



## Hong Kong Aviation Club responds to media enquiries

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In response to questions from various media regarding the use of Kai Tak site as discussed in the Kowloon City District Council's meeting, the spokesperson of the Hong Kong Aviation Club (HKAC) said today (27<sup>th</sup> May 2017):

In light of the rapid development of Kowloon City, after discussions with the Civil Aviation Department, HKAC has decided to cease all Helicopter flying activities from Kai Tak by 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017. Despite the decision, HKAC strives to continue to promote general aviation to the public and we will continue to provide aviation related training at the Kai Tak premises. We continue to offer aviation theory courses, simulator flying experience and aviation/engineering workshops on a regular basis. We also offer site/facility visits for schools, charitable organisations and community centres etc with the objective of allowing the general public to learn more about general aviation. Over 750 people have participated in our aviation theory courses since 2002 and over 11,000 people have visited our facilities since 2009.

HKAC is a non-profit making organisation. We have been closely associated with other aviation related groups such as the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps, the Hong Kong Air Scout Association, the Hong Kong Air Balloon Club, the Hong Kong Parachute Club, the Hong Kong Paragliding Association and the Hong Kong Model Engineering Club Ltd. etc. These organisations share our premises as their offices and also for regular meetings/activities. There are over 7,400 members in the aforementioned organisations.

The use of the Kai Tak premises by HKAC is in full compliance with the terms of its tenancy agreement with the HKSAR Government. HKAC has no intention to move away from the Kai Tak site.

The Hong Kong Aviation Club