

Suvarnabhumi Airport Continues Stepping up Sorting Area Access Controlled for Prevention of Passengers' Luggage Thefts

Flt. Lt. Torsak Ningsanon, the Deputy General Manager of Suvarnabhumi Airport disclosed that the Airport had implemented strong security measures in the sorting area since September. Besides, close cooperation from the Provincial Police Region 1 and Raja Dheva Police Station was requested for sternly investigating and arresting thieves stealing passengers' valuable items. The measures resulted the arrest of 7 outsourcing employees in the sorting area and in the cargo area.

Flt. Lt. Torsak said that the arrest could be done because of the strict measures on access controls used against all the people working in the area. They would be thoroughly searched for being ensured that nothing was stolen and taken with them. Moreover, the designed uniform with no pockets at all and the prohibition of taking any valuable items with them into the sorting area helped the police investigation bear fruits, many were under arrest.

He added that the people arrested were divided into 2 groups according to their guilts. First was the group who stole valuable items from passengers' luggage inside the sorting area; and the second was the group of people who stole valuable things inside the cargo area. The stolen items found in their lockers and in their shelters were over 100 pieces, such as 37 cell phones, cameras, watches, notebook, computers, brace lace, necklace, many of different currencies, etc.

He also mentioned that those who were arrested are outsourcing employees working in the area. In addition, some are security guards hired by airlines to watch over the security of luggage sorted in the sorting area. This enabled them a chance to take some stolen items out with them.

Flt. Lt. Torsak confirmed that the Airport would carry on the said implemented measures and in the meantime 372 more CCTVs would be fixed for the coverage of the whole area and it is expected to be completed by the end of this year (2009). Besides, luminous light would be added and the security patrol would be carried out around the clock. The Airport also requested all airlines to closely look over their staffs and employees working in the said area. In case, airline staffs are found guilty of thefts, they will be prohibited to work in the area. All the said 7 arrested employees are now under black list and were seized their airport passes. Then legal actions would be taken against them.
