

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board
for the period of 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008

The Corps again made remarkable achievements during the reporting period. Through Flag Days held respectively on 14 October 2006 and 13 October 2007, \$1.48m was raised to support our programmes and activities. Honorary Adviser Dr Y C CHOW coordinated a fund raising campaign in 2007 and attracted \$1m to finance our many scholarship programmes. As we continue to enjoy strong support from the aviation community, the number of flying scholarships offered during the period reached 17 each year, *viz*, three full Private Pilot License (PPL) scholarships sponsored by the Guild of the Air Pilot and Air Navigator (GAPAN), six Advanced Aviation Education Programme (AAEP) scholarships, two AAEP (Helicopter) scholarships, four *Operation Swift* New Zealand gliding scholarships, and two UK Air Cadet Organization (ACO) gliding scholarships. The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme was able to identify seven candidates in 2007 for grooming as possible new blood to the local aviation industry. During the period our notional monthly capacity for helicopter air experience flying was sustained at 120 passengers per month, owed mainly to the generous contributions of our dedicated cadre of volunteer pilots under the able leadership of the Chief Pilot, Specialist Wing Commander John LI.

Highlights of the Period

As the activities of the Corps are detailed in the Commanding Officer's Reports submitted before each Executive Board Meeting and copies of such Reports are available upon request from the Headquarters, I shall only highlight the more noteworthy accomplishments as follows:

- (a) Two cadet corporals of the Ceremonial Squadron became two of the flag raisers who carried out the first May 4th Flag Raising at the Bauhinia Square since 1997 which was not conducted by the Police. They were selected from uniformed group representative after vigorous selection by the Police College. The Flag Raising Ceremony was telecasted real time to all second schools in Hong Kong, and received widespread coverage on the media. The Ceremonial Squadron. HKACC also contributed the Parade Commander of the Ceremony.
- (b) HKACC provided Parade Contingents to the 心繫奧運 – 香港青年大遊行 on 7 May 2006, the 9th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR Flag Raising Ceremony at the Bauhinia Square, and the 9th Anniversary of the Establishment of HKSAR Street Parade from HK Stadium to Wanchai Sports Ground.

HKACC on invitation by the organizers contributed professional MCs to the 心繫奧運 – 香港青年大遊行 on 7 May 2006 (Flt Lt Patrick DUNN, Fg Off (sp) Anna YAU, Plt Off (sp) Dolphin CHAN), the Secretary of Home Affairs Commendation Award Presentation Ceremony on 8 May (Flt Lt Leo LO), and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence National Day Flag Raising Ceremony (Plt Off (sp) Dolphin CHAN).

In 2007, the Corps was invited to actively support the HKSAR Government in the long series of civic events organization to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR, held both locally and in Shenzhen – in many cases HKACC deployed the largest contingent among all uniformed groups and again made numerous special contributions at the request of the organizer (e.g. contributed celebrity MCs, deployed highly trained flag raisers, choreographed ceremonial or crowd management operations).

- (c) The 35th Anniversary Ball took place at the Kowloon Shangri La Hotel on 8 April 2006, officiated by the Honourable Ms Elsie LEUNG GBM (standing in for the Honourable Mrs Rita FAN). The Operations Group Mess Night 2006 was held at the Police Officers' Club on 17 June and the HKACC Annual Mess Dinner 2006 cum Farewell Dinner for Mr Alan WONG, EB Member, was organized on 29 August at the Aviation Club.

The Annual Mess Dinner 2007 was held at the Police Officers' Club on the evening of 24 November 2007. The Guest of Honour was Dr Y C CHOW, Honorary Adviser.

