

Achievements / Output: CAPSCA-AP

- **Evaluation Visits:** Ten airports in seven States and Administrations have been evaluated i.e. Hong Kong China, Macao China, Malaysia, Philippines (Manila, Cebu), Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia (Bali, Jakarta). A separate visit to Jinan International Airport was carried out under the auspices of the WHO Core Capacity assessment programme a joint WHO-ICAO attempt to look at the synergies of the two UN bodies in the area of Pandemic Preparedness. The evaluation visits have in many instances been catalytic in bringing together the States aviation and public health sectors and hence a more comprehensive national pandemic preparedness plan. This is occasioned by the fact that an essential component of the ICAO Pandemic Preparedness Guidelines for States call for an understanding and application of the WHO International Health Regulations (IHRs).
- The States evaluated also gained a **better insight into the application of the amendments to ICAO Guidelines** in Annex 9 – Facilitation and ICAO Annex 6 – Operations, Annex 14, Annex 11 and PANS-ATM to better address public health emergencies as part of aviation contingency planning.
- **Training and establishment of a network of experts:** Through evaluation visits and presentations national personnel have been provided with on-the-job training. Additionally various structured training sessions and workshops have been conducted, e.g. a two day Aviation Medicine Training course was conducted in Bangkok prior to the Third CAPSCA RAMT meeting in September 2009. Presentations on Preparedness Planning during a Pandemic have also been made to senior civil aviation officials at DGCA Conferences and to the Chief Executives attending a Chief Executive Programme at the Singapore Aviation Academy in June 2010.
- **Business Continuity Planning** during a pandemic that results in high absenteeism rates was regarded as an important aspect of preparedness planning and one which deserved further emphasis. Towards this end CAPSCA 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.
- The CAPSCA programme through its RAMT Meetings have been instrumental to ensure aviation related plans are incorporated into a State's national general preparedness plan as well as establishing **improved cooperation between the Aviation Sector and Public Health Authorities**. In addition compliance with ICAO and WHO guidelines & IHRs has been enhanced.