

Asian Breeze (6)

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Nice and cool autumn

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The hot and humid summer has gone with a cool and dry autumn breeze. Now, the season has been shifting to autumn which is considered to be the best season in the year in Japan. As promised in the previous edition, the Airport Coordination Taipei (ACT) has sent us a nice article which starts with autumn in Taiwan and fireworks in Taipei. While I wrote the fireworks in Yokohama city in the chief editor's comment in the previous edition, I have to admit that Taipei won the world championship of fireworks. Take a look at the Taipei 101 firework show. It seems Taipei 101 building is exploding with a lot of fireworks.

In addition, I featured the Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG) Core Group/1 meeting and IATA Joint Scheduling Advisory Group (JSAG)/23 meeting. Since it was my first time to attend those meeting, I was little nervous and stiff. But I found that those meetings proceeded in a friendly atmosphere and cooperative spirit among coordinators and airlines. I highlighted some of the important topics discussed in those meetings.

Autumn in Taiwan



Autumn in Taiwan features the inner beauty of this mystery island, encouraging tourists to explore more of the elegance in the pleasant season.

Sun Moon Lake, situated in Nantou County's Yuchih Township, in the center of Taiwan, and is the island's largest lake. It is a beautiful alpine lake, divided by the tiny Lalu Island; the eastern part of the lake is round like the sun and the western side is shaped like a crescent moon, hence the name "Sun Moon Lake".

Its beauty is created by the combination of mountain and water scenery, and its 760-meter elevation helps give the impression of a Chinese landscape painting with mist-laden water and clearly defined levels of mountains. The constant changes of mists and moods on the lake make it impossible to comprehend in a single look, and thus, visitors like to linger here.

Fireworks from Taipei

To take a moment to escape away after the busy coordination season, truly recommend the spectacular Taipei 101 firework show! ACT staff would be more than delighted to wish you and your family a prosperous and Happy New Year of 2010!

For those who do not know Taipei 101, here is the detail information. Taipei 101 (台北 101 / 臺北 101) is a landmark skyscraper located in Taipei, Taiwan. The building, designed by C.Y. Lee & Partners and constructed primarily by KTRT Joint Venture, is the world's tallest completed skyscraper according to the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, the arbiter of tall building height. Taipei 101 received the Emporis Skyscraper Award in 2004.



The building contains 101 floors above ground and 5 floors underground. Its postmodern style combines Asian and international modern and traditional elements. It is designed to withstand typhoons and earthquakes. A multi-level shopping mall adjoining the tower houses hundreds of fashionable stores, restaurants and clubs. Fireworks launched from Taipei 101 features prominently in international New Year's Eve broadcasts, and the tower appears frequently in films, television shows, print publications, anime media, games, and other elements of popular culture.

Introduction of ACT

Airport Coordination Taipei (ACT), under Taipei Airlines Association (TAA), has been commissioned by Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) of Ministry of Transportation and Communications to process slot coordination for Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) (桃園國際機場) and Kaohsiung International Airport (KHH) (高雄國際機場) since 1st July, 2005.

Self Introduction of our staff members

There are lady coordinators in ACT who take turns as a main coordinator for winter and summer seasons.



Flora Yeh (葉自華) - Coordinator

For over 17 years, I was an engineer in the field of airport planning and design. I joined ACT in 2007 and have been working as a slot coordinator, responsible for all summer schedule related affairs. I have two teenage kids who occupy most of my time after work; nevertheless, I enjoy watching movies and traveling to different countries in my leisure time.

