



## **CIMA Plenary 2015**

### **Delegate's report**

#### **NAC: THA**

##### 1) Introduction

Air sport in Thailand is taken care of by the Royal Aeronautic Sports Association of Thailand (RASAT)—a sport authority representing NAC Thailand for air sports. This year, RASAT was led by Group Captain Veerayuth Didyasarin (Capt. Tang), RASAT president, whose vision is to uphold the quality and promote air sports in Thailand and in Asia. In paramotors, Thailand is recognised as a leader in the area. Thai pilots successfully won numerous medals in both Cat I and Cat II FAI competitions this year. Organising team as well as judge and marshal also see fast development with experiences in successfully organising many quality championships over the past few years.

##### 2) Sport in your country in 2015

###### *Olympic Council Asia (OCA Championship)*

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Asian Beach Game 2014, Phuket

###### *CIMA Championships*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Thailand Paramotor King's Cup Open (Cat II Competition), Ayudhya
- 9<sup>th</sup> Thailand Paramotor King's Cup Open (Cat II Competition), Nongkho

###### *National Championships*

- 43<sup>th</sup> Thailand National Games

##### 3) Regulatory and legal issues

Changes are going to be made on flying sports in Thailand.

At presents, flying sports including paramotors and microlights are rigidly regulated as the same process as general aviation aircrafts is applied. This process has been proven impractical as the authority never has sufficient manpower to register the huge amount of paramotor pilots in the country. As a result, most pilots are not registered and hence no control especially on the safety aspect was effective.

There were 7 fatal accidents associated with paramotors this year. Most of them are from improper equipment and lack of appropriate pilot skills.

RASAT is negotiating with the government authority to take charge of pilot and machine registration. It is making a satisfactory progress.

For training new pilots, RASAT is developing an official paramotor instructor course in a hope to standardise the training methods in the country and hence uphold its standard.

#### 4) Statistics

*Number of pilots: 224*

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