



Hong Kong Aviation Club – Message from CFI

From: CFI (A)

To: All Pilots

Date: 20 March 2015

Please be informed that on 8th Mar, 2015, a pilot has departed from Shek Kong and visually reckoned New Town was suitable for VFR flying at 1500 ft. However, upon entry into New Town, the aircraft inadvertently entered marginal VFR condition. The pilot immediately made attempt to return to Shek Kong but found that neither Fire Station Gap nor Kadoorie Gap was in VFR condition. Consequently, the pilot had requested assistance from ATC and climbed to 4000 ft in New Town to attain VFR condition. Subsequently, the pilot was not able to return to Shek Kong under VFR condition and was diverted by ATC to land at CLK International Airport. Flight Ops were relieved that the pilot had landed safely at CLK.

The weather conditions for Hong Kong during spring can be marginal, and in summer, localized thunderstorm can be developed in short duration. I would like to remind all members as PIC to spend time to check METAR, TAF and Local Aviation Forecast to assess the weather conditions before the flight. In particular, please observe SKOI 6 that all flights out of Shek Kong must be authorized by an Instructor when weather condition or forecast is below VFR as specified on SKOI 6. Please be advised that this must be strictly complied with for your safety and there is no compromise.

In addition, the Club is in the progress of organizing meteorology seminar in April/May 2015, in order to help pilots better appreciate developing weather conditions. Flight Ops will make the announcement in due course.

Safe Landings.

Emile