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Second cohort commences ICAO Aviation Security Supervisor's Course in Port Moresby

Twenty Aviation Security Supervisors from the National Airports Corporation (NAC,) today commenced a two-week ICAO Aviation Security Supervisors Training in Port Moresby, aimed at strengthening aviation security oversight at NAC operated airports in Papua New Guinea.

This training course builds on the success of the first training, held earlier in the year from the 20th to 29th January, continuing efforts to build the capabilities and competencies of Aviation Security Supervisors to implement and monitor aviation security preventative measures in line with international civil aviation Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), and approved Airport Security Program.

The training program is supported by the New Zealand Government through the Pacific Aviation Security Program, which is provided across the Pacific region to strengthen aviation security.

It was officially opened on Tuesday 23rd September 2025, by the New Zealand High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, His Excellency Peter Zwart.

In his remarks, he highlighted the increasing global threats to civil aviation and the critical role of frontline personnel in countering these risks.

"Security measures are only as effective as the people who implement them. This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills to carry out vital counter measures and to lead others in doing the same," said High Commissioner Zwart.

"We love the AVSEC course because it brings PNG and New Zealand professionals together to share skills, collaborate, and build aviation safety and security across the Pacific as well as here in Papua New Guinea. It also strengthens institutional ties between our two countries."

Representing NAC Management, Mr. Apisolom Kaili, General Manager of Port Moresby International Airport, extended NAC's appreciation to the New Zealand Government for its continued support.

"Aviation Security is an essential area of NAC's operations, and we are grateful for the partnership and collaboration that makes this training possible," Mr. Kaili said.

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) instructors, Desh Naidoo and Harry Grewal from the Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) in New Zealand are facilitating this training.

It reflects a collaborative effort between the NAC, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA PNG) and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of New Zealand.

The first Aviation Security supervisor's training held in January 2025, included participants from Air Niugini and PNG Air.

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