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Aviation Sector

Century Celebration of Aviation Sector in India

6th ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Assembly Conference & Exhibition at New Delhi



New Delhi:

The Airports Authority of India & DIAL hosted the 6th Airports Council International Asia-Pacific Regional Assembly, Conference & Exhibition. Over 500 airport executives and business partners from across the Asia Pacific region participated in this event which is being held for the first time in India.

The conference, “**Aviation Business Strategies – Meeting of Minds**”. Where participants from the chief representatives of some of the world’s best airports including eminent professionals and consultants, shared their views on a wide range of aviation-related issues including Airport Financing Models and Privatization, Aviation Security, Quality

of Human Capital and Business Environment of the Future. Airports Council International (ACI) is the only worldwide association of airports. Established in 1991, ACI represents interests of over 1600 airports around the world.

Mr. V.P.Agrawal Chairman, AAI, state that initiative taken by AAI by bidding and staking claim to host the event has ultimately seen the light of the day. Mr. Agrawal viewed that it was indeed a proud moment for AAI along with DIAL to host the event for the first time ever in our country, especially since AAI being the mainstay of Civil Aviation in India. AAI has successfully faced the challenge upfront which had since emerged with the unprecedented growth that was

witnessed by the aviation sector. AAI not only embarked upon an ambitious plan of modernizing / upgradation of 58 airports and CNS-ATM systems but also ensured that India getting world class airports and airspace management system.

Mr. P.S. Nair, CEO Corporate, GMR Airports stated that, “This is the ideal time to host such a prestigious event in Delhi, as our Terminal 3 is ready and all geared up to welcome senior airport professionals from across the Asia Pacific. T3 will showcase India’s ability to develop airports of truly international standards. Mr. P.S. Nair, welcome senior leaders of the world’s best airports to this Assembly.”

The highlight of this Conference, the ACI ASQ Awards Ceremony where GMR’s Hyderabad airport (GHIAL) received the Award for being the World’s Number 1 airport in its category of 5-15 million passengers per annum. Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has also been rated as the 4th Best in the 25-40 million passengers per annum category.

Passengers have been in the limelight for Airports Council International (ACI) meeting in India, one of the largest growing aviation markets in the world, the ACI world Governing Board directed that the passenger be the focus of its future work. Max Moore-Wilton, Chair of the ACI World Governing Board, said.