

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board**  
**for the period of April 2008 to March 2009**

In spite of the worldwide financial turmoil which cropped up with little early warning during the second quarter of the financial year, the Corps continued to prosper during the reporting period. Whilst the Flag Day planned for 7 June 2008 was unfortunately cancelled due to Black Rainstorm Warning, prudent spending control and aggressive fund raising campaigns quickly put in place should result in a slight financial surplus at the year end, thereby allowing a healthy reserve to sustain normal operations and to support necessary developmental projects during uncertain times. Legal Consultant Dr Lily FENN and Honorary Adviser Dr Y C CHOW initiated fund raising activities and attracted over \$0.6M to support the establishment of the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps Dr Lily FENN Aviation Education Base and our day-to-day operations; \$192,280 was allocated by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to finance the renovation work of the Piper's Hill Adventure Activities Base; through the joint lobbying efforts of Chief Staff Officers/Chief Executive Officers of the uniformed groups, a one-off grant of \$290,000 was awarded by the Home Affairs Bureau to support new initiatives as well as international and mainland exchange programmes.

We are fortunate to continue enjoying staunch support from the aviation community, with the total number of flying scholarships reaching eighteen in 2008/09, viz, four 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 offered opportunities for fourteen candidates in 2008 to take part in a mentorship programme to experience first hand the inner workings of the local aviation industry. Over 100 members took part in the innovative Operation Dragonfly to gain air experience flying on powered parachutes in Mainland China. The monthly capacity of our helicopter air experience flying was maintained at up to 120 passengers per month, weather and aircraft serviceability permitting, through the generous contributions of our eleven volunteer pilots, supported by a dedicated cadre of close to twenty flight operation officers, under the overall command of Specialist Wing Commander John LI. With the opening of the HKACC Dr Lily FENN Aviation Education Base on 21 March 2009, the West Kowloon Heliport has effectively replaced Kai Tak as the staging base of the majority of our flight operations.

Having operated as a Registered Society for 37 years, the Corps was incorporated as a Public Company Limited by Guarantee in Hong Kong on 1 September 2008. As agreed at past general meetings, it is an essential move in view of the complexity of the services we provide to Society, and is in line with the normal development of other mature and successful charitable organizations. Due to a number of outstanding legal issues, notably membership transfers, the Public Company Limited by Guarantee and the Registered Society will co-exist for some time. May I take this opportunity to call upon all colleagues and members to support the Executive Board and Management to move forward with this necessary transition by completing the required paperwork over the coming year.

### 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) The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme 20008 was kicked off on 29 March 2008 with a one-day intensive selection programme held at the Dragonair House. A total of fourteen mentees were later chosen to pursue this year's Programme which will continue until the coming December.
- (b) A fellowship dinner to celebrate the 37th Anniversary of the founding of the Corps was held on 5 April 2008 at the Police Officers' Club.
- (c) The Corps was again deployed in strength to support the annual May Fourth Youth Festival held throughout 4 May 2008 which began with the Flag Raising Ceremony in the morning at the Golden Bauhinia Square, followed by a parade through the streets of Wanchai and Causeway Bay, and consummated in a large gala show in the late afternoon at the HK Stadium. Two female cadets of the Ceremonial Squadron were selected through a competition held between the 11 uniformed groups as the National Flag Raisers, and awarded a Banner of Honour by the Secretary for Home Affairs for their accomplishment.
- (d) Over 200 members were engaged by the organizer to provide crowd management and general support services for the marathon concert held on 1 June 2008 at the West Kowloon PopTV Arena to raise funds for Sichuan Earthquake victims.
- (e) The Flag Day 2008 scheduled for on 7 June 2008 was cancelled due to Black Rain Storm warning issued in the morning. Due to the cancellation, a net loss of \$11,116,90 was unfortunately incurred.
- (f) For the first time in the Corps' history, 45 members were invited by the Hong Kong Airport Authority (HKAA) to participate in an airport security exercise codenamed "Purple Haze" held during the early morning of 26 June 2008. In view of the success of the Exercise, the Corps will be invited by HKAA to participate in similar events later in the year.
- (g) The United Kingdom Training Team 2008, comprising RAF College and Queen's Colour Squadron personnel and accompanied by Sqn Ldr Tommy THOMSON, Liaison Officer (UK), was in Hong Kong from 16 to 26 July to train the Ceremonial Squadron to a standard ready for the delivery of a 64-member continuity drill performance for public viewing at the Annual Parade on 12 October 2008. The UK Air Cadet Leadership Course (ACLC) 2008 was participated by two cadet members and one adult escort, and took place from 26 July to 2 August 2008. In addition, two cadet members took part in the UK Glider Scholarships Programme held for two weeks during August.

