

Lao flight procedure designers complete training

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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will run more training courses on Performance Based Navigation (PBN) procedures for Lao flight procedure designers.

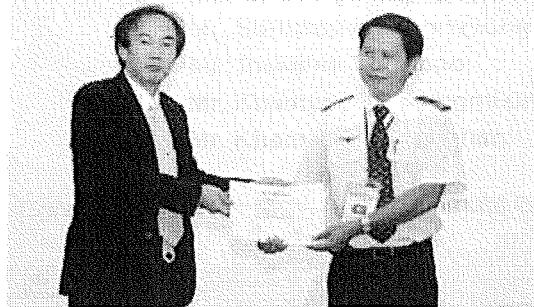
The goal is for Laos to set up its own training system as part of sustainable capacity development, according to a press release from JICA.

The extended training plan was revealed on November 30 at a ceremony to present certificates to Lao flight procedure designers after they had completed a training course. The ceremony took place at the Department of Civil Aviation and was overseen by the Senior Representative of the JICA Laos Office, Mr Yoneyama Yoshiharu, and other officials.

JICA has conducted a series of trainings to facilitate the implementation of PBN procedures since July. The courses are part of the Project for Capacity Development for Transition to the New Communication Navigation Surveillances/Air Traffic Management Systems in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Firstly, four Lao flight procedure designers learnt about PBN procedure design standards in lectures and exercises that took place from 17 July to 10 August in Hanoi, Vietnam.

This was followed up by on-the-job training to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired during in-class and on-site training to enable participants to put their new skills into practice.



Mr Yoneyama Yoshiharu (left) hands a certificate to a Lao flight procedure designer.

The on-the-job training was composed of 3 modules. Module 1 was an airport obstacle survey at Wattay International Airport from September 11-21, module 2 on PBN procedure design using PANADES (flight procedure design automation tools) took place in Hanoi from October 22 until November 2, and Module 3 on design verification/ground validation ran from November 19 to 30.

The on-the-job training succeeded in achieving its aim to install new PBN procedure designs at Wattay International Airport.

The combination of basic training and on-the-job training is a comprehensive and systematic approach devised by JICA to train PBN flight procedure designers and is aimed at meeting ICAO's quality assurance standards for designers.

Four Lao designers from the Department of Civil Aviation and Lao

Air Traffic Management completed this training package, making them the very first performance based navigation procedure designers in Laos.

The most significant outcome was the design of new PBN departure and arrival routes and approach procedures at Wattay International Airport.

These took into account obstacles that had been surveyed in module 1, using the PANADES tools learned in module 2, and checking the accuracy and correctness of data and the procedures designed in module 3.

These newly designed PBN procedures are sure to benefit airlines, air traffic controllers, pilots, and airport operators. They will be further reviewed and validated by the Department of Civil Aviation for actual implementation by May 2013.

News in Brief

Champassak to crack down on illegal foreign businesses

Champassak's Industry and Commerce Department has said it intends to crack down on foreigners who are illegally operating businesses in the province.

Department officials met with the agencies concerned to discuss stricter punishments for those found to be in breach of the law, such as fines and deportation.

Department Director Mr Nalongsack Xatitakoun said the province had formed a committee to address the issue of foreign business operators as soon as possible, to minimise their impact on local businesses and the province's social and economic development. Mr Nalongsack said foreigners found to be running businesses in Laos would now be required to prove that their business was worth 1 billion kip.

If a business is thought to be worth only 250 million kip, the owner will be given a 2-year probation period to increase its value to 1 billion kip, but if they fail to do so in the allotted time, they risk being deported.

New opportunities for disabled people in Xekong

Xekong province and its Disabled People's Association plan to cooperate with development partners to provide vocational training courses for visually impaired people in Dakcheung district.

The introductory courses seek to offer 30 visually impaired men and 20 women the opportunity to learn new skills in livestock rearing, trading, weaving, and basic mechanics.

The association plans to hold similar training courses in nearby communities in the future.

Champassak tackles education issues

Champassak provincial Education and Sports Department is finalising a new 3-year strategy to improve teaching standards. The main aim of the strategy will be to ensure that all children aged 6 to 10 are enrolled in school by 2015.

Provincial authorities are also planning to help improve teaching standards and provide more school materials through closer cooperation with donors and NGOs through the Ministry of Education and Sports. Many rural schools in the province are still said to be lacking adequate facilities.

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お知らせ

第46回衆議院議員総選挙が実施されます。

第46回衆議院議員総選挙	
●公示日	平成24年12月4日(火)
●在外選挙の開始日	平成24年12月5日(水)
●日本国内の投票日	平成24年12月16日(日)

* 衆議院議員総選挙では、比例代表選出議員選挙及び小選挙区選出議員選挙に投票することができます。

在外選挙

在外選挙人名簿に登録され、在外選挙人証をお持ちの方は、次のいずれかの方法で投票することができます。

1 在外公館投票

＜投票期間＞ 在ラオス日本国大使館で投票する場合の投票期間

平成24年12月5日(水) ~ 12月9日(日)

◎選出時間の午前0時30分から午後5時までは曜日、日曜日を含む)

◎「在外選挙人証」と「選挙等の身分証明書」を必ず持参下さい。

◎投票期間は各在外公館によって異なります。当館以外の在外公館で投票する場合は、事前に各在外公館にお問い合わせ下さい。

2 郵便等投票

◎郵便等投票を行うためには、事前に「在外選挙人証」と「投票用紙等請求書」を国際郵便等で登録先の市区町村選挙管理委員会に郵送し、投票用紙を手入しておく必要があります。

◎投票用紙を我に入手されている方は、在外選挙の開始日以降、投票用紙に必要な事項を記入し、登録先の市区町村選挙管理委員会に郵送して下さい。

◎日本国内の投票日の午後5時(日本時間)までに投票用紙が登録先の市区町村選挙管理委員会に届かない場合は無効になりますので、ご注意ください。

3 日本国内における投票

◎一時帰国等により、国内で投票される場合は、「在外選挙人証」を提示して、国内の投票方法を利用して投票できます。詳しい投票方法等については、登録先の市区町村選挙管理委員会にお問い合わせ下さい。