



Aid for Papua New Guinea's CBT System of Personnel Licensing

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MOLIT initiated its aid for a Computer-Based Testing (CBT) of Personnel Licensing in Papua New Guinea for the first time among the countries from the Pacific Islands

The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT, Minister PARK Sang-woo) had an online meeting for the MOU ceremony on the aid to provide software for the CBT of Personnel licensing to Papua New Guinea on 16 July at Government Complex Sejong in South Korea and Papua New Guinea simultaneously headed by Director General YOO Kyeong-soo from the MOLIT and Chief Executive Officer/Director Benedict Igo Oraka from the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea.

This MOU was initiated in response to a request from Papua New Guinea during a visit to the country in February 2023 in accordance with its earlier asking at the ICAO's 57th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation, Asia and Pacific Regions, in July 2022, Incheon, Rep. of Korea, for support in preparing for the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Program (USOAP).



Papua New Guinea has been using New Zealand's online written testing system for personnel licensing (pilots, maintenance engineers, air traffic controllers, etc.) with a fee accounting for a lack of technical capabilities required for program development, without being able to establish its own independent testing basis.

South Korea has accumulated extensive know-how and technical expertise in operating CBT system since 2010, and expanded this to include aviation English proficiency tests in 2018.

Following the request for technical support from Papua New Guinea, the MOLIT began reviewing an appropriate CBT system for the country in collaboration with PASSON, one of the domestic SMEs that developed the system, and provided the CBT system to Papua New Guinea in advance while continuously communicating and educating them online.

This MOU is the first aviation sector agreement with a Pacific islands country, following the Korea-Pacific Islands Summit in May 2023 to strengthen aviation cooperation as a leading country of the sector in the region.

This year, the MOU will be followed by on-site training regarding airport safety management systems in November. Additionally, under the ICAO Global Fellowship program, South Korea plans to train mid-level managers from developing countries through domestic master's courses and reinforce its global aviation influence through various domestic training programs (12 programs).