IAI Forum, please email Mr David Lim or Mr Chong Chow Wah @ MOT_IAI_FORUM@mot.gov.sg



APEC Capacity Building Workshop in Accident Investigation

19 – 20 April 2010, Singapore Aviation Academy

Hosted by the Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore of the Ministry of Transport

In conjunction with International Accident Investigation (IAI) Forum, Singapore as the APEC Chairman in 2009 will also be hosting an APEC Capacity Building Workshop in Accident Investigation at the Singapore Aviation Academy on 19 – 20 April 2010. The scheduling together of both events serves to facilitate APEC Economies' participants at the Workshop to also attend the IAI Forum.

For more information on the APEC Capacity Building Workshop, please email Mr David Lim @ David_LIM@mot.gov.sg.

AsiaSASI Information

All ISASI members in Asia are automatically AsiaSASI members. There is no separate membership fee for the AsiaSASI.

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President: Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong (Y P Tsang — yptsang@cad.gov.hk, Michael Yuen — mskyuen@cad.gov.hk)
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Secretary: Air Accident Investigation Bureau of Singapore (Chan Wing Keong — chan_wing_keong@mot.gov.sg, Pang Min Li (Ms) — pang_min_li@mot.gov.sg)

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Air Astana JSC	Hong Kong Airline Pilots Association
All Nippon Airways	Japanese Aviation Insurance Pool (JAIP)
Aviation Safety Council	Japan Transport Safety Board
Cathay Pacific Airways	Korea Aviation & Railway Accident Investigation Board
Charles Taylor Aviation	Korea Air Force Safety Center
China Airlines	Middle East Airlines
Civil Aviation Department of Hong Kong	Ministry of Transport of Israel
Education and Training Centre for Aviation Safety	National Transportation Safety Committee of Indonesia
EL AL Israel Airlines	Pakistan International Airlines
Emirates Airlines	Qatar Airways
Etihad Airways	Royal Jordanian Airlines *
EVA Airways	Republic of Singapore Air Force
Flight Safety Foundation - Taiwan	Singapore Airlines

Individual Members:

Mr Amir Perry (Israeli Air Force) *	Mr Keiichi Tamura (All Nippon Airways Co. Ltd)
Capt. Andre Cossette (United Arab Emirates)	Mr Kevin Chiu (EVA Airways Corporate)
Gp. Capt. Ashrani Kumar Sachdev (GoAir Airlines (India) Pte Ltd)	Capt. Kim In Gyu (Korean Air)
Capt. Ashok K. Verma (Israeli Air Force)	Mr Ko Oon Kok, Samuel (CAA Singapore)
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