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CDA Hosts Two International Delegations from China and Brazil

This week, the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) hosted two visiting international delegations.

On Wednesday, September 22, the HNA Airport Group, which operates 13 airports throughout China visited O'Hare and Midway International Airport. The ten-person delegation met with CDA First Deputy Commissioner Michael Boland and senior staff members at O'Hare where they received an overview of the CDA.

The HNA delegation was also interested in learning about privatization, terminal service/management, concessions, and construction planning at Midway International Airport. Their visit included a tour of Midway's terminals and airfield.

Today, a delegation from Brazil included representatives from the National Agency of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Health and the Agência Nacional de Energia Elétrica.

The five-person delegation also met with CDA First Deputy Commissioner Michael Boland and Chief Operations Officer Khaled Naja during the visit to O'Hare International Airport.

The day's discussion included an overview of Chicago's airports, with a focus on sustainable initiatives and compliance with environmental regulation of airport expansion projects.

The group toured the airfield and learned about the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) and the Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM).

Since 2009, the CDA has hosted international delegations from Latin-America; the Caribbean; Shangi, Singapore; Belgrade, Serbia; Abu Dhabi, UAE; Beijing, China; Incheon, South Korea; Henan Province, China, Russia; and countries of the former Soviet Union and the United Kingdom.

For more information on the CDA's Sustainable Airport Manual, please visit: www.airportsgoinggreen.com

For more information on the CDA or the OMP, please visit www.flychicago.com
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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than $45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and $18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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