

Regional Report (Quarter 3, 2012)

Asia Region, Virtual Air Traffic Simulation Network (VATSIM)



Japan Division VATJPN - Division Director: Keisuke Yamane (CID 811527)



Member Retention	New Member ---- 46 Total Member ---396					Mr.Keisuke Higashida joined VATJPN staff team. Welcome aboard Keisuke ! Duputy Events Director, Public Relations Services Manager, Keisuke Higashida/1147897 There isn't the change in other staff positions.
ATC Training		QTD	YTD 12	YTD 11	Var (%)	In our division, the process of training new ATC trainees was changed as follows: - Those obtaining at least 80% in the S3 written exam are authorized for solo controlling for training. The trainee is expected to attempt the S3 practical exam within 30 days. - When to undertake the practical exam is decided by the trainee. - Those unable to pass the S3 practical exam within 30 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 30 days. *For these months, There were some persons whom they could not train themselves well. We will perform the support more positively for these trainees.
	S1	9				
	S2	2	25	23	108	
	S3	2	13	16	81	
	C1	0	21	16	131	
	C3	0	6	6	100	
	Σ	13	77	61	126	
Pilot Training						Updating Pilot Resources for new pilots. http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/prc/ We gather applicants and carry out flight training. (on trial performing)
Operations	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. VATJPN would like to have the re-approval for RJTG_FSS to cover overland control and oceanic control. We are making ready to RJTG_A_FSS.					
Events	East Meets West- 28/Jul/2012, 25/Aug/2012, 22/Sep/2012 Beginner's events- 21//Jul/2012, 18/Aug/2012, 15/Sep/2012 OKINAWA- 15/Aug/2012 APEC2012(With VATRUS)- 8/Sep/2012					

Other Comments

Concerns,

Member service ticket system may be hard to use for Japanese members. (Language)



Member Retention	Total 115					New members joined in VATKOR website : 112(Pilot-OBS rating) New Staff Assignment :3 (Division Director, Deputy Event Director, Flight Operation Manager)
ATC Training		QTD	YTD 12	YTD 11	Var (%)	We are having difficulty in training because of shortages of active instructor. We have 8 INS rating but 3 instructors including me are active recently. Some of them are busy with their real world occupation and some are students. We are trying to make more time on training STUs. Also, Mr.Seo has made new guidelines managing the training(PPT file attached).
	S1	9				
	S2	3				
	S3	9				
	C1	5				
	C3	0				
	Σ	26				
Pilot Training						Mr.Choi, Flight Operation Manager, is continuously making Pilot Training material. It is almost finished making and about to release and apply to VATSIM members. Now, we are in the stage that optimizing the material to fit appropriate to pilots following VATSIM regulations.
Operations	Website renewal: Changed layout, upgraded a web engine, enlarged capacity of logon traffics. Staff renewal: Division Director, Deputy Event Director and Flight Operation Manager have been assigned.					
Events	Total 12 events(1 International, 11 Domestic). *Celebration of Korea's Independence Day event was held on 8 th of August. *Earning VATKOR's website point event was held on 19 th of August. *International event between VATKOR and VATRUS was held on 8 th of September. (Visit http://www.vatkor.net/xe/event for more informtaion)					
Other Comments	If all conditions are possible and applicable, I would suggest this Quarter Report changed to on-line based reporting system. It's good to have reports filed in word files but it would better put information directly on the internet. Then we can easily put changed information and it will make director not to forget the significant changes.					

VATPRC – Division Director (Acting): Brendan Chen (943434)



<p>Member Retention</p>	<p>1 member became Event Coordinator on probation – Yu Xiong (1191126) 1 staff has informally applied for resignation – Jason Choi (1019205) 1 staff resumed the role of acting division director – Brendan Chen (943434)</p>					<p>In the majority of this and half of the last quarter, there is a significant lag in division membership growth and development/maintenance due to staff communication and other faults. Therefore since the staffing team has been again readjusted, we are expecting to see an increase in membership for both pilots and controllers. More foundation guidelines will be set down to aid new and old members to achieve their desires, and automation/self-sustainability of division maintenance is our aim for future development.</p>
<p>ATC Training</p>		<p>QTD</p>	<p>YTD 12</p>	<p>YTD 11</p>	<p>Var (%)</p>	<p>During Jason’s presence as a division director, he had initiated redevelopment of the training department, which required a freeze in new controller application. But due to the unstructured approach to this project, the freeze did not have an end. Therefore with Jason’s resignation, Brendan has now reopened the controller application with modifications to controller intake method. This will then be followed by mass development of training resources and examination materials with the help of other staff members. However, the division would wish to ask for some external assistance, which will be outlined further in the <i>Other Comments</i> section.</p>
	<p>S1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
	<p>S2</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
	<p>S3</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
	<p>C1</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
	<p>C3</p>	<p>0</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
	<p>Σ</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	
<p>Pilot Training</p>						<p>There is no structured pilot training as of yet. But to aid the new pilots and ease them into flying simulators and flying online, there are several documents generated. These include the FSX installation tutorial, FSINN/Squawkbox set up, VATSIM important rules and regulations for new aircraft and the benefits of Joining VATSIM.</p>
<p>Operations</p>						<p>Due to limited number of divisional staff, it is sometimes very difficult achieve the smooth operation of the division. The main driving force behind the division currently the bi-weekly or weekly events, which there are still some traffic and controllers. However, if this does not expand, there will be less interested members as there are no many themes to these events. Hence with more staffing available, it should be overall easier to balance the operational and developmental side of the division.</p>
<p>Events</p>						<p>Constantly, VATPRC can ensure at least two or three events per month. In this period, there were several events that increased the influence of VATPRC, for instance, VATPRC Second Anniversary, 5.12 Wenchuan Earthquake Rescue Once More, and Wujiaba, Hundred Years History. These well-organized events attracted around 30 people including some of pilots from all over the world. Not only these large events, but also there were some of normal events, which aimed to help newbie to fulfill the skills from the notes, between the large events. Moreover, a repeated major event which named as Jing-Hu Expressway was created. It will be held on the last Saturday of every month. This event is expected to be the most exciting major event in VATPRC and is becoming a new brand of the division presenting to the FS enthusiast all over the world. Meanwhile, cooperating with the vicinity of divisions is still undergoing, for example, an event, So Close So Far, will be held on October.</p>