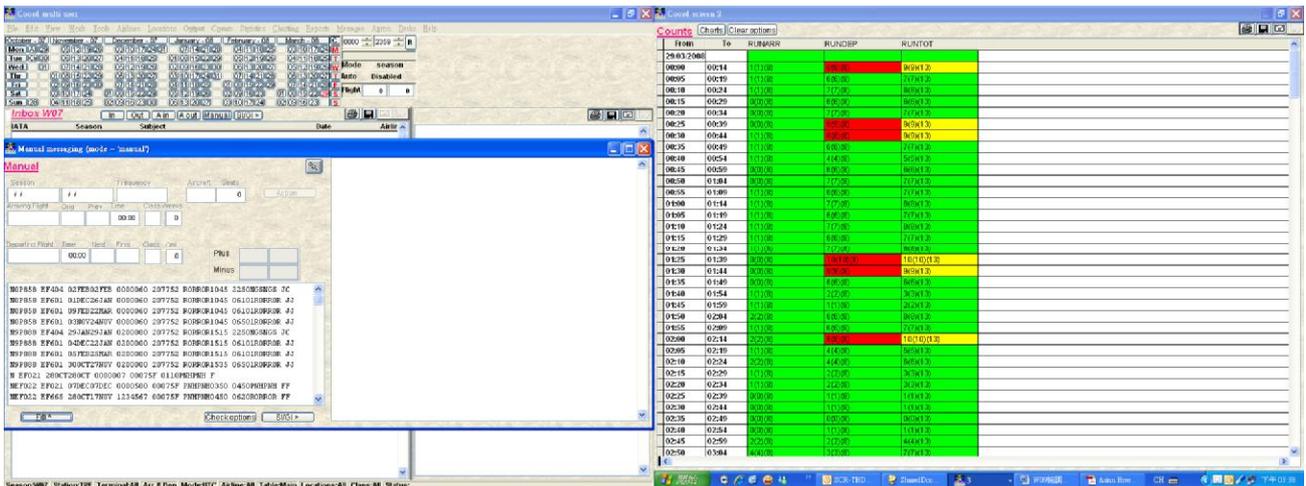
Mina Shen (沈悠敏) - Coordinator

I joined ACT in 2004, mainly involved in coordination and compliance scheme for winter seasons. In my spare time I enjoy travelling with family. I am really happy to meet so many good friends in this industry.



Introduction of our computer system

The coordination system run by ACT is AIRPORT ORGANISER, developed by Gatwick Software Logistics (GSL). The system is extremely flexible in allocating slots and producing reports; thanks to Mr. Ernst Krolke of Airport Coordination Australia (ACA) for sharing his valuable experience.



For more information please visit: www.gatwicksoftware.com

Slot situation in TPE and KHH

1. Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) (桃園國際機場)

TPE is an international airport located in Tayuan township, Taoyuan County which is the home base for China Airlines and EVA Air. TPE has two open parallel runways, one is 3,350m and the other is 3,660m. The annual aircraft movement of TPE is about 146,000, the annual passenger is about 21,936,000



and the annual cargo is about 1,493,120 tons in 2008. It is a 24-hour open airport. The congestion period in TPE: 05:00~13:59Z for arrival and 23:00~01:59Z for departure.

A runway reconstruction project shall be launched in TPE airport and expected in 2011; thus the runway capacity shall be reduced a lot, a challenge to the airport and airlines. <http://www.taoyuanairport.gov.tw/english/index.jsp>

2. Kaohsiung International Airport (KHH) (高雄國際機場)

KHH is a medium sized commercial airport located in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan. KHH is the second largest airport in Taiwan in terms of passenger movement. KHH has one runway whose length is 3,150m. The annual aircraft movement of KHH is about 48,000, the annual passenger is about 4,160,000 and the annual cargo is about 103,638 tons in 2008.

http://www.kia.gov.tw/english/e_index.asp



For more details please visit our web site: www.aptcoord.org.tw

Location of our office

Our office is located in the Taipei Songshan Airport (TSA) and Min shen financial District, near CAA and TAA, good access for communication. You are mostly welcome to visit us during office hours next time you come to Taipei.



Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG) Core Group/1 meeting

WWACG Core Group/1 meeting was held at IATA Head Quarters (HQ) in Geneva from September 8 -9. IATA HQ is very conveniently located and just a 5 minutes' walk from Geneva Cointrin International Airport (GVA) and close to CFF airport railway station. While it was my first time to go to IATA HQ, I did not have any difficulties finding it. The meeting was held at IATA Geneva Conference Center which is located on the 4th floor of HQ building. This Conference Center adopts such state of the art technologies as video conference equipment,



conference call equipment, large plasma screens and wireless internet connections providing the best conference environment.

I would like to highlight one important item discussed at this core group meeting. You may recall that it was proposed and agreed at WWACG/11 on June 20 in Montreal during SC124 to introduce a **voluntary membership fee of 50 Euros for members and 200 Euros for the Core Group** to assist the funding of the WWACG website. As soon as the bank account is opened in Belgium, WWACG secretariat will send out invoices to members for voluntary contribution before November.

As agreed in the WWACG Strategy, a WWACG website will be developed in the near future and will have the same technical possibilities as the EUACA website, although of course with a

WWACG identity and homepage. If you visit the EUACA website (www.euaca.org), you will find many interesting fields of information such as member organizations, list of airports (level), library and news, scheduling activity deadlines and scheduling database. Once created, individual coordinators and facilitators are supposed to upload the information of their organizations on this website and keep it up to date. The details of membership fee and WWACG website will be explained again at the next WWACG/12 meeting in Vancouver on November 21.

Joint Scheduling Advisory Group (JSAG) /23 meeting

Following WWACG meeting, IATA JSAG/23 meeting was held at IATA HQ in Geneva from September 9 -10. Here is a picture of the new members of JSAG taken at IATA Geneva Conference Center. Left hand side is airline members, the right hand side is coordinator members, and in the middle the famous assistant director in charge of organizing the Schedule Conference, Mr.Peter Stanton, is there.

Compared with the picture of old members shown in 5th edition of Asian Breeze, you may find how drastically the members have changed. Actually there is no change for airline members, and three are 4 new members on coordinator side of JSAG.



AA, BA, KL, NH, AF, LF, UA, IATA, ACL, ACCL, ACA, COHOR, SCS, NRT, SACN

I would like to highlight some of the items discussed at this JSAG. While spirited discussion was made on the message merging of SCR (level3 airport) and SMA (level 2 airport), no consensus was reached. Online registration including registration fee payment, consent form filing and hotel reservation and addition of e-Slot Swap form in AppCal were reported as SC improvement initiatives. Proposed amendments for WSG 19th edition were approved except for Appendix 4 (the calculation of historic slots). The details can be found after the minutes of this meeting are uploaded to IATA Skedlink in four weeks.

From Chief Editor

I would like to express my special thanks to ACT for the wonderful article. Again, you are the number one when it comes to fireworks, I admit. I recommend the readers should visit Taipei at the end of this year, New Years Eve, to see Taipei 101 Fireworks. Don't miss the spectacular firework show! The slot situation in Taiwan was very informative and I learnt a lot from that article. I also learnt how hard you are working for the coordination with only two lady coordinators.

With regard to WWACG and JSAG meetings, I would like to continue to report from time to time the important topics discussed and agreed at those meetings as a representative of Asian regions. Please follow the activities of those meetings since they are very important for our current and future work.

Finished circulating the 6th edition, I have to concentrate back on S10 scheduling coordination. S10 coordination is very special and important for us from two different aspects. One is to start operating the new system called SCORE in our office from S10, and the other is the capacity increase at NRT due to the completion of extension work of B runway to 2,500m. Along with the capacity increase, some of the strict constraints placed upon the use of A and B runways will be relaxed too. I am hoping that the new system will work properly and we can accommodate the airlines' requests as much as possible at NRT.

Finally, I am looking for someone who would voluntarily make contribution to Asian Breeze (7) which will be issued in December featuring Christmas holiday seasons. Please someone to raise the hand to write an article



for the next edition. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the coming SC125 in Vancouver in November. (H.T)