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**MARTIN ERAN-TASKER JOINS AAPA AS TECHNICAL DIRECTOR**

The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Martin Eran-Tasker as Technical Director beginning July 2004. He succeeds Mr. Leroy A. Keith who leaves the organization upon completion of his contract at the end of June, after 6 years with the AAPA.

Martin will be responsible for directing programs and leading activities covering aircraft engineering, maintenance, flight operations, air traffic control, safety, environmental and security matters which affect the efficiency, reliability or safety of the 17 AAPA member airlines' operations, by identifying matters of technical interest and concern to member airlines, providing analyses and suggesting courses of action, and taking up these issues on behalf of members with government bodies, airport authorities and manufacturers.

Martin joins the AAPA after 9 years of being in senior positions at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Montreal. As Director – Environment, Martin developed and presented the IATA strategy at the ICAO Committee for Civil Aviation Environment Protection (CAEP) and was responsible for guiding the activities of IATA's environmental committee and its supporting working groups.

As IATA Relationship Director – Operations, Martin was responsible for identifying global operations, safety, security and engineering issues of the world's airlines and to ensure IATA responds and acts on those issues in a more effective customer focused manner.

Martin also coordinated and facilitated the IATA Engineering, Maintenance and Fuel Committees as the Assistant Director, Engineering and Fuel.

Between 1987 and 1995, Martin was with Airbus Industrie, Toulouse, as Extended Range Twin Engine Operations (ETOPS) Maintenance Manager, where he coordinated, developed and managed the Airbus family ETOPS Maintenance and Reliability programs. Before that, he was Senior Maintenance Engineer, with maintenance program responsibility for most Airbus aircraft.

From 1984 to 1987, Martin was a Senior Development Engineer Avionics at the British Caledonian Airways where he provided project management, technical liaison with OEMs and technical support to line and major maintenance.

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

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From 1981 to 1984, Martin completed his Bachelor of Science (Honors) degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Hatfield Polytechnic, UK

He started his career in 1970 as a Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer with British Airways, and in 1980 moved to Saudi Arabian Airlines where he remained until 1981.

Martin is a Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society and a Chartered Engineer with the UK Engineering Council.

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#### **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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