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CAAM HOSTS ASEAN WORKSHOP TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL READINESS FOR CORSIA IMPLEMENTATION

KUALA LUMPUR – Recognising that the future of ASEAN aviation depends on balancing growth with climate responsibility, the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) organised the *ASEAN Workshop on CORSIA: Enabling Economic and Environmental Benefits in ASEAN from the Implementation of CORSIA*.

Supported by the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) under the EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package (SCOPE) Aviation Partnership Project, the two-day workshop brought together 85 participants from across ASEAN in Kuala Lumpur, with more than 100 additional participants joining virtually.

Aviation remains central to ASEAN connectivity and is one of the region's fastest-growing sectors. However, continued growth must be accompanied by meaningful efforts to address environmental impacts. As the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) enters its First Phase (2024–2026), ASEAN operators are expected to offset between 10 and 12 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Seven of the eleven ASEAN Member States have volunteered to participate in the scheme, underscoring the region's growing commitment to sustainable aviation and climate action through a global market-based mechanism.

The workshop aims to support ASEAN Member States in moving from awareness to implementation by strengthening the technical capacity required for effective participation in CORSIA. This will help the region align with international carbon standards, scale up local carbon projects and retain a greater share of aviation carbon finance within Southeast Asia.

The workshop also comes at a pivotal moment for the global carbon market. With airline compliance obligations now triggered under CORSIA, demand for high-integrity carbon credits during the scheme's First Phase is projected to reach at least 200 million tonnes. At current market prices, this represents an estimated market value of approximately US\$4 billion (RM15.8 billion), highlighting the opportunity for ASEAN to develop a credible regional supply of CORSIA-eligible carbon credits.

The event was officiated by His Excellency Rafael Daerr, Ambassador of the European Union to Malaysia, and Dato' Captain Norazman Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of CAAM.

H.E. Rafael Daerr, Ambassador of the European Union to Malaysia said, "The European Union remains a reliable and long-standing partner to ASEAN, committed to practical cooperation, technical support and shared progress in building a more sustainable and resilient aviation sector. Since 2018, the EU has been collaborating with ASEAN to support the sound implementation of CORSIA in the region, contributing to the success of this global scheme."

Malaysia remains committed to balancing economic growth with climate action through initiatives such as the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) and the Malaysia Aviation Decarbonisation Roadmap. These efforts contribute to the development of a practical pathway towards sustainable aviation while supporting broader regional and international climate objectives.

Dato' Captain Norazman Mahmud, Chief Executive Officer of CAAM, remarked, "CORSIA is not only a climate obligation. It is also a strategic opportunity for ASEAN. By building technical capacity today, we can support ICAO's long-term aspirational goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 while positioning the region to capture the economic and environmental benefits of carbon markets."

Over the next two days, participants from government agencies, aviation authorities, industry organisations and carbon market stakeholders will engage in discussions aimed at strengthening regulatory readiness and developing the market infrastructure necessary to support effective CORSIA implementation across the region.

The workshop reflects the shared commitment of ASEAN Member States, CAAM, EASA and international partners to advancing sustainable aviation, strengthening regional cooperation and supporting ASEAN's effective participation in global climate initiatives through aviation.



Participants, speakers and organisers of the ASEAN Workshop on CORSIA organised by CAAM with support from EASA under the EU-ASEAN SCOPE Aviation Partnership Project. The workshop brought together stakeholders from across ASEAN to strengthen regional capacity and readiness for CORSIA implementation.

About Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia

The Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia (CAAM) is the national aviation regulator, entrusted with ensuring the safety, security, and efficiency of Malaysia's civil aviation sector. CAAM provides comprehensive safety and security oversight of flight operations, aviation personnel licensing, and is responsible for the provision of air navigation services and air traffic management across Malaysian airspace. Operating in accordance with international standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), CAAM is committed to fostering a safe, sustainable, and forward-looking aviation ecosystem through regulatory excellence, innovation, and strategic collaboration.

About EU-ASEAN SCOPE APP

The [EU-ASEAN Sustainable Connectivity Package \(SCOPE\) Aviation Partnership Project \(APP\)](#) is funded by the European Union and implemented by EASA to enhance air transport connectivity, safety, and environmental sustainability between ASEAN nations and the EU.

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