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First IATA Authorised Training Centre in Hong Kong to open in Hactl

(18 April 2012, Hong Kong:) Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) – the major air cargo handler at the world’s largest air cargo hub – has set up the first IATA Authorised Training Centre (ATC) for cargo in Hong Kong.

To increase the level of competency and the qualification of air cargo practitioners in the industry, the IATA Training and Development Institute (ITDI), - a leading source of international training and professional development programs serving all sectors of the transportation industry - develops the IATA International Cargo Training Program, which incorporates distance learning and e-learning modules for students wishing to upgrade their professional competence or start a career in the industry.

These courses are delivered in hundreds of classrooms worldwide leading to internationally recognized certificates or diplomas through IATA’s network of ATCs. The ATC operators abide by a comprehensive procedure manual, training staff must meet strict criteria regarding experience and qualifications, and the ATC premises and instructors are regularly audited to maintain consistent teaching quality.

The Hactl ATC, which will go live in the second half of 2012, will provide a wide range of IATA training courses covering subjects such as dangerous goods, live animals, infectious substances and perishables.

The ATC will deploy Hactl’s large existing training centre. The facility has recently been used to train Hactl staff and its customers in the use of the new COSAC+ IT system introduced by Hactl in late 2011.

Hactl’s ATC will be headed by Simon Yap, in his new position as Manager of Operation Training Services. Simon has spent around 25 years in air cargo, mostly in cargo training; he has worked for Hactl since 1997.

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Says Yap: “Hactl has a long and solid reputation for training. We have trained thousands of airline and forwarding staff in the use of the community IT system which we introduced in the late 70s, and have also conducted airline staff training at various customer locations around the world.

“The establishment of this first cargo ATC in Hong Kong is a logical extension to our activities, and places us even more firmly at the heart of the Hong Kong air cargo community. We are very honoured that IATA has chosen Hactl as its first ATC partner in Hong Kong, complementing its training network throughout the Asia Pacific Region.”

Says Yvonne Ho, IATA’s General Manager, Hong Kong: “We are delighted to welcome Hactl to our ATC network. They complement our coverage by providing a local training base at the world’s largest cargo hub, and their distinguished history of staff training and adoption of best practice means they are the ideal partner to promote IATA’s training programme.”

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About Hactl:

Hactl was launched in 1976 at Kai Tak Airport, where it handled 175,000 tonnes of cargo in its first year of operation. In 1998 it relocated to its famous, custom-designed SuperTerminal 1 at the city’s new Chek Lap Kok airport. This is still the world’s largest single independent cargo handling facility.

Hactl has more than doubled its tonnage in the 13 years since it moved to SuperTerminal 1, with an all-time record throughput of 2.9 million tonnes in 2010.

Hactl’s shareholders are Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd (41.67%), Hutchison Port Holdings Ltd (20.83%), The Wharf (Holdings) Ltd (20.83%) and China National Aviation Corporation (Group) Ltd (16.67%).

