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Report on the 42nd FAPAA ECM and AGM Meetings, 5 - 7 September 2015 in Taipei

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The Taipei Airfreight Forwarders & Logistics Association of Taiwan (TAFLA) hosted the 42nd Executive Council Meeting (ECM) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Federation of Asia Pacific Air cargo Associations (FAPAA) on 5-7 September 2015 in Taipei.

At the opening, FAPAA Chairman Willie van Heusden commented that in this ever changing environment the most dramatic changes are occurring now in the field of information and communications and the associated electronic commerce and while some economies are more advanced than others, we will all need the knowledge and business tools to understand and prosper within a new trading environment. In many ways forwarders have been leaders in the past and it is in the field of e-commerce that we must work hand-in-hand with our customers in this environment to ensure our profitability and the survival of our businesses.

The strength of FAPAA, a three-decade-old regional association, lies in the sharing of information and the application of that understanding and knowledge within our own businesses. This enables the respective memberships and their customers to interact and transact business under a more unified and standardized approach within the region.

The strength, sharing and learning from the experience of others has been particularly evident with issues such as the ongoing discussion regarding air cargo security and the efforts to introduce information on the equitable global cargo agency modernization programme with IATA. The future will continue to see closer economic relations between trading partners in the region, growing e-commerce, new global initiatives on security and trade and further harmonization of trade practices.

Among the key issues discussed, security and customs issues, newly developing areas like e-commerce and the International Air Cargo Association's (IATA) Cargo Accounts Settlement System (CASS) also took centre stage in discussions, as it typically has over the years. With the FAPAA membership there is widespread unhappiness with the system and how it is applied by IATA representatives throughout the region. IATA's global head of cargo, Glyn Hughes attended the FAPAA meeting and addressed the concerns of the member countries, committing his colleagues to follow up on the relevant issues and pledging to further the dialogue and communication between FAPAA, its members and IATA.



The meetings concluded with the biennial elections for the Executive Office holders, with Willie van Heusden of the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Federation of New Zealand (*CBAFF*) stepping down as Chairman of the past two years and Alec Koh from SAAA@Singapore being elected as the new Chairman.

To compound our good future, we are fortunate to be able to continue strengthening our relationships with many countries stakeholders at the FAPAA meeting. The continued success of FAPAA is dependent on every link in the chain being strong, working together unified in purpose and goals, with the very aim to strive towards enhancing the business environment for and uplifting the standards of our industry.

The next FAPAA ECM and AGM of FAPAA will take place in Manila, Philippines, hosted by the Aircargo Forwarders Association of the Philippines, Inc. (AFPI) in June 2016.



"The 42nd FAPAA ECM & AGM, Taipei, 5-7 September 2015"

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