



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **FAPAA 51<sup>st</sup> Executive Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting hosted in Manila, Philippines.**

**Manila, Philippines June 1 – 2, 2025:** The Philippine Multimodal Transport and Logistics Association Inc. (PMTLAI) hosted the 51<sup>st</sup> Executive Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Federation on Asia Pacific Aircargo Association (FAPAA) from 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 in Manila, Philippines.

The FAPAA meeting, held over 2 days at the Lanson Place Mall of Asia, Manila, was attended by 20 delegates from 12 of the 17 member countries and regions of the Federation. This FAPAA annual conference is considered an ideal opportunity for members to touch base with each other and network with members of the host association as well as those involved in the local logistics industry.

FAPAA, by convening its regional members annually at this annual meeting, provides a valuable platform to exchange knowledge on the latest industry developments and to share critical insights on the practical and technical aspects of air freight forwarding.

Erich H. Lingad, President of PMTLAI welcomed the delegates to Manila, whilst Ms. Dorris Torres, Chairperson of FAPAA chaired the ECM and AGM meetings. Topics in relation to IATA Cargo Agency Program and CASS, General Air Cargo activities, Air Cargo Security, Training and Education, Membership matters, were areas on importance discussed.

Prior to commencement of the ECM, insightful industry information was shared by several key guest speakers.

Cherry Castillo-Lee, AVP Cargo Sales, Philippine Airlines shared insight into the air cargo outlook on the domestic Philippines market, air export market and destinations. She also emphasized on the rising geopolitical and trade uncertainties, specifically on the effects of tariffs in aviation. Delegates were also provided an interesting perspective on AI in trade and logistics activities by Francis Norman Lopez, President of InterCommerce Network Services Inc. (Philippines). Guest speaker Dennis Pantastico, an Independent Consultant, provided an understanding into the implications of the De Minimis – implications for supply chains, importers, retailers and transport efficiency. David Wee, Asia Pacific Regional Cargo Manager for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) made an insightful presentation on the

overall outlook of the air cargo industry as a whole. He also touched on the areas of digitization, safety and security, and sustainability.

At the 51<sup>st</sup> FAPAA Annual General Meeting, the following office bearers were elected for the period 2025-2027;

**President - ILFA - Indonesia (Mr. Ardani Pratama Yahya)**

**Vice President - ACAAI - India (Mr. Keshav Ramnik Tanna) -**

**Hon. Secretary - FMFF - Malaysia (Mr. Krishnan Chelliah) -**

**Hon. Treasurer - HAFFA - Hong Kong (Mr. Gary Lau) -**

**Hon. Auditor - TAFE - Thailand (Ms. Kansiri Inthraphuvasak) -**

*More information can be found at the official FAPAA website [www.fapaa.org](http://www.fapaa.org)*

---

#### **ABOUT FAPAA – Federation of Asia-Pacific Aircargo Associations**

*The Federation of Asia-Pacific Aircargo Associations (FAPAA) was formed in 1985 and has grown to include 19 countries and / or region members, namely: Australia; Bangladesh; Brunei; China, Hong Kong-China; India; Indonesia; Japan; South Korea; Malaysia; Nepal; New Zealand; Philippines; Singapore; Sri-Lanka; Chinese Taipei; Thailand. FAPAA was created to provide a body focused on the particular needs of the members of its constituent Country /or Region Associations and to enhance the growth and development of Aircargo services within the Asia – Pacific.*

