

Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network (VATSIM)
Asia Region (VATASIA)



Regional Report

Quarter 2, 2012

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1 Preface

Quarter 2 has been an exciting period for Asia as there has been quite a number of positive changes within the region and an increase of traffic observed.

First of all, it has been my great pleasure to continue to serve our fellow members in this new role as the Regional Director of Asia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BoG for placing their trust in me to serve this very important position that oversees the operation in this very vibrant and perpetually growing part of the world. To better prepare ourselves to face and deal with the challenges presented to our region in the future, a staff restructuring plan was implemented immediately after my appointment. Three manager roles were added to the existing staff structure, expanding the regional team to a total number of 6 staff members. You will find a discussion of other activities within the regional office in the next section.

With the assistance of the BoG, a new division, West Asia Division which oversees the operation of several countries on the western part of our region, was created and attracted the interest of many local members to become a controller at their home countries. A new staff structure at the division was soon established to accommodate the increasing number of traffic and training requests.

These are just some examples of some significant events that took place in our region in Q2. You will find a discussion of all the events, staff movements, and major changes throughout this report.

Sincerely,

Alfred Tang

Regional Director

VATSIM Asia Region

2 The Regional Office

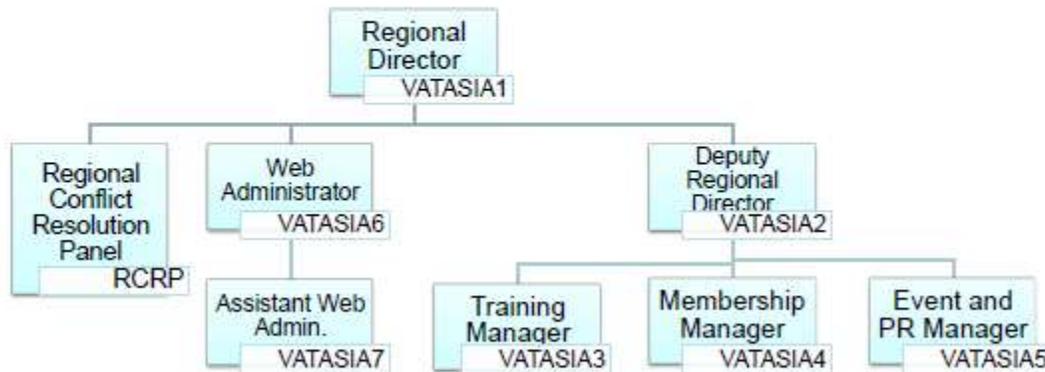
2.1 Staff restructuring

To efficiently deal with the increasingly heavy workload at the regional office, the regional office has recently added three manager positions to the existing management structure. These positions are Training Manager, Membership Manager, and Event and Public Relations Manager. The incumbent TM oversees the ATC training program at all divisions across the region and shall work closely with the training directors at each division to ensure that all training programs are up to standard set by the GRP and to constantly identify ways to improve the effectiveness of the programs. The MM keeps track of the membership statistics of the region and reports to the regional director all trends of membership growth and identify ways to facilitate the growth. The EPRM organizes region-wide events (e.g. the annual Eastern Wind event) and helps promote the region to the flight simulation world through various media and outreaching to virtual airlines.

Below is the new organization chart which illustrates the new regional management structure.

VATSIM Asia Region Organization Chart

Last update: July 2012



2.2 New Appointments

The RD has appointed the following new staff members to the regional office in Q2.

Mr. David Lee – Deputy Regional Director (VATASIA2) *(formerly Training Manager)*

Mr. Romano Lara – Training Manager (VATASIA3)

Mr. Calvin Law – Membership Manager (VATASIA4)

2.3 Tasks Ahead

In the upcoming months, the regional office will conduct a review over all training programs across the region to identify all their strengths and shortcomings and then to determine the best role the regional office can play to improve these programs by allocating the adequate resources. In addition, the regional staff will begin the massive project of planning for this year's Eastern Wind, an annual region-wide event that is expected to last for 2-3 days. A special committee has been set up to take charge of the planning work.

