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AVIATION EXPERTS FOCUS ON RUNWAY SAFETY

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – Airline safety professionals are gathered in Manila, Philippines for an Approach and Landing Accident Reduction (ALAR) workshop, jointly organised by the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), Flight Safety Foundation (FSF), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), and hosted by Cebu Pacific Air. The workshop reviewed the latest ALAR toolkit and discussed the potential risks that aircrew and airlines may encounter in their daily operations, as well as mitigation and training strategies to reduce such risks. The ALAR toolkit is an internationally recognized safety tool developed by the industry to reduce the potential risks of accidents during approach and landing.

Welcoming delegates to the ALAR workshop, AAPA Technical Director Mr. Martin Eran-Tasker said, “AAPA is committed to enhancing regional aviation safety, and as a member of the Flight Safety Foundation we strongly support the use of safety management tools that assist airlines and other stakeholders to mitigate risk and improve safety performance.”

Mr. Eran-Tasker further noted, “Safety is a shared responsibility and we encourage all air carriers to review the ALAR kit recommendations and incorporate them within established safety training programmes.”

Mr. Jim Burin, Director Technical Programs at FSF, said, “The ALAR toolkit provides proven strategies and materials that will assist airlines in developing training programmes to significantly reduce the risk of approach and landing accident events”. He emphasized, “The risk of accidents on landing can be significantly reduced by the wider use of precision approaches and corresponding operational disciplines.”

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Capt. Felipe Timola Jr., Director for Flight Safety at Cebu Pacific, said, "This seminar makes an important contribution towards improving air safety awareness." He added, "We consistently look for ways to improve all aspects of the Safety Management System we have implemented within Cebu Pacific, and very much welcome the opportunity to share information and experience with other international aviation safety experts."

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Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)

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 520 million passengers and 15 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-quarter 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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