- (d) The Corps participated or will participate in the following exchanges with Mainland China during the period:

- (i) 友誼使者相聚神州 2006 – 16 July to 24 July 2006
- (ii) 10,000 miles Friendship Trek 2006 - 21 to 28 July 2006
- (iii) 內蒙古交流考察營 – 26 July to 4 August 2006
- (iv) Beijing Aviation Summer Camp 2006 – 10 to 13 August 2006 – this heralded future collaboration with PLA AF Beijing and led to the formation of Liaison Unit (Mainland China)
- (v) Zhong Shan Exchange sponsored by SHO – 28 to 30 Oct 2006
- (vi) 10,000 miles Friendship Trek 2007 – 22 to 26 July 2007
- (vii) Beijing Aviation Summer Camp 2007 – 29 July to 3 August 2007
- (viii) 10,000 miles Friendship Trek 2008 – 21 to 26 March 2008

- (e) The Summer Camp 2006 was held from 11 to 14 August 2006 at the HKAC High Island Training Camp and EB Member Mr Edmund CHOW visited the Camp on 12 August. Summer Camp 2007 took place from 8 to 12 August 2007 concurrently at two sites: Chek Keng and Pak Sha O, in spite of inclement weather. It was the largest summer camp ever organised with over 200 campers.

- (f) The United Kingdom Training Team (UKTT) 06 visited Hong Kong from 17 July to July 2006 and organized the following courses:

- (i) Officers' Initial Course
- (ii) Senior Non-commissioned staff Initial Course
- (iii) Ceremonial Guard Continuity Drill Course

HKACC has now been validated as qualified to run the above courses, as well as the Officers' Senior Course at UK ATC standard. The drill standard of the HKACC Ceremonial Squadron has been rated as higher than that of the best comparable unit in UK ATC.

UKTT 07 visited Hong Kong from 13 July to 22 July 2007. Comprising two SNCOs from the Queen's Colour Squadron (QCS), the Team gave valuable advices to the Corps on the upgrading ceremonial and continuity drill standards.

- (g) The International Air Cadet Exchange Fund Walk 2006 was held on 23 April 2006 and raised \$152,158.90 to support IACE 2006. The IACE 2006 Hong Kong Phase was held from 18 July to 2 August 2006.

IACE 2007 took place from 17 July to 1 August 2007, with 25 overseas delegates from Australia, Canada, France, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, UK and USA participating. The fund raising walk was held on 29 April 2007 and raised more than \$210,000 to support the international exchange programmes of the year.

- (h) The HKACC Flag Day 2006 was successfully held on 14 October 2006 in the Kowloon region. Flag Day 2007 was held in Hong Kong Island on 13 October 2007.
- (i) The 35th Anniversary Parade was held on 3 December 2006 at the Foundation Training Centre (FTC), Hong Kong Police College (HKPC). The Reviewing Officer was Dr Y C CHOW GBS OBE. It was the largest annual parade ever organised by the Corps.

The Annual Parade 2008 was again held at the FTC HKPC on 25 November 2007, with Mr Gordon FUNG, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Management, as the Inspecting Officer.

- (j) Other major Air Cadets Parades and Ceremonial Events held during the period:
 - (i) No 6 Wing Parade – FTC HKPC, 10 December 2006
 - (ii) Beating the Retreat - Police Officers' Club, 17 December 2006; and Exchange Square, 8 December 2007
 - (iii) Hong Kong Island Wing Parades – Auxiliary Police HQ, 1 February 2007 and Chai Wan Parade, 9 March 2008
 - (iv) Adult Training Squadron Passing Out Parades – Customs & Excise Training School, 4 March 2007 and 24 February 2008
 - (v) Kowloon Wing Parade – FTC HKPC, 18 March 2007
 - (vi) New Territories Wing Parade – Police Tactical Unit HQ, 8 April 2007
 - (vii) National Day Flag Raising Ceremony, Golden Bauhinia Square - 1 October, 2007 and 2008
- (k) The Corps provided manpower support to the GFS Family Day on 26 December 2006. The Ceremonial Squadron (C Sqn) organised two sessions of continuity drill display inside the GFS Hanger to entertain visitors. In addition, the Corps deployed over 300 members to support to the GFS Open Day on 18 November 2007, including making several public performances of continuity drill and model aircraft aerobatics.

HKACC turned out 500 members to conduct crowd management operation on 21 April 2007 on the occasion of 萬人齊誦《道德經》 at the HK Stadium. The Corps was the lead organization in charge of all uniformed groups on scene

Over 80 members were mobilized to support the UNICEF Charity Run 2007 at Disneyland on 2 December 2007, with deployment commenced at 0300 hrs on that day.