3 Divisions

3.1 The new West Asia Division (VATWA)

To better our members by effectively sharing resources, a new division, West Asia Division (VATWA), that oversees the operation in several South Asian countries including Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives was created this quarter, thanks to the tremendous support by the Board of Governors. A special thanks to Peter Nielsen, Steven Cullen, Apostolos, and others who have made tremendous contributions to get the division fully set up before it was handed over to the current staff members.

The regional office worked very closely with the former India division (VATIND) to convert the group into a VACC under the new VATWA division. The conversion work has been carried out smoothly, and instructional staff are working diligently to migrate their existing training system onto the new ATSIM system, which is used by all VACCs within VATWA.

Since the day VATWA commenced its operation, local members, particularly in Pakistan, have displayed their interest in becoming an ATC. With the assistance and expertise of Apostolos, a new training system was constructed for Pakistan under which new controllers were able to receive their training in a timely manner. A new training manager, Christopher McGee, and several instructors, were appointed to help these new controllers on their way up.

We shall see increased activity in the part of the region in the upcoming months.

3.2 North Korean Airspace Development

The regional office is in close talk with the Korean Division (VATKOR) on providing ATC service in Pyongyang FIR, which covers the entire North Korean airspace. It is deemed the most appropriate to allow VATKOR to manage such airspace due to high political sensitivity. Thus far, VATKOR has created a sector file for the North Korean airspace and collected resources for future operation. They will continue to do so and service can be expected before the end of the year.

3.3 VATSEA new VACC development

The Southeast Asia Division (VATSEA) is working diligently to bring two new VACCs online, Malaysia VACC and Cambodia VACC. The websites of these two new VACCs have been set up, resources are available through their websites, and both teams are in the process of recruiting new controllers. Active controllers are seen working at these two countries over the past month. The region will coordinate closely with VATSEA to ensure these two teams smoothly become official VACCs on VATSIM.

3.4 Division Director Appointments

The regional office has appointed the following division directors (DD) in Quarter 2 of 2012:

Mr. Jason Choi – VATPRC DD (formerly VATPRC Deputy DD)

Mr. Choongwon “Greg” Noh – VATAKOR DD (formerly VATAKOR event director)

Mr. Nitin Mohan – VATWA DD (formerly VATIND deputy DD)

Other staff appointments at the divisional level can be found on their respective websites.

4 Division Reports

(These reports are provided by their respective division directors unless otherwise stated)

4.1 Japan Division (VATJPN)



VATJPN Report (April - Jun 2012)

1. Staffing

Division Director, Keisuke Yamane/811527

Deputy Division Director, Akihiro Fujii/1141450

DCRM, Kimio Tomofuji/861634

Training Director, Masaaki Hasuike/1141450

Deputy Training Director, Shunsuke Yamabe/1162075

Deputy Training Director, Shigeyoshi Kushihama/1023273

Events Director, Syuukou Akama/1038933

At the end of Jun, Amorette San retired from staff roles. Amorette San had served as the Events Director. Thank you very very much for her devoted unstinting service.

2. Training

In our division, the process of training new ATC trainees can be summarized as follows:

2-1. S1(Tower trainee), S2(Tower controller)

- Prospective S2 controllers begin by taking the S2 written exam.
- Those obtaining at least 80% in the S2 written exam are given the S1 rating.
(automated marking)
- Upon obtaining the S1 rating, solo controlling online is authorized. The trainee is

expected to attempt the S2 practical exam within 45 days.

- When to undertake the practical exam is decided by the trainee.
- Those unable to pass the S2 practical exam within 45 days are given additional training (approx. 1 hour) by our training team on Sweatbox, upon the completion of which the solo training period is extended for another 45 days. This is repeated until the trainee passes the practical exam.

For these months, There were a few persons whom they could not train themselves well in 90days. We will perform the support positively for these trainees.

