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AAPA welcomes ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan

Government & industry collaboration key to successful implementation

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) has welcomed the development of the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) which provides a roadmap for implementation of globally agreed standards and recommended practices relating to aviation security.

AAPA Director General Mr. Andrew Herdman joined aviation security experts gathered at the 26th IATA AVSEC World conference in Abu Dhabi recently to discuss the latest developments.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Herdman noted that “Aviation security is a collective global responsibility. We need to promote closer collaboration amongst governments working together with the industry as trusted partners in the development and implementation of effective aviation security measures. Good security is all about comprehensive threat assessment and balanced risk management, not the elimination of every conceivable risk. We should always aim to strike a proper balance between passenger facilitation and necessary aviation security measures.”

Mr. Herdman concluded, “The ICAO Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP) provides a useful framework to better align national aviation security measures with agreed global standards. Airlines remain fully committed to working closely with government security agencies, airports and other stakeholders to ensure that air travel remains safe, secure and convenient.”

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The AAPA is the trade association for scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the region's airlines carry 1,341 million passengers and 21 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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