Over 100 members discharged crowd management duty at the request of the Police on 7 February 2008 to support the Cathay Pacific International Chinese New Year Night Parade in the Tsim Sha Tsui area.

- (l) Five cadets and two senior members successfully completed Junior Outdoor Leadership Courses organised by the New Zealand Cadet Forces in January 2007 and 2008, in Dip Flat, Woodbourne, NZ.
- (m) The Corps was paid official visits by a number of Mainland organizations during the period, including several referred by the HAB and 香港青年聯會. 張俊生教授 (前新華社副社長) from 浙江大學 and a Zhejiang TV Station filming crew visited HQ HKACC on 6 May 2007, accompanied by the Honorary Adviser.
- (n) A presentation to introduce members to the “Operation Dragonfly” power parachuting programme was organised at the Polytechnic University on 30 June 2007. Power parachuting has been identified by our pilots and aircraft engineers to be a safe and economic way to put more young people into the air. The sport has since been further promoted among members, and a number of training courses and flight experience trips have been held.
- (o) A team of four cadets trained by the Technical Operations and Support Squadron (TOSS) competed in the First National Aeromodeling Competition held in Nanjing and organized by the Aero-Sports Federation of China (中國國家體育總局航電模中心舉辦之 2007 年全國第一屆模擬遙控飛行挑戰賽) in July 2007. The following outstanding results were achieved:
 - 女子組公開組冠軍，中學組第三名: BC LEUNG Shun Yan (梁純恩), No 202 Sqn
 - 男子公開組第三名，中學組第四名: ICC HUNG Tak Yin (孔德賢), CT Sqn
 - 中學組第六名: Cpl AU Wing Ho(區穎豪), No 207 Sqn
 - 中學組第七名: Cpl HUNG Chun Fui (梁晉魁), No 207 Sqn
- (p) CO and CSO were invited to participate in the one-day Runway Park Value Management Workshop organized by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on 24 October 2007. Input made by the two HKACC representatives were well received by the organizer, and HKACC will likely be involved in the future planning and in the running of the Runway Park.

- (q) The Closing Ceremony of the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme 2008 was held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on 2 December 2008. The over 40 key personnel from the co-organizers of the Programme, including the CEO of Dragonair, were given an opportunity to experience helicopter flying in B-KOZ and B-KJW earlier on the day. Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme for this year will commence on 29 March 2008.
- (r) The Corps has successfully applied for listing as a “WiseGiving” charitable organization under the Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

Appointments

Dr CHOW Yei Ching, GBS, OBE, was appointed as Honorary Adviser with effect from 3 December 2006. Dr CHOW, a former fighter pilot, is a renowned international businessman and philanthropist

The Honourable Mr SIN Chung Kai SBS JP, Legislative Councilor, was appointed as Information Technology Adviser with effect from 24 November 2007. Mr SIN is the Legislative Councilor representing the IT Functional Constituency.

Mom Luang (“The Honourable”) Rajadarasri JAKANURA was appointed Goodwill Ambassador of the Corps with effect from 1 January 2008. Mom Luang JAKANURA is the proprietress of the Harrow’s Schools in Beijing and Bangkok. Her family has major stakes in a corporation which supplies Aviation Fuel in most airports in Southern and Central China, and delivers 10% of China’s crude oil imports.

Mr Hogan LOH was appointed Honorary Secretary and Mr Edwin LAU was appointed Honorary Treasurer of the Executive Board.

Messrs K M CHU & Co was appointed Auditor for the Financial Years 2005/06 and 2006/07.

Staff Movements

Ms Kimberly YEUNG was appointed Administration Officer on 3 January 2007 vice Ms Joey LEUNG. Ms Megan TIN was appointed Administration Officer on 7 16 January 2008 to succeed Ms Kimberly YEUNG. Sqn Ldr Pauline CHENG was appointed interim Administration Officer from 21 December 2007 to 2 March 2008.

