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Welcome and Introduction

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Good Morning and Welcome Everyone to the  
One Day Nextor Symposium.

First, let me introduce myself. I'm Dave Chin,  
Program Director for the Nextor Program and I  
also I serve as the Director for Performance  
Analysis in the Air Traffic Organization.

It's great to see so many familiar faces and  
meet new ones as well.

Today is a special day in that it marks an early celebration of the twentieth anniversary of Nextor -- our FAA Center of Excellence in Aviation Operations Research.

Nextor was established in 1996 and over the years, it has produced many, many analyses that have helped the FAA make more informative decisions, shape policy and take more effective actions.

Nextor has grown and evolved overtime. Five years ago, I challenged the Nextor Universities to expand their sphere of influence by sharing their research and knowledge on the Global Stage.

So how well did they meet this challenge?

One measure of success showed up in a Nextor organized Workshop on “Global Challenges to

Improve Air Navigation Performance” this past *February*.

Presenters from Switzerland, New Zealand, China, Germany, Belgium, France and Canada, representing Air Navigation Service Providers, Airlines and International Organizations attended.

Our Nextor Universities have clearly demonstrated that they have a worldwide recognition and draw.

Today you will hear briefings on diverse topics that I hope you will find stimulating, entertaining and provocative in some cases.

As you can see from the agenda, we have a full day ahead. Now, Mr. Administrator, I want to point out that these professors paid their own way to come share their research with us. With

the budget outlook the way it is, I told them that they will be celebrating Nextor's twentieth anniversary at a special FAA L.C.C...and FAA L.C.C stands for....FAA Low Cost Conference...

.....And now, it gives me great pleasure to invite the FAA Administrator Mr. Michael Huerta to deliver the opening remarks.

Thank you all for listening and I hope you enjoy the symposium.