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**A CHANGING THE GUARD IN THE TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT;  
AAPA's Leroy Keith Hands Over to Martin Eran-Tasker as Technical Director**

Leroy Keith, Technical Director of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), departs for the United States on 30<sup>th</sup> June after completing six years with the Association.

He hands over to the new Technical Director, Martin Eran-Tasker, after having overseen a major expansion of the role of the AAPA as an interlocuter between the member airlines and regulators, manufacturers and other aviation organizations worldwide. During Leroy's time with the AAPA, the Association has played a leading role in lobbying to mitigate the impact on airlines of hastily or ill thought through regulation, in the promotion of safety initiatives in the region and in a host of other technical issues of the day. Leroy brought to the job with AAPA the experience gained in his previous positions with the FAA, Boeing and the Australian safety regulator.

His successor, Martin Eran-Tasker, comes to the Association from the technical division of IATA, having been most recently the Director-Environment. In common with his predecessor, he also held positions with an aircraft manufacturer, in his case Airbus, and has worked in the aviation industry for more than twenty years.

Commenting on the handover, the Director General of the Association, Richard Stirland said:

"The member airlines and the Secretariat of the AAPA are extremely sorry that Leroy has called it a day and decided to return to the USA. We all appreciate what he has done over the past six years: the contribution he has made in promoting safety; the forceful ...

expression of the airlines viewpoint to bureaucracies both in the region and the USA and Europe; the challenge to manufacturers and component suppliers if they failed to satisfy their customers, and much more.”

“However, both he and the membership are confident that we have found a worthy successor in Martin, who already enjoys a solid reputation in the aviation industry. It is particularly reassuring that Martin is extremely knowledgeable about environmental issues, given their increasing importance for airlines. However, he will also be dealing, as Leroy did, with a host of other issues, ranging from aging aircraft systems to CFIT to product support.”



Martin can now be reached at his new email address [merantasker@aapa.org.my](mailto:merantasker@aapa.org.my) while Leroy’s new email address will be [lak@ga2online.com](mailto:lak@ga2online.com)

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(pic left : Martin Eran-Tasker)

### **About the AAPA**

The AAPA is a grouping of 17 scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. It is the trade association of the region's airlines, created to represent their interests and to provide a forum for all members to exchange information and views on matters of common concern. For more information about the AAPA, please visit the web site at [www.AAPAirlines.org](http://www.AAPAirlines.org).

The 17 members comprises Air New Zealand, All Nippon Airways, Asiana Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways, China Airlines, Dragonair, EVA Air, Garuda Indonesia, Japan Airlines, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Qantas Airways, Royal Brunei Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways International and Vietnam Airlines.

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