

Biography Information



Speaker's Name:

Mr. John Gratton

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Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Asia - ICAO

Title/Position:

Programme Coordinator,

Brief Biography of Speaker:

Mr. Gratton holds extensive global management experience in aviation security and aviation safety, and in-depth policy and technical knowledge as a Regulator in both fields.

Programme Coordinator of the Cooperative Aviation Security Programme Asia Pacific (CASP-AP) since 2012. Working to advise and assist up to 24 Member States and Administrations in support of implementation of requirements; including development of innovative new approaches to sustainable capacity building in less developed States.

Worked as a consultant for Asia and Pacific States in aviation security and safety. This work covered regulatory and oversight systems in relation to State's achievement of Chicago Convention responsibilities and compliance with Standards and Recommended Practices across a range of ICAO Annexes and guidance material.

Employed by the Australian government in aviation safety and security for over 20 years with activities at national, regional and international level. This included roles in crisis management, training, intelligence, international relations and operations; often with close industry liaison to allow implementation of State responsibilities.

Commissioned as an Army Officer in 1969 specialising in aviation, counter-terrorism and technical aspects of ammunition and explosives. Made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for work in disposal of explosive ordnance (EOD) and improvised explosive devices (IEDD) and related logistics.

The thesis subject for my Masters Programme was: Regionally based aviation safety and security oversight organisations.