

International Flight Safety Seminar -2013
Speech by the Chairman
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Honorable Chief Guest
The Foreign Delegates
Delegates from different aviation community
Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamu Alaikum and Good Morning

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here today. I am delighted to speak to these distinguished guests for the inauguration of the International Flight Safety Seminar – 2013 jointly organized by Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In aviation sector, flight safety is such a continuously developing process in which aviation organizations and Air Forces around the world can adapt innovative concepts, methodologies and mechanisms to prevent accidents and through knowledge sharing can innovate a standardized and improved Flight Safety management. Civil aviation and Military aviation are naturally different from each other in their nature and functions. However, both operate in the same air traffic management (ATM) environment and therefore, use common airspace which needs to be strictly managed for safety and efficiency. While military aviation is essential for national security and defense and is therefore, legitimate and absolutely essential in activity, civil air transport is not only necessary for global interaction between nations but it also makes a significant contribution to the global economy. An improvement in Civil-Military cooperation and optimizing the collaboration process can be achieved by focusing on: commonly specified criteria for equipment, implementation and operating procedures, harmonized control-and coordination procedures and procedures including data link. Government policy-makers, legislators and regulators should develop a political and legislative framework to ensure a solid basis for Civil- Military cooperations. Only a collaborative scheme provides an increase in safety, capacity efficiency and cost effectiveness for all airspace users.



Opening Speech by
Chairman CAAB-Air Vice Marshal Mahmud Hussain, ndc, psc

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Key to successful cooperation is the establishment of trust and transparency on all sides. The needs and requirements of Civil and military airspace users must be fully understood and recognized. Only through mutual cooperation can mission oriented military air traffic and capacity oriented civil air traffic be handled smoothly and according to requirements.

At the Global Air Traffic Management Forum of Civil and Military Cooperation, convened by ICAO on 19 October 2009, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) noted that given the equal importance at civil and military aviation, it was imperative that airspace be managed as a whole, as a continuum and one common source and not a collection of segregated areas. This called for minimal restrictions on the use of airspace by both users, which in turn called for a structured and systematic management of the scope and duration of the use of airspace.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I must take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to representatives from commercial airlines from home and abroad and above all Bangladesh Air Force personnel for their continuous effort in aviation safety, security, space sharing, efficiency, training and human resources development. No word of appreciation will be enough to express my gratitude to the Chief of the Air Staff and his team for displaying their attitude of camaraderie to Civil Aviation in Bangladesh. Few months ago, Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore areas of mutual Co-operation, Co-ordination and integration. Following on the heels of that remarkable event, joint organization of this command Flight Safety seminar by Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh speaks in volume of our sincere intent to work together towards common goal of achieving global objectives. Seen from this perspective, today stands out as a historic moment in the annals of both Bangladesh Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I personally would like to convey my heartfelt congratulations to the Director Flight Safety (DFS), Air HQs. Group Captain Syed Shakil Ali for belabouring so hard in pivoting the event. His colleagues do draw our appreciation Director Flight Standard and Regulations (DFSR), Wing Commander S M Nazmul Anam of Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh along with his staff have done well by coordinating with Air Headquarters in chalking out the programme details with care and attention. The vivacity and panache with which the venue has been prepared by BAF Base BASHAR fittingly offers the place to the grand occasion of its kind. I am sure that the next two days of this seminar will be an event worth remembering for many many years to come.

Thanks to everybody.