



Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, Delhi 19-23 October 2012 Activity Report 2012

1. Administration

- a) Because of poor relations with management during the previous year, this year started on a very low note for HKATCA with a reduced membership, low morale and few organised activities. However contact with management was re-established early in the year and a constructive relationship with a good exchange of views and suggestions has since continued.
- b) Membership numbers were considerably reduced last year due to the issues with management and a number of senior members retiring. This year through a concerted effort to recruit the new trainee controllers, there has been good increase in membership numbers. However next year there will be a significant number of retirements, so membership numbers will continue to fluctuate.
- c) To counter the number of members retiring, a new membership category for retired staff has been introduced, so that contact can be maintained with former staff and it is hoped their experience and knowledge can be used in future projects.

2. Technical and Professional

- a) Staffing continues to be a major concern. Of the total complement of 240 controllers, over 60 staff are under training or assigned posts in the training unit, the projects team, the safety operations office or evaluation unit. Therefore the number of operational staff is the bare minimum to man all positions, resulting in a reduction of leave periods. (Three members who wanted to attend this meeting were unable to.)
- b) The new Approach and Area Radar Centre is planned to be commissioned in December 2013, but testing and acceptance of new equipment has been delayed and the first of the controller training classes has been postponed for 3 months. When the training does commence, this will put further reduce the number of operational staff available to cover the roster.

3. Activities

- a) A controller/pilot forum was held with Dragonair airlines earlier in the year and a further forum with Cathay Pacific airline pilots will be held in December. A series of briefings and tours of the ATC facilities have been arranged for Hong Kong Airways new pilots, many of whom are new to the region. The association has also been invited to participate in the Hong Kong Airways Training Programme for student pilots.
- b) There have been visits to the ATC facilities in Macao, Guangzhou and Zhuhai in recent months.