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PNG Accident Investigation Commission hosts ICAO accident and incident database training

During the first two weeks of December 2017, an expert from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) will train investigators at the PNG Accident Investigation Commission in Port Moresby, on the database that is used internationally for filing accident and serious incident data to ICAO. The training course is funded by the Government of Australia under the Agency Support Agreement between PNG and Australia.

The *Accident/Incident Data Reporting (ADREP)* system is operated and maintained by ICAO. It receives, stores and provides States with data that will assist them in validating safety. The system was established in 1976, but has evolved to meet changes in information technology and the aviation industry.

The *ADREP* system operates using a software platform *ECCAIRS (European Co-ordination Centre for Accident and Incident Reporting Systems)*, that was developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission, based on the *ADREP* categorization scheme (taxonomy), and *ICAO Annex 13 Standards and Recommended Practices*. This process has permitted ICAO to have more timely, complete, and up-to-date data, and it will continue to benefit States globally, as there is no longer a need to complete the ICAO *ADREP* reporting forms manually.

The expert from Santiago Chile, Mr Winston San Martin, said that “the *ECCAIRS* database is a PC application tool to assist States in collecting, analysing and sharing their aviation safety information. The course has been developed by ICAO in order to support the *State Safety Programmes (SSP)* and *Safety Management Systems (SMS)* on data collection, analysis and exchange of information among States, as required under *ICAO Annex 19*. The analysis of standardised data at the global level helps to better understand the causes of aviation accidents and serious incidents, to aid in the detection of potentially serious safety hazards and to enhance aviation safety everywhere.”

Chief Commissioner of the AIC, Mr Hubert Namani, said “I fully support the ICAO position that a common taxonomy is indispensable for defining safety issues, by enabling a common interpretation of safety data. In this context, through the PNG AIC embracing *ECCAIRS*, it will facilitate electronic information exchange and integration among different organizations from various countries, as well as the analysis of safety data originating from multiple sources. PNG is committed to playing a key role in improving the safety of aviation globally, and through ICAO has made this course open to investigators from the region.”

PNG Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon. Alfred Manase said, “PNG’s Accident Investigation Commission is a strong independent investigation body in the Asia Pacific Region. There are many synergies through training and liaison opportunities with our Asia Pacific neighbours that will keep PNG at the forefront of aviation safety in the Region. I am pleased that the AIC has been able to host an aircraft accident investigator from Mongolia to attend the two-week *ECCAIRS* course. This demonstrates PNG’s commitment to excellence in aviation safety, and the sharing of safety expertise and training globally.”

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