Ms Noelle LAU was appointed Administrative Assistant (Accounting) on 13 December 2006 vice Mr Tommy AU YEUNG. Ms Belind TSOI replaced Ms LAU in the post on 27 April 2007. Ms Iris FONG succeeded Ms TSOI in the post with effect from 1 March 2008.

Sgt Instr KEUNG Cheuk HO was promoted Senior Operations and Training Assistant on 1 April 2007. Mr Matthew LEE was appointed Operations and Training Assistant on 7 May 2007, he was in turn succeeded by Clerical Assistant Mr Michael YUEN from January 2008 onward.

Finance

The Corps continues to rely on subventions through the Home Affairs Bureau and the Community Chest as its principal funding for capital and recurrent expenditures. Additional funding was available in the form of corporate and personal donations, as well as Honorary Officer endowments. In order to balance the budget, the Corps also generates income from membership fees, course fees, and sales of stock items.

Following the economic rebound in 2006 and 2007, the amount of charitable donations made to the Corps increased considerably, but there was a noticeable decrease in the turnout of helpers under Flag Day 2007, which prompted the implementation of measures by the Corps Management to improve turnouts in future Flag Days. Efforts are being made to lobby individual and corporate philanthropists to continue their support to the Corps in 2008/09.

The Corps' audited accounts for the years ended 31 March 2006 and 31 March 2007 will be presented later at the meeting.

Votes of Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to donors and sponsors for their financial assistance which is crucial to the continuation of our work. The following individuals and organizations deserve special mention for their long-standing pecuniary support to the Air Cadets:

- (a) The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for recurrent and project-based subventions released through the Home Affairs Bureau, and for policy support to our key projects by the Home Affairs Bureau, Transport and Housing Bureau, and Civil Aviation Department.
- (b) The Community Chest for its recurrent subvention.
- (c) Dr Y C CHOW and Flt Lt (sp) Lily FENN for their initiatives and efforts in organizing fund raising campaigns during 2007.
- (d) The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, for offering prestigious "GAPAN Fanny LI Youth Flying Scholarships" to promising young members of the Corps.
- (e) The Hong Kong Dragon Airlines, for organizing the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme.
- (f) The Cathay Pacific Airways, for their support to the Advanced Aviation Education Programme.

- (g) Wg Cdr (sp) John LI, Mr Hogan LOH, Flt Lt (sp) Andrew YAN, Flt Lt (sp) Lily FENN, Flt Lt (sp) Michael Fitzgerald WONG, Fg Off (sp) Jay SHAW, Fg Off (sp) K C CHENG, Fg Off (sp) John SAUNDERS, Dr W C UN and Mr David TONG for contributing helicopter flying activities to the Corps.
- (h) The Honorary Officers, without whose regular financial contributions and personal connection the Corps would never have achieved the rapid development and expansion over the past decade.

To conclude, I am grateful to all members for continuing support. I must also commend and acknowledge with the greatest respect the work of our volunteers and staff, and praise the Corps for its outstanding achievements under the leadership of the Executive Board and the Commanding Officer.

The Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps is fortunate in remaining united by a common purpose – to serve the Motherland and the Community, and to develop young people for possible service in the Aviation Industry. I am confident that Corps will continue to be recognized as Hong Kong's most innovative and forward looking uniform group, and to remain fit for purpose in our constantly changing world.

(Peter C C CHAU)
Chairman of the Executive Board
Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps

13 March 2008

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Executive Board 2006/07 and 2007/08

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- Controller, Government Flying Service

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- Former Deputy Commissioner, Auxiliary Medical Service

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(up to 31 August 2006)

- General Manager, Corporate Communications

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- Merchant
- Senior Honorary Officer, HKACC

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Executive Board 2006/07 and 2007/08 (cont'd)

Members (cont'd)

Mr Dane CHENG

(1 September 2006 to 27 February 2008)

- General Manager, Corporate Communications

Captain Joe Y C FUNG

(from 28 February 2008)

- Pilot, Cathay Pacific Airways

Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service)

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- Pilot I, Government Flying Service