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**CAAM HOSTS THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE ASIA PACIFIC AERODROME DESIGN AND OPERATIONS TASK FORCE (AP-ADO/TF/6) AND WORKSHOP ON TRANSPOSITION OF ANNEX 14 SARPs INTO NATIONAL AERODROME STANDARDS IN LANGKAWI, KEDAH**

**LANGKAWI, KEDAH** – The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) successfully hosted, for the very first time, the Sixth Meeting of the Asia Pacific Aerodrome Design and Operations Task Force (AP-ADO/TF/6) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Asia-Pacific Workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) into National Aerodrome Standards from 17 to 21 February 2025 in Langkawi, Kedah. This meeting and workshop gathered 80 participants from 16 member states consisting of key personnel from ICAO, aerodrome operators, civil aviation authorities and international organizations from across the Asia-Pacific region – emphasizing strong regional collaboration in aerodrome design and operations. Discussions focused on enhancing national regulatory frameworks and key aerodrome design and operational safety improvements.

The Workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 SARPs into National Aerodrome Standards focused on best practices for the integration of ICAO Annex 14, Volume I SARPs into national regulatory requirements. The workshop aimed to strengthen safety performance in aerodrome design and operations by leveraging risk assessments and aligning with the State Safety Programme of the State concerned.

Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of SARPs transposition, including the process of filing differences with ICAO, exploring alternative means of compliance, and drafting national aerodrome regulations through effective risk assessment and stakeholder engagement. From the discussions and knowledge sharing sessions, the workshop successfully provided a structured approach to implementing ICAO Annex 14 SARPs at the national level, contributing to a more harmonized regulatory framework across the region.

Meanwhile, the sixth AP-ADO/TF meeting, held from 18 to 21 February 2025, provided a platform for aviation professionals to deliberate on aerodrome design and operational issues, exchange experiences, and propose enhancements to regulatory programs in the Asia-Pacific region. This meeting also reinforced Malaysia's leadership role in regional aviation safety and regulatory development.

## Press Release

To recognize the country's contributions, Malaysia was entrusted with developing regional guidelines on three critical topics namely, research and establishment of measurable standards for runway and taxiway markings; addressing and mitigating glare from solar panels near aerodromes; and establishing flexible implementation measures for SARPs based on the experiences and best practices of Asia-Pacific states.

Malaysia shared valuable insights on key issues, including safety oversight programs for managing obstacles near aerodromes, visual aids, and addressing clauses in ICAO Annex 14 Volume I that require further clarification, sparking meaningful discussions among delegates. A site visit to Langkawi International Airport gave participants a firsthand experience of airside operations, further enriching discussions on aerodrome safety and efficiency.

Malaysia's hosting of the AP-ADO/TF/6 meeting reflects its ongoing commitment to aviation excellence, regulatory enhancement, and safety performance in the Asia-Pacific region. CAAM extends its gratitude to all participants, ICAO, and stakeholders for their active involvement and looks forward to continued collaboration in elevating aerodrome standards across the region.



Participants of the Sixth Meeting of the Asia Pacific Aerodrome Design and Operations Task Force (AP-ADO/TF/6) & the ICAO Asia-Pacific Workshop on Transposition of Annex 14 Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) into National Aerodrome Standards from 16 member states.

High resolution photos can be downloaded [here](#)



### **About Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia**

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) is the regulatory body entrusted with overseeing and ensuring the safety, security, and efficiency of civil aviation in Malaysia. Guided by our commitment to international aviation standards and best practices, we work diligently to regulate and promote the growth of a sustainable aviation industry. CAAM provides robust oversight across air navigation services, aviation personnel licensing, and civil aviation operations while fostering innovation and maintaining a high level of compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards.

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