2-2. S3(TMA controller)

- Prospective S3 controllers begin by taking the S3 written exam.
- Those obtaining at least 80% in the S3 written exam are allowed to undergo OJT.
(automated marking)
- For each OJT session, the trainee indicates on our forums what specific aspects of training to focus on, and then the session is carried out under supervision.
(OJT supervision may be carried out by anyone with at least a C1 rating)
- When to undertake the practical exam is decided by the trainee.
- On request of the trainee, our training team provides extra training using Sweatbox.

2-3. C1(CTR controller)

- Prospective C1 controllers begin by taking the C1 written exam.
- Those obtaining at least 80% in the C1 written exam are allowed to undergo OJT.
(automated marking)
- For each OJT session, the trainee indicates on our forums what specific aspects of training to focus on, and then the session is carried out under supervision.
(OJT supervision may be carried out by anyone with at least a C1 rating)
- When to undertake the practical exam is decided by the trainee.
- On request of the trainee, our training team provides extra training using Sweatbox.

Japan division awaits authorization for S3 and C1 solo training.

3. Membership

Number of members registered under VATJPN, 437

Number of Controllers(S1-INS) under VATJPN, 79

Number of Controller(S1-CTR) promotions in Q2, 5

Sigh-up within 90 days, 46

4. Events

4-1. Regular events

“East Meets West”

28/Apr/2012, 26/May/2012, 23/Jun/2012.



There were 30-40 traffics every time. Many non japanese pilots also participate in this event.

We think this is effective as opportunity of controller's study. The Japan division will

Continue this event.

4-2. Beginner's events.

21/Apr/2012,



19/May/2012,



16/Jun/2012



There were 20-30 participation every time. The Japan division will continue this project.

4-3. Special event.

6/May/2012, VATJPN-VATRUS EVENT.



5. Activity

To increase user of Flight-Simulator in Japan, To disseminating VATJPN.

We are writing the article of MSFS and contributing it to the famous aviation

magazine every month. Our articles were adopted every month from Dec.2011,
and our manuscript were published in the magazine every month.

6. Others

6-1. Update Japanese Pilot Resource Center.

<http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/prc/>

6-2. Update Japanese Controller Resource Center.

<http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/crc/>

Japan Division Director

Keisuke Yamane /811527

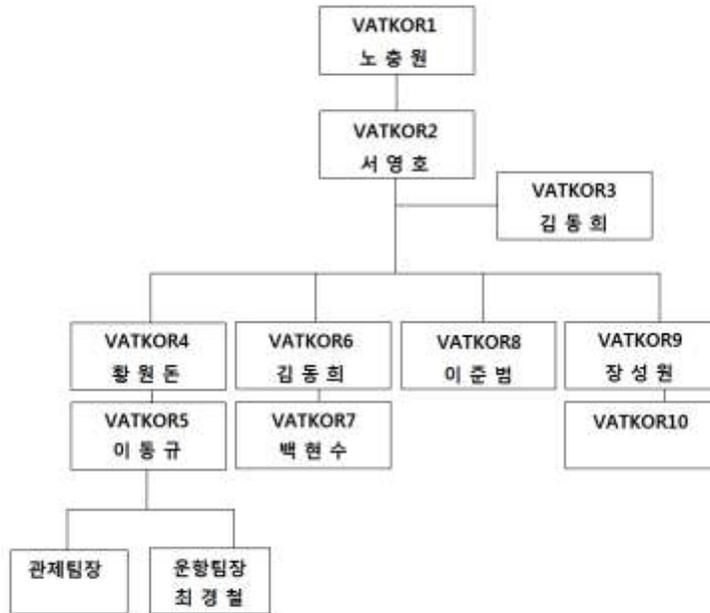
4.2 Korea Division (VATKOR)

(Report is created by Alfred Tang using CERT data and VATKOR website)

Division Staff:

