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## **Michael W. Watkins FAA Senior Air Traffic Representative Asia-Pacific**

Michael Watkins is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Senior Air Traffic Representative - Asia-Pacific.

Working from the FAA regional office in Singapore, he works directly with over 40 Air Navigation Service Providers and international aviation organizations in the region to harmonize air traffic systems and procedures to a global standard. These efforts ultimately advance aviation safety, security, and efficiency.

Michael has over 35 years of aviation experience as an international pilot, air traffic systems specialist, and airport and air traffic facilities manager. Prior to his current appointment, he led the Western FAA Air Traffic System Requirements Team and was responsible for sustainment, system improvements, and NextGen implementation for 180 Airport Traffic Control Tower and Radar Control facilities and 10,000 unstaffed support facilities in the Western United States and the Pacific.

Michael is a former Naval Aviator and retired as a Commander in the U.S. Navy. During his career, he flew over 5,000 hours as pilot and instructor of both jets and helicopters. He completed several international liaison and exchange assignments in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. In the latter years of his career, he was a Regional Director of Operations for airports and airspace for the Department of Defense.

Michael is an FAA licensed pilot holding several type ratings as an Airline Transport – Airplane, Commercial Pilot – Helicopter, Certified Flight Instructor (Instrument) in both Airplanes and Helicopters, and Unmanned Aerial Systems.