Other Comments

In the last quarter and a part of the previous quarter, division development and maintenance were very poor due to unstructured approach in expansion and management. However, this did not doom the division. Now with a restructuring of staff members, new controllers are being accepted to great quality, and visiting controller is now present in our division. However, due to large volume of materials are still required to be constructed for various part of the division, may we ask other divisions or regions to send us some helping hand in doing so. The areas of expertise we require are: Moodle management, Joomla website management and development, database management, and sweatbox situation file creation. If any of these areas could be filled by someone, that would help out with the division redevelopment and maintenance extensively.

Division VATROC - Division Director: Ming Lee (811204)



Member Retention						Temporarily suspend new controller application due shortage of manpower to provide training One member is suspended by membership department due duplicated IP, check other comments column for details
ATC Training		QTD	YTD 12	YTD 11	Var (%)	Introducing Euro Scope simulator system for controller training. Due instructor shortage, VATROC can only accept one S1, currently there are 2 members waiting.
	S1	0	0	0	0	
	S2	1	5	2	+150	
	S3	0	4	4	0	
	C1	0	4	3	+33	
	C3	0	1	1	0	
	Σ	1	14	10	+40	
Pilot Training	N/A					
Operations						Some active controllers provide Saturday evening service regularly. One visiting controller joined the team and has been qualified for controlling TWR positions.
Events						2012/7/28 Summer Tour in Peng-Hu(RCQC)/Domestic Event 2012/8/25 Hot Plum Blossom with Summer Lotus VATROC/HK vACC event
Other Comments						Member(CID 1220675) was suspended by membership department due duplicated IP issue. But the member who is an university student stays in a dormitory and uses a shared network to access VATSIM. No solution and advisory from VATSIM so far, but the member does feel frustrated by this situation. Suggest membership department to find out a solution about this issue.



Member Retention					
ATC Training		QTD	YTD 12	YTD 11	Var (%)
	S1		37	42	-12%
	S2		46	44	+4.5%
	S3		24	21	+14%
	C1		18	16	+12.5%
	C3		6	6	0%
	Σ		13	12	+1.5%
Pilot Training					
Operations	<p>Cambodia: Luther has all documentation ready for review on his web site, and we need him to be an INS so that he could initiate ATC training for the Cambodian folks. Vu is leading Cambodia on training controllers and Terrance is the back up who supervise the training progress. So far Luther is at S3 and preparing for C1 OTS. Terrance have not hear any feed back from Luther about the C1 OTS offer after the incident.</p> <p>On the other hand Luther is gathering HR for other position such as deputy, ATC training, event and DCRM (optional). Overall, his progress is up to 80%(From web site, documentations, charts etc.). By Summer we projected that Cambodia VACC can be established by Q4 of 2012 and fully functional by end of Q1 and mid Q2. Assuming Luther has maintain his full passion and effort to work on this project. Anyway, whether VATSEA could meet this target date are all depends on how Luther will response to this incident. If Luther cannot meet the leadership requirements and shown incapability to handle VACC responsibility , this project may temporary suspended until the right person has been repositioned.</p>				

Malaysia:

VATSEA last update of Malaysia was from beginning of July since it's first development by June 2012, Jacky was the ATC training Lead for Malaysia VACC, and the progress is going slow so far because there were less motivation and passion to build the framework. However, the ATC training part is going well , we have total of 4 controllers who were transferred from Singapore has slowly promoted to 1 level up rating. Unlike Cambodia, Malaysia already have the base controllers who intentionally wants to join Malaysia VACC even it is unofficial, so they are satisfy to control where they wish but to avoid administrative work. Terrance and Jacky are still monitoring two potential candidates who may have the capability and leadership skill to run Malaysia. Adriel Loke and [Muhd Adzlan Abdul Saip](#) is in our list of consideration. However, none of these candidates are showing active in any Malaysia development.

Events

Other Comments



Member Retention						<p>Wycliffe Barrett was appointed Facility Lead at Pakistan - Wycliffe joins us as a long serving VATSIM member from the UK.</p> <p>We have removed our Web Services Director (VATWA6) from post due to inactivity and have re-advertised. We hope to have someone in place in the coming week(s).</p>
ATC Training		QTD	YTD 12	YTD 11	Var (%)	<p>So far, we have validated three new S1 controllers, two of which will start their S2 training this week.</p>
S1	3	4	-	-	S2	
1	1	-	-	S3		
1	2	-	-	C1		
1	1	-	-	C3		
0	0	-	-	Σ		
6	8	-	-	<p>N/A</p>		
Pilot Training						
Operations	<p>In week 35, the team at Pakistan achieved the Iron Mic on TWR with 116 hours and 30 mins. An achievement we are all proud of.</p>					
Events	<p>"Party in Pakistan" - event runs on a Sunday night from 1800-2100z and is centered at Karachi. Traffic remains steady.</p>					
Other Comments	<p>In a short amount of time, VATSIM West Asia has established a small community of committed controllers. We remain focused on progression, growth and marketing.</p>					