<p>VATKOR1</p> <p>Name: 노 총원 (Choongwon Noh), CW Position: Division Director (지부장) PID: 916 292 Rating: INS Email: ncw1988@nate.com</p>	<p>VATKOR2</p> <p>Name: 서영호 (Youngho Seo), SE Position: Deputy Division Director (부지부장) PID: 929771 Rating: INS Email: ke1633@naver.com</p>
<p>VATKOR3</p> <p>Name: 김동희 (Donghee Kim), dh Position: DCRM (지부 분쟁 해결 담당자) PID: 905311 Rating: INS Email: kdsoksk@naver.com</p>	<p>VATKOR4</p> <p>Name: 황원 돈 (Wondon Hwang), WD Position: Director ATM (교육 담당자) PID: 1120040 Rating: INS Email: 2985238@daum.net</p>
<p>VATKOR5</p> <p>Name: 이동규 (Dongkyu Lee), DK Position: Deputy Director ATM (부 교육 담당자) PID: 975164 Rating: INS Email: tachyonplus@naver.com</p>	<p>VATKOR6</p> <p>Name : 김동희(Donghee Kim), DH Position : Event Director (이벤트 담당자) PID : 905311 Rating : INS Email : kdsoksk@naver.com</p>
<p>VATKOR7</p> <p>Name: 백현수 (Back Hyun Su), BH Position: Deputy Event Manager (부 이벤트 담당자) PID: 1226570 Rating: STU Email: b950802@naver.com</p>	<p>VATKOR8</p> <p>Name: 이준범 (Junbeom Lee), JB Position: Webmaster (홈페이지 담당자) PID: 1149312 Rating: STU Email: jblee0343@gmail.com</p>
<p>VATKOR9</p> <p>Name : 장성원(Sungwon Jang), SW Position : Public Relations Director (홍보 담당자) PID : 1062888 Rating : INS Email : edu4uldeal@naver.com</p>	<p>VATKOR10 (공석)</p> <p>Name : Position : Deputy Public Relations Director (부홍보담당자) PID : Rating : Email :</p>
<p>Control Team (vacancies)</p> <p>Name: Position: ATC Manager (관제 팀장) PID: Rating: Email:</p>	<p>Flight Leader</p> <p>Name : 최경철(KyeongCheol Choi), KC Position : Flight Operation Manager (운항팀장) PID : 1072016 Rating : STU Email : ckc1136@naver.com</p>

Division organization chart:



Total number of new sign-up in Q2 (April 1 to Aug. 24): 64

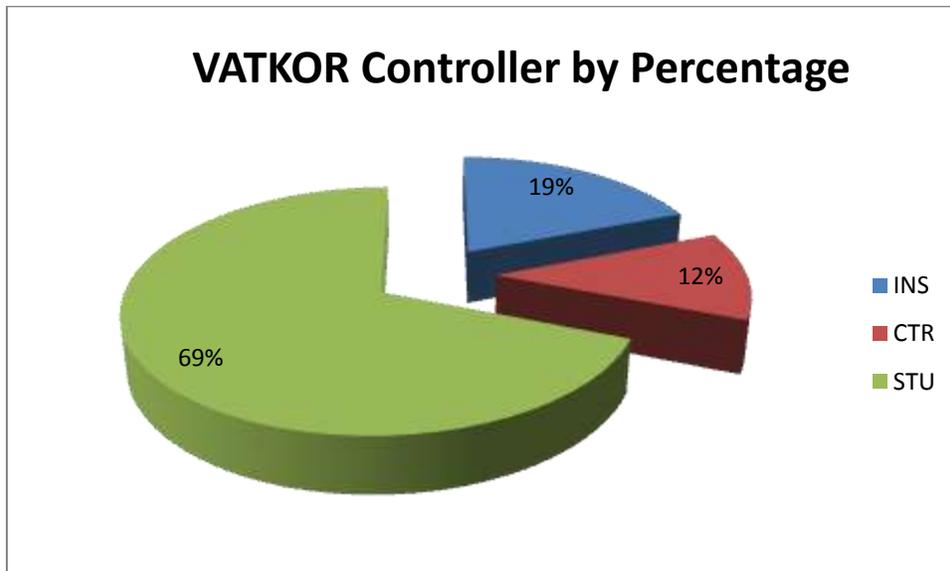
Controller counts:42

INS: 8

CTR: 5

STU: 29

***STU includes students with S1, S2 or S3 ratings.*



Number of OBS: 363

4.3 Southeast Asia Division (VATSEA)

VATSIM South East Asia 2012 Q2 Division Report

Division Staff

Division Director: MR. Bowen Chau

Deputy Division Director: MR. Eugene Lee

Training Director: MR. Timothy Kan

Webmaster: MR. Jacky Wan

Division Conflict Resolution Manager: Mr. Lester Lee

Membership:

