

7th INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION DAY DECEMBER

Safe Skies
Sustainable Future
Together For the Next **80** years



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Message

It gives me immense pleasure to note that the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh is publishing a special supplement in the daily newspapers in celebrating the 7th December as the International Civil Aviation Day.

7 December 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation in Chicago, United States. For eight decades, this defining international agreement has served as the foundation for the development of the global civil aviation system to the benefit of all nations.

This important milestone is being celebrated by ICAO together with the 193 Member States, industry, regional organizations, academia, United Nations and non-governmental organizations. While the celebration, under the theme of "Safe Skies. Sustainable Future: Together for the next 80 years", will offer the opportunity to reflect on important achievements over the last eighty years, current challenges and more importantly it will serve as an opportunity to show future directions in global air transport.

International aviation connects societies through global travel and trade, advancing access to food, education and healthcare. These benefits are critical to every country's attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As a specialized agency of United Nations, ICAO has aligned its strategic objectives with the UN SDG. As of now ICAO's five Strategic Objectives are closely linked to 15 of the 17 of the United Nations SDGs promoting more safe, secure, social, economic and sustainable development of air transport.

Bangladesh has become a member State of ICAO in 21 January 1973 and had always been a strong advocate for the principles of safety, efficiency, and sustainability in air travel.

Our commitment to these ideals has seen our aviation sector grow, bringing us closer to the world and fostering opportunities for trade, tourism, and cultural exchange.

Bangladesh has experienced tremendous growth in aviation market and closely following the phenomenal growth in the air traffic in the Asia Pacific Region which is projected to double itself by 2030. As a resilient nation, Bangladesh has the potential to cope with this demand. At the same time, we must now look forward to creating a skilled workforce as the next generation of aviation professional to tackle this demand. We foresee a bright and vibrant future for the country and for the people.

With the innovation technology, maintaining flight safety and security for the travelling public have become even more challenging. Leveraging advanced technology towards enhancing safety, security and in promoting a sustainable futuristic aviation will remain our topmost agenda. In addition, reducing the environmental impact on aviation is one of the most pressing issues facing us. As emissions from aviation account for more than 2 percent of the global total, I welcome recent commitments to net-zero emissions made by members of the aviation community. I urge the entire sector to commit to net zero by 2050 and develop a strategy in alignment with the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Bangladesh government has keen desire to build an aviation infrastructure that will be suited to meet the future demands in the aviation sector. We are geographically and strategically positioned in East, Southeast, and South Asia. In an ever-expanding aviation market, we should be able to tap the huge resources and turn it towards our advantage.

May I reiterate here that we are now at the crossroads of a critical stage in history and we should remain united to face the challenges of the new and emerging future. At the end, we look forward to a safe, secure and sustainable civil aviation in the country and promote aviation regionally and globally.

May Allah bless us all!

A.F. Hassan Ariff



Secretary

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As we are celebrating the International Civil Aviation Day, today, a day that honors the incredible achievements and the unwavering spirit of the global aviation community. On this day, 7 December 1944, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was born, through a landmark Convention on International Civil Aviation building the foundation for modern air travel. The Convention, widely known as Chicago Convention, still today remains as an example of far-sightedness and laid the foundation for the standards and recommended practices for peaceful global air navigation.

ICAO is a specialized agency of United Nations (UN) that came into being through the signing of a Convention 80 years ago in the city of Chicago. Later on, the United Nations General Assembly in 1996 recognized this day as the International Civil Aviation Day.

The fledgling air traffic regulations, non-availability of a unified air transport agreement had been a driving force in formulating ICAO's core mandate was to help member States work together to achieve the highest possible degree of uniformity in civil aviation regulations, standards, procedures, and organization.

Starting with 12 Annexes in 1944, the Convention's Annexes have increased in number to 19 and had evolved to include more than 12,000 international standards and recommended practices (SARPs). Each and every one of SARPs have been agreed on a consensus-basis by ICAO's Member States, which at the present time, total 193 Member States in every corner of the world. These SARPs, alongside the tremendous technological and other progress achieved in the intervening decades on behalf of air transport operators and manufacturers, helped humanity to realize what is now well-recognized as a critical driver of socio-economic development and one of our greatest collective and cooperative achievements – the modern and sustainable global air transport network.

The global passenger traffic is increasing exponentially. Currently, the global passenger traffic is approximately 9.5 billion, which is expected to be nearly 20 billion in 2042 and close to 25 billion in 2052. We must be ready to embrace this phenomenal growth and the Government's proactive approaches will always be forthcoming in whatever capacity, are required. The infrastructure development works will continue and we must join hands with our industry partners to create a pool of highly qualified new generation workforce in our nation building efforts.

On this day, I personally thank the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) for celebrating the World Aviation Day in such a befitting manner. I also wish all the efforts of CAAB a grand success.

Nasreen Jahan



Chairman

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

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Today, 7th December 2024, is International Civil Aviation Day and I am delighted to join the global aviation community in celebrating this day. The day marks the 80th anniversary of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation in Chicago, United States. This significant day serves as a reminder of our collective achievements and the boundless potential that lies ahead in the field of aviation which is at the forefront of global standards.

International Civil Aviation Day is not just a celebration of our past achievements; it is also an opportunity to look forward to the future. As we embrace new technologies and collaborate with aviation stakeholders, we are happy to unlock new possibilities and new opportunities for future growth and innovation in aviation.

Together, let us continue to innovate, and ensure that aviation remains a vital and dynamic part of the world. In this era of technological advancements and innovation promoting flight safety and security is a big challenge. Our ongoing commitment will continue to be with the aviation community in enhancing safe, secure, efficient and environment friendly air travel.

In Bangladesh, we have made remarkable progresses in modernizing our aviation infrastructure, adopting cutting-edge technology, and fostering a culture of safety and excellence. Our efforts to integrate advanced technologies into our aviation systems have resulted in safer skies and more efficient operations. From state-of-the-art navigation aids to innovative air traffic management systems, we are dedicated to ensure a proactive aviation sector that always meets global standards.

Bangladesh became a member State of ICAO in 21 January 1973 and since then we have signed air service agreements with 56 States and European Union. Through the 3 international airports and 5 domestic airports, over ten million passengers, in a year are being facilitated. Projected increase of 7% in the air traffic, which is quite considerable in the Asia Pacific region, has been taken into consideration in capacity building and modernization of the terminal facilities. The 3rd Terminal Project is expected to be commissioned in the next year which will be able to handle over 12 million passengers in a year. A completely new Control Tower Building is under construction and nearing completion, which will have state of the art technological systems for modernizing air traffic control system.

In a bid to enhance security at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport a total of 496 CCTV has been installed. In addition, the expansion work at the cargo complex is nearing completion with the introduction of Explosive Detection System and X-Ray Scanners.

To name a few of the modernization efforts, CAAB has taken steps to increase the length of the runway at Cox's Bazar airport to 10700 feet making it suitable for wide body aircraft operation, a new terminal building at Sylhet Osmani International Airport will enhance the passenger handling capacity to 2 million passengers, a new high tech radar from Thales has already been installed which will be able to provide wide area surveillance, etc.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated professionals in the CAAB who are working tirelessly to make the air travel safe, efficient and expeditious. This work will drive us to new heights for aviation safety, security, efficiency, and the economic and environmental sustainability of civil aviation.

Air Vice Marshal Mohammad Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan

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