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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Inaugural PASO Training course for Aerodrome Inspectors

The inaugural PASO training course targeted at training member states officials and PASO inspectors was completed last week at the PASO headquarters in Port Vila, Vanuatu. The course was conducted over the week from the 31 Oct- 4 September. The course convener was Capt. Dennis Hoskin, who is a well known ICAO certified trainer from New Zealand. The course consisted of 12 modules of theory and practical application and was completed by all participants including a final exam. In Total 16 participants from around the region attended and all successfully passed the exam. Countries represented included, PNG, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Kiribati, Cook Islands and Nauru. We also had members from the airport authorities/security agencies attending.

Of the participants, 6 passed with very high marks. Certificates were issued to all that attended and many will go onto to further training. As this was an ICAO certified course delivered through Airways Corporation of New Zealand, the PASO inspectors are now able to conduct aerodrome audits and inspections and are available now to do this for the members. Many of the participants will need further training and more experience to become aerodrome inspectors and this course was seen as a first step in the right direction. For others it was a culmination of years of auditing and inspecting and this completes the circle for them in terms of being able to conducting aerodrome audits and certification.

According to the course convener, the PASO inspectors did extremely well which reflects the level of expertise in the field and can start conducting this type of audit work for the states. The trainer has offered to assist in pair reviewing the first audit but after that the PASO inspectors are more than capable of conducting these kinds of audits and inspections on their own.

The trainer was very pleased with the effort and commitment shown by the participants and was impressed that all passed the exam which is considered extremely difficult. This shows the level of dedication that the participants put into this considering they had one week to study.

PASO intends to hold another course in March next year which will focus on another priority area which is Air Navigational Services (ANS). This is an area where we need specialist training and we hope to conduct and complete this course to allow PASO inspectors to also conduct this type of work.

The module completed by participants include;

List of Module:

Module 1		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	ICAO & States Civil Aviation Systems
Module 2		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Aircraft Operations and Systems
Module 3		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Aerodrome Physical Characteristics
Module 4		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Control of Obstacles around an airport
Module 5	Part 1	Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Visual Aids for Navigation
Module 5	Part 2	Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Visual Aids for Navigation
Module 5	Part 3	Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Visual Aids for Navigation
Module 5	Part 4	Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Electronic Navigation Aids
Module 6		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Services
Module 7		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Inspection, Maintenance, Works, Management, Safety
Module 8		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Role and function, Civil Aviation Aerodrome safety
Module 9		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Aerodrome Certification
Module 10		Aerodrome Inspectors Training	Aerodrome Inspection
Module 11		Practical aerodrome inspection	Bauer Field
Module 12		Inspection and report preparation	
Course review			
Certificate presentation	Exam	All passed.	

PASO Course Participants

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| 1. Mark Vaikai | Cook Islands |
| 2. Rob Mclellan | PASO |
| 3. David Jackson | PASO |
| 4. Emma Waiwai | PNG |
| 5. Benitera Tabokai | Kiribati |
| 6. David Tohi | Tonga |
| 7. Paul Lennis | Vanuatu |
| 8. Alan Churchill | Vanuatu |
| 9. Melaia F Folaumoeloa | Tonga |
| 10. Brian Halisanau | Solomon Islands |
| 11. Caleb Sagati | PNG |
| 12. Kevin Dick Abel | Vanuatu |
| 13. Donald Wouloseje | Vanuatu |
| 14. George Satu | Solomon Islands |
| 15. Max Foon | PASO |
| 16. Gaimen Deireragea | Nauru |

Thank you to the Chairman and Council for their overwhelming support in this effort. We look forward to being able to similar trainings next year. This is of course dependent on funding which we hope to secure through Council and donor efforts.

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