Total Member: 1,369 (1,364)

Pilot: 1,219 (1,217)

Student 1: 42 (46)

Student 2: 44 (40)

Student 3: 21 (22)

Controller: 16 (16)

Senior Controller: 6 (7)

Instructor: 16 (12)

Senior Instructor: 2 (2)

Supervisor: 3 (2)

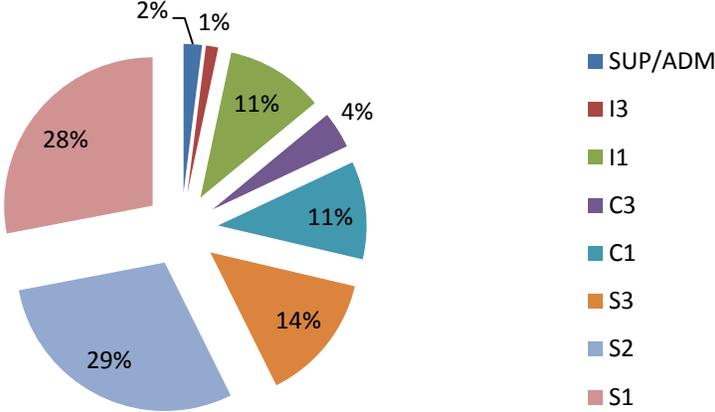
Training

Not much highlights in training except Singapore vACC. The locals have formed a new group of instructors to provide training to the existing and new controllers. At the same time, they are now redeveloping the vACC website to include some automated system for newbie to get the online test easily within their vACC.

Overall

Singapore vACC is now trying to revamp their whole system again after David Lee's departure. Although they have hit some walls in recruiting people, they are still working hard and compiling some new automated system, SOP, and charts. Hopefully they can finish their website in Q3. Manila and Indonesia were quite silent recently and only some VA events have been held. Hong Kong is still working their best to create some scalable events including Kai Tak event recently.

VATSEA Controllers by Percentage



4.4 West Asia Division (VATWA)

(Report is created by Alfred Tang using CERT data and VATWA website)

Division Staff:

- Nitin Mohan - Division Director (VATWA1)**
- Matt Allen - Deputy Division Director (VATWA2)**
- Chris McGee - Division Training Director (VATWA3)**
- Pasindu da Silva - Events and Operations Director (VATWA4)**
- Andy Kiy - Divisional Conflict Resolution Manager (VATWA5)**
- Viren Verma Web Services Manager (VATWA6)**
- Steven Cullen - (Web Host & Web Advisor to VATWA)**
- Frank Bitterlich - ATSimTest Director (VATEUD10)**
- Apostolos Damkalis - Training & Examination Advisor to VATWA (VATEUR2)**

Total new sign-up in Q2: 60

(Sign up counted from June 1 to August 24)

