

DG MANUEL ANTONIO LARA TAMAYO

Ex-Officio Member

Director General, Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines



DG Manuel Antonio Tamayo took his oath of office as Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) on 14 November 2022. Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Jaime Bautista administered the ceremony.

DG Tamayo is well-known as the Commander of Shepherd One which flew Pope Francis from Manila to Tacloban during the papal visit in the Philippines in January 2015. He has flown for different Presidents starting with President Corazon C. Aquino, President Fidel V. Ramos, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, President Benigno C. Aquino III and President Rodrigo R. Duterte.

Prior to being the Director General of CAAP, DG Tamayo was appointed by former President Rodrigo Duterte as Undersecretary for Aviation and Airports under the DOTr. As undersecretary for aviation, DG Tamayo participated and worked towards the launch and completion of 217 airport development projects.

Capt. Tamayo started his career in the aviation industry as an Aide de Camp of the Commanding General, Philippine Air Force Logistics Command in 1973. He rose from the ranks and became the Chief of Intelligence of G2 Presidential Security Group, AFP in 1988. Thereafter, he joined the private sector and worked with Philippine Airlines for 28 years starting as a Systems Engineer in 1989 and similarly rose from the ranks until he was promoted as Vice President for Flight Operations Department and Director of Operations in 2013. He has attended various international conferences and training seminars such as the Airbus Flight Instructor Seminar held in Singapore in 2012 and Airbus Training Conference held in France in 2013. He represented the Philippines in the United States Trade and Development Agency/Asia-Pacific Flight Standards Reverse Trade Mission held in Washington in 2013, meeting with the Director of the European Union Aviation Plenary for the lifting of the EU ban for PAL held in Brussels in 2013 and the ICAO General Assembly held in Canada in 2016. He continues to fly with a total flying time of over 13400 hours.

Capt. Tamayo is a licensed pilot with 42 years of experience in the aviation industry owing his flying prowess to the Philippine Air Force (PAF) where he started his flying career. He graduated in 1975 from the Philippine Air Force Flying School.