- (h) Preliminary agreement has been made with HQ Air Cadets of UK on the invitation of an accreditation team to visit Hong Kong in July 2009, necessary for the possible introduction of UK Cadet Vocational Qualifications Organizations adult qualifications in HKACC.
- (i) “Operation Dragonfly” continued during the summer with 100 members participated in Power Parachuting (PPC) this year. A PPC Symposium was held on 17 August 2008 at the HKU SPACE Kowloon East Campus featuring flight experience sharing by members and keynote speeches by invited speakers from US.
- (j) The annual “Ten Thousand Miles Friendly Trek” in Mainland China took place from 16 to 23 July 2008, whereas the Beijing Aviation Summer Camp 2008 was held from 24 to 29 July 2008
- (k) IACE 2008 (Hong Kong Phase) was held from 17 July to 1 Aug 2008. The case of a Canadian cadet suffering from pneumothorax who subsequently required surgical operation, lengthy hospitalization and special care in Hong Kong will no doubt be thoroughly examined in the upcoming IACEA Conference in October to come up with recommendations on standard operating procedures to handle similar cases under IACE context in future.
- (l) The Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries approved on 22 August 2008 a donation of \$192,280 to fund the capital work required to turn our Piper’s Hill site into an Adventure Activities Base. Invitation of tenders will take place in October 2008, with the project completion date estimated to be on or before 31 March 2009.
- (m) With policy support rendered by HAB, we saw good progress in the search for our future helicopter base and camp site. A number of meetings and site visits have been conducted with the Planning Department. Following extensive search by the Department, a suitable site has been identified and the Corps is preparing some papers for consideration by the authorities to address issues such as noise, number of flight movements and projected utilization rate of the campsite.
- (n) The Corps was invited by HAB to provide the National Flag Raisers, Masters of Ceremony and the No 2 Guard at the Flag Raising Ceremony on 30 August 2008 to honour the visiting National Olympic Team Gold Medalists.
- (o) The annual joint cadet forces flag raising ceremony was held on 1 Oct 08 in the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence. Mr Jacky LUM, Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs was the Guest of Honour who officiated at both the flag raising ceremony and the medal presentation.

- (p) The IACEA Conference 2009 was held in Hong Kong from 12 Oct to 17 Oct 2008, kicked off by the Annual Parade in the afternoon on 12 Oct and followed in rapid succession by the Annual Dinner cum IACEA Welcome Reception at the Hong Kong Scout Centre in the same evening. The Commanding Officer was elected President of the International Air Cadet Exchange Association during the Conference.
- (q) The Corps took over the West Kowloon Heliport on 31 Oct 2008. Renovation work took place immediately afterward, with flight operations commenced on a trial basis on 17 Feb 2009. Grand Opening of the site, otherwise known as “Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps Dr Lily FENN Aviation Education Base”, took place on 21 March 2009, officiated by the Honourable CHAN Hak Kan Gary, Legislative Councillor and Air Cadets alumni, and Ms Grace K Y LUI, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs.

### Appointments

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

Mr Norman S M LO, Executive Board Member, was appointed Commandant in the rank of Air Commodore with effect from 1 April 2008, succeeding Air Commodore Brian Y M BUTT.

Hon Gp Capt Jones C H WONG, Senior Honorary Officer, was appointed Commanding Officer (Designate) in the rank of Group Captain on 1 April 2008 to understudy the role of Commanding Officer, with a view to assuming command on 1 April 2009.

Mr Daniel Y K NG replaced Captain Victor W T LAU as Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service) and Executive Board Member, with effect from 25 November 2008.

Messrs K M CHU & Co was appointed Auditor for the Financial Year 2008/09.

### Staff Movements

Mr Larry LEUNG was appointed Operations and Training Assistant on 27 May 2008 vice Sgt Instructor KEUNG Cheuk Ho. Ms Sarah LO was appointed Clerical Assistant on 29 September 2008 vice Mr Michael YUEN, Ms LO was in turn succeeded by Mr Marco LEE, who assumed duty on 16 December 2008.

### 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.

Due to the cancellation of the Flag Day 2008, extra efforts were made to rally individual and corporate philanthropists to continue their support to the Corps in 2008/09.

### 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, the Planning Department, and Lands Department, and Civil Aviation Department.
- (b) The Community Chest for its recurrent subvention.
- (c) Dr Lily FENN and Dr Y C CHOW for their initiatives and efforts in organizing fund raising campaigns during 2008/09.
- (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) The Flying Squadron, under the command of Chief Pilot Wg Cdr (sp) John LI 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 their unflagging support during the year. In particular, I thank Gp Capt Leonard LEUNG for his able command over the past fifteen years, and wish him every success as the President of the International Air Cadet Exchange Association, and in his new role as Commanding Officer Emeritus & Special Adviser.

I continue to have full confidence in the Corps remaining as Hong Kong's most innovative and forward looking uniform group, fit for purpose in both challenging and prosperous times. On this note, I shall look forward to Gp Capt Jones WONG, assuming command on 1 April 2009, taking the Corps to new heights.

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

27 March 2009

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Executive Board 2008/09**

**Chairman**

Mr Peter C C CHAU BBS MBE QPM CPM

- Merchant
- Honorary Commandant, Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force

**Commandant**

Air Commodore Norman S M LO AE JP

- Director-General of Civil Aviation

**Commanding Officer**

Group Captain Leonard K P LEUNG MH AE

- Former Aircrewman Officer I, Government Flying Service

**Honorary Secretary**

Mr Hogan LOH

- Merchant
- Former President, Hong Kong Aviation Club

**Honorary Treasurer**

Mr Edwin W C LAU AE

- Area Manager, Hong Kong & North East Asia, Emirate Airlines

**Members**

Mr Edmund W C CHOW AE

- Civil Servant

Mr Steve H W LAU BBS OStJ BEM JP

- Merchant
- Former Commissioner, Road Safety Patrol
- Former Deputy Commissioner, Auxiliary Medical Service

Ms Scarlett O L PONG

- Merchant
- Shatin District Councillor
- Member, Central Policy Unit

Group Captain Jones C H WONG OStJ

- Merchant
- Commanding Officer (Designate) and Senior Honorary Officer, HKACC

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Executive Board 2008/09 (cont'd)**

**Members (cont'd)**

Captain Joe Y C FUNG  
(from 28 February 2008)

- Pilot, Cathay Pacific Airways

**Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service)**

Captain Victor W T LAU  
(up to 24 November 2008)

- Pilot I, Government Flying Service

Mr Daniel Y K NG  
(from 25 November 2008)

- Pilot II, Government Flying Service