Number of controllers: 72

OBS: 557

Student 1: 31

Student 2: 14

Student 3: 6

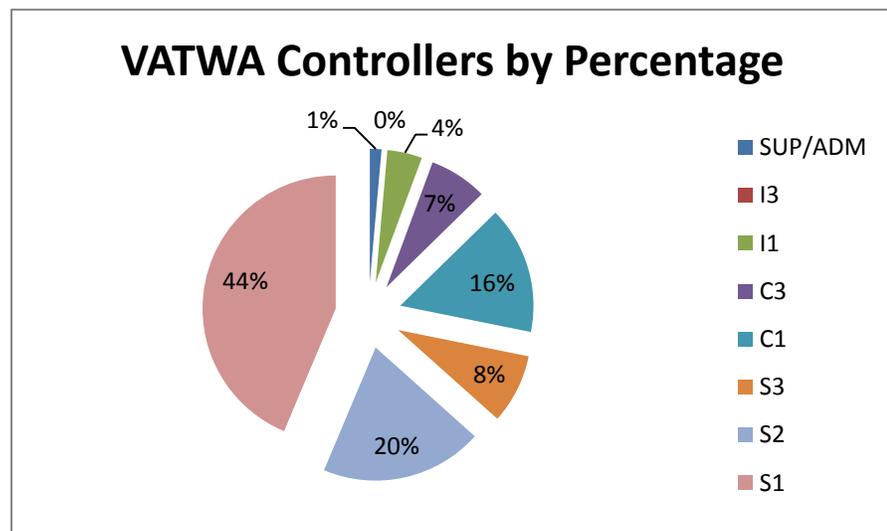
Controller: 11

Senior Controller: 5

Instructor: 3

Senior Instructor: 0

Supervisor: 1



4.5 Republic of China Division (VATROC)

VATROC Quarterly Report

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Introduction

VATROC provides ATC service within Taipei FIR. Currently are managed by the following members:

Division Director: Ming Lee

Deputy Division Director: Yu Che Cheng

Training Director: (vacant)

DCRM: Tony Yao

Webmaster: Patrick Tsai

Training

VATROC follows current VATSIM GRP.

We has couple new controllers now. Due lack of manpower to provide training, we will not start their S1 training until S1 trainees get promotion to S2.

VATROC also implements “mentor” and also allow controllers to take higher than rated position with supervision by INS.

VATROC provide online learning courses.

Membership and promotion

3 *Senior Instructors

4 *Instructors

2 *Senior controllers

4 *Controllers

8 *Student3

11 *Student2

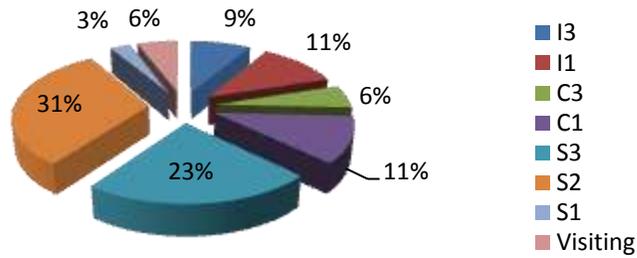
1 *Student1

323*pilot/obs (15 members increased)

2 Visiting Controllers

(one of them has not appeared for a long time so I canceled his right to control in our airspace)

VATROC Controllers by Percentage



Promotion/ total 4 promotions

1 from S3 to C1. 2 from pilot/obs to S2. 1 from pilot/obs to S1.

Operation

Normal and steady, but basically cannot provide daily service yet. Still lack of training instructors.

Event

Mar. 31, East Coast Logistic Express (VATROC domestic event)

Apr. 28, Travel to Taipei on labor days' holidays (event with VATPRC)

May 5, Philippines VA Group Flight (RPLI – RCTP – VHHH)

May 19, Newbie's day (VATROC domestic event)

Couple controllers will provide regular service every Saturday afternoon

Others

n/a

4.6 People's Republic of China Division (VATPRC)

(Report is created by Alfred Tang using CERT data and VATPRC website)

Division Staff:

Administration Staff 分部管理组

Name	CID	Department	Roles
Brendan Chen	943434	Executive	VATPRC1: Division Director
Jason Choi	1019205	Executive	VATPRC2: Deputy Division Director
vacant	-	Executive	VATPRC3: Training Director
Qing Li	1153596	Executive	VATPRC4: Division Conflict Resolution Manager (DCRM)
Xiaoye Ai	1195183	Executive	VATPRC5: Event Coordinator (Acting)

Membership:

Total Member: 952

OBS: 899

Controller count: 53

Student 1: 28

Student 2: 7

Student 3: 10

Controller: 1

Senior Controller: 4

Instructor: 2

Senior Instructor: 0

Supervisor: 0

Administrator: 1

VATPRC Controllers by Percentage

