

HK Civil Aviation Wins CANSO Award

On 8 November it was announced from Sydney that CANSO, the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation, has awarded the CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award 2017 to the Air Traffic Management Division and Air Traffic Engineering Services Division of the Civil Aviation Department Hong Kong.

During the CANSO Global ATM Safety Conference 2017 (held from 6-10 November), CANSO announced that the winner of the annual CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award is the Air Traffic Management Division and Air Traffic Engineering Services Division of the Civil Aviation Department, Hong Kong. This organisation was commended for commissioning a new air traffic management system (ATMS) in Hong Kong and further enhancing air navigation safety and efficiency in the Hong Kong flight information route (FIR).

Speaking on behalf of the judging panel, David Harrison, Safety Director, NATS and Chair, CANSO Safety Standing Committee, said: *‘We are absolutely thrilled by the standard of entries for this year’s Award. They are a true showcase of the excellent work being undertaken on safety improvements across the ATM industry and my congratulations go to all of the nominees for their hard work and dedication.*

‘In particular, I would like to congratulate this year’s winner. Deploying a new air traffic management system is a complex undertaking in its own right, and in the case of the Civil Aviation Department Hong Kong, this provided more than a new traffic management system. It also delivered automatic safety net features deserving of specific recognition.

‘The inclusion of short-term conflict alert, cleared level adherence monitoring, special use airspace warning, and a constant altitude plan position indicator made the Civil Aviation Department Hong Kong nomination notable and the specific, quantifiable safety benefits realised make the system extraordinary. The initiative is therefore a prime example of a significant safety contribution, and we congratulate the team on their success.’

Jeff Poole, Director General, CANSO, added: *‘As the global voice of ATM, CANSO works hard to recognise excellence and expertise across the industry. Safety is our number one priority, and this week’s conference and the Award shows how important it is that we recognise and learn from innovation and excellence in ATM safety. Whether that is embracing new technologies and entrants to airspace, or exploring best practice and the methods we can use to*

monitor and improve performance. The ATM community has a wealth of knowledge and experience, and global events and ceremonies such as these highlight the true value that collaboration between industry key players and peer-to-peer learning can bring.'

On receiving the Award, Mr Simon Li, DGCA, CAD Hong Kong, Civil Aviation Department Hong Kong said: *'The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) Hong Kong expresses sincere appreciation to the CANSO for selecting the CAD Hong Kong for this award. It is in recognition of the safe and efficient air traffic management services provided by the CAD Hong Kong. In addition, the professionalism and dedication of the CAD staff as well as the safety and effectiveness of the new ATMS have been fully affirmed.'*

CANSO reported that Global Safety Achievement Award nominees were: the High Reliability Organisation (HRO) programme, skyguide; 'Think Act Be SAFE' project team, led by Brendan Booth, Head of Safety & Quality Standards, and Aarti Parajia, Employee Communications Specialist, NATS; Air Traffic Organization & Commercial Space Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration; and CPDLC Safety Survey, Survey Sponsor and Survey Team, FAB Central Europe (FAB CE) (ANS Czech Republic, Austro Control, HungaroControl).

To find out more about the CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award and this year's nominees, or the CANSO Global ATM Safety Conference and programme, readers are invited to visit www.canso.org

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CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award

The CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award seeks to recognise excellence and innovation in safety in air traffic management annually and is awarded to a company or team that has made a significant safety contribution to reducing aviation risk. This may be a local, regional or global contribution, and may encompass a process, procedure, technology or training improvement. Nominees do not have to be Members of CANSO.

Picture caption

David Harrison, Safety Director at NATS and CANSO Safety Standing Committee Chair (left) congratulates Mr Simon Li, DGCA, CAD Hong Kong, Civil Aviation Department Hong Kong on winning the CANSO Global Safety Achievement Award 2017

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