

**AIR SERVICES SUB-GROUP (AEG-SRV): Final Report**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> APEC TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**1. Introduction:**

Thailand, as the Chairman of AEG-SRV, presents this report on behalf of the Air Services Sub-Group. 13 economies attended the meeting on 27-28 July 2009 namely: Australia; the People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; Malaysia; New Zealand; the Republic of the Philippines; Singapore; Vietnam; Chinese Taipei; and Thailand.

Attached is the list of economies' representatives and contact details (Attachment)

As the 2-year term of the position of Chairman of AEG-SRV had been completed , Japan nominated Mr. Kim, Sang-Do from Republic of Korea to take the position. All economies supported the nomination. Republic of Korea will officially start his position right after the 32<sup>nd</sup> TPTWG meeting. For the vacancy of Deputy Chair, economies agreed to rotate the position on 1-meeting term where New Zealand will be the Deputy Chair in the 33<sup>rd</sup> APEC TPTWG meeting and Japan will be the Deputy Chairman in the 34<sup>th</sup> APEC TPTWG meeting.

**2. Ongoing and Future Projects and issues:**

**2.1 International Air Transport Policies and Development:** Member Economies exchanged information on their air transport policies and progress of liberalisation. Economies agreed to continue this exchange of information at future AEG-SRV meetings.

## **2.2 AEG-SRV work plan for 2009 and beyond**

**2.2.1 To identify the choke points in the supply chains** The meeting agreed to consult with air freight industry in order to identify the choke points in the supply chain and proposals of possible solutions.

**2.2.2 A questionnaire to survey on the progress economies have made with regard to the first priority option (Option 5 – multiple airline designation)** Republic of Korea suggested to evaluate the progress of the first priority from the 8 Options (multiple airline designation) before selecting another option as the second priority. All economies were requested to complete the questionnaire which will be circulated by Korea in due course.

**2.2.3 Information sharing on progress of air services liberalisation** The meeting agreed to exchange information on progress of air services liberalisation and air services arrangements in future meetings as it can promote mutual understanding of the progress in expansion of air connectivity. As a start, Korea gave a presentation on “Policies for liberalization of air services”.

### **3. Projects Completed and Results Achieved:**

The second 8 Options Survey was completed. A draft report on the outcomes was presented by Australia. Hong Kong, China noted that it had responded to the survey and therefore the paragraph listing the respondents had to be amended accordingly.

### **4. Linkages to Ministers’ and Leaders’ Directives:**

## **TMM6**

According to TMM6 JMS para. 11, economies discussed and agreed on 3 activities to be included in the AEG-SRV work plan for 2009 and beyond namely:

- I. consultations with air freight industry to identify the choke points in the supply chains;
- II. a questionnaire to survey on the progress economies have made with regard to the first priority option (Option 5 – multiple airline designation); and
- III. information sharing on progress in air services liberalisation and /or expansion of air services arrangements.

### **5. Economy Reports:**

The meeting took note of the supply chain connectivity symposium report made by CTI and presented by Australia. The meeting supported the collaboration work with CTI and would seek the clarification on project proposal from CTI in order to investigate whether they are in control of transport authorities.

The meeting noted Korea's presentation on "Policies for liberalization of air services" and suggested member economies to share their air services liberalization experiences in the future AEG-SRV meetings.

### **6. Other matters**

**6.1 Non-member attendance** The meeting agreed that the existing protocol should remain in effect. The proposal by USA was not adopted.

**6.2 Questionnaire by John Platts** The meeting took note the questionnaires made by John Platts on the Independent Assessment of the Transportation Working Group for the Senior Officials' Steering Committee on Economic & Technical Cooperation. Member Economies were urged to give response in due course.

**6.3 Future Aviation Emissions Taskforce meeting** New Zealand requested the meeting to consider attendance for the next AETF meeting proposed to be held in Singapore right after the ICAO workshop on Aviation Emissions. Member Economies would give the response directly to New Zealand shortly.

**6.4 Calendar of events** The meeting supported the calendar of events initiative proposed by AEG Chair. Member Economies are encouraged to inform USA the future events with regard to aviation matters for posting on the APEC website.

## **7. Recommendations for Modal Group Chair and HOD Two Meeting:**

10.1 Approve Republic of Korea as Chair of AEG-SRV from the end of 32nd TPTWG meeting and note the strategy for rotating sub group Deputy Chair position where New Zealand and Japan will be Deputy Chair of the sub group at 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> TPTWG meetings respectively.

10.2 Note the AEG-SRV work plan for 2009 and beyond.

10.3 Adopt this Report



<i>Ministerial Directive/Para</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time Frame</i>	<i>Benefits</i>	<i>Beneficiaries</i>	<i>Lead Economy</i>
	3. Information sharing on the progress in air services liberalization and/or expansion of air services arrangements	2009 onwards	3. To promote mutual understanding of the progress in expansion of air connectivity	3. Aviation administrations, industry and consumers	Korea