5th Meeting of the Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel - Asia Pacific (CAPSCA-AP)

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
19-20 April 2012
REVIEW OF OUTPUT FROM DGCA CONFERENCES PERTAINING TO ACTION ITEMS FROM 47th & 48th DGCA APAC CONFERENCE
The ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office has been active in inviting and encouraging States / Administrations in the APAC region to participate in and join the CAPSCA-AP project.
Recognizing the technical assistance requirements of Member States/Administrations in fulfilling their obligations for the effective safety and security oversight of aviation activities taking place under their jurisdictions, and making note of the enormous potentials in the Regional Cooperative Arrangements to help solve such situations, the Conference requests:

a) the States to actively participate at the various ongoing Regional Technical Cooperation Programmes such as CASP-AP, CAPSCA-AP, COSCAPs, CAEMSA-SP, etc;

b) the States to make the optimum use of the opportunities, facilities or services provided by such Programmes or Projects to meet their national requirements including the staff training; and

c) the international agencies and donor community to continue extending their support in cash and/or in kind for the continued implementation of the Regional Cooperative Programmes
Considering the merits of CAPSCA Programme outlined in the DGCA-DP47/8/6 (*Pandemic Preparedness Planning for the Aviation Sector*), the Conference urges States/Administrations to join up as members of CAPSCA-AP, in view that CAPSCA has now been designated as a regular programme of ICAO for the triennium 2011-2013.
States/Administrations were informed of the following:

**Background** - Project ‘CAPSCA’ or Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Disease through Air Travel

**Aim** - to bring stakeholders together, especially the aviation and public health sectors, to facilitate collaboration in the development and implementation of relevant ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and associated Procedures and Guidance material to reduce the risk of spreading influenza that has pandemic potential, and similar communicable diseases, by air travelers
States/Administrations were informed of the following achievements of CAPSCA-AP:

• The project is closely integrated with the implementation of the WHO International Health Regulations (2005) and links with the WHO regional offices in the region continue to be strengthened

• Business Continuity Planning - CAPSCA Asia Pacific organized a two-day Workshop/Seminar on Aviation Business Continuity Planning on 25-26 May 2010, following the CAPSCA 4th Steering Committee Meeting at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

• Establishment of a Regional Aviation Medicine Team (RAMT) for Asia/Pacific which has now progressed into the CAPSCA Global Coordination Meetings (Singapore, 15-16 October 2010; Abuja, Nigeria, 10 - 13 October 2011).

• Evaluation visits to State’s airports - 10 international airports in 7 States/Administrations in the region have received assistance visits (previously called 'evaluations'). Other assistance visits will be arranged on request from member States and the RO is actively promoting such visits.
Action taken:

ICAO letter ref. T 14/3.RAS/06/801: AP-TC0092/11 dated 1 August 2011 was sent by the Regional Office to **ALL** APAC States inviting State/Administration to join the ICAO CAPSCA Asia Pacific Programme and take advantage of the associated airport assistance visits and training of a network of experts, if not already done so.
Action taken:

ICAO letter ref. T 14/3.RAS/06/801: AP104/11 dated 4 August 2011 was sent to invite all APAC States/Administrations to participate in the 5th SCM and RAMPHT (now named as 5th Meeting of CAPSCA-AP) to be held at the ICAO Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand on 14 and 15 November 2011. The aforementioned Meeting were postponed due to the flood situation in Bangkok, Thailand.

ICAO letter ref. T 14/3.RAS/06/801: AP019/12 dated 6 February 2012 was sent to invite all APAC States/Administrations to participate in the 5th Meeting of CAPSCA-AP in Mongolia.
Member States - To date 18 States and Administrations in the Asia-Pacific have joined the CAPSCA project, with other States expressing interest: Afghanistan, China P.R, Hong Kong China, Macao China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Vanuatu, Vietnam.

International Partners - World Health Organization (WHO), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), International Air Transport Association (IATA), Airports Council International (ACI), World Food Programme (WFP)

Due to a grant from the Central Fund for Influenza Action of the United Nations, Least Developed States and Low-income Economies do not need to make any payments to CAPSCA

‘There is currently no cost associated with joining CAPSCA, and once a State joins CAPSCA, it may request ICAO to schedule a CAPSCA assistance visit. On a case by case basis the cost associated with a CAPSCA assistance visit can be met by the project’
Training of Technical Advisors for CAPSCA-AP Region

- A session on ‘Training of Technical Advisors for CAPSCA-AP Region‘ will be conducted on the afternoon on 20 April 2012

- A half-day demonstration of a "CAPSCA Airport Assistance Visit" at the Ulaanbaatar Airport, Mongolia will take place in the morning of Saturday, 21 April 2012
6th Meeting of CAPSCA Asia Pacific

- In view that CAPSCA has now been designated as a regular programme of ICAO as well as considering the merits of the project, the ICAO APAC RO is actively pursuing and planning for the future meetings.

- A proposal to host the 6th Meeting of CAPSCA-AP (mid April 2013) has been received by ICAO.
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