

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board
for the period of April 2009 to March 2010

The Executive Board has noted that 2009/10 was a challenging year for the Corps. Not only was there the impact of the financial crisis, since youth development and aviation education was not to be exempt from this global phenomenon, but also there was the impact of the swine flu. Nevertheless, the Board regarded the Corps' performance as remarkable in the circumstances. The quick rebound of the economy, along with prudent spending control and enterprising fund raising exercises helped us to achieve a good surplus and a healthy financial reserve, both to sustain our normal operations and to support worthwhile developmental projects. This also enabled us to look at the prospect of diversifying a portion of our financial reserve to portfolios of slightly higher yield than fixed bank deposits. Honorary Adviser Dr Y C CHOW and Legal Consultant Dr Lily FENN continued their respective fund raising campaigns and attracted close to \$0.8M, whereas a generous donation from Canada during the year led to the establishment of the Canadian Gliding Scholarships which will begin to benefit our young members in 2010/11.

With unflagging support from the aviation community, the total number of flying scholarships reached an all time high at nineteen in 2009/10, namely 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 three UK Air Cadet Organization (ACO) gliding scholarships. The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (KAACP) co-opted sixteen candidates in 2009/10 to the innovative mentorship programme to immerse themselves in the working environment of Hong Kong's aviation industry. Over 100 members took part in the *Operation Dragonfly* to gain air experience flying on powered parachutes in Mainland China. The nominal 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 team of over twenty flight operation officers, and oversaw by Chief Pilot Wg Cdr (sp) John LI. An accident in May 2009 involving an Aviation Club two seat helicopter caused a hiatus in our flight operations, subsequent to which the Corps played a key role in connecting the Kowloon City District Board, Civil Aviation Department and Hong Kong Aviation Club to come together and reach an understanding on future helicopter flying operations from Kai Tak.

A development of historical importance took place during the year which saw the Planning Department identifying and confirming the location of our future helicopter operation base. Backed up by staunch support from the local rural committee, the Corps is now working closely with the Lands Department which hopefully will put in place a tenancy agreement during 2010/11.

With \$192,280 allocated in 2008/09 by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries to support the capital works and extra financial top up by Dr Lily FENN, the Piper's Hill Adventure Activities Base commenced operation in September 2009 and started hosting various outdoor training activities, including the upcoming Summer Camp 2010. The Corps also during the year looked into the possible acquisition of a camp site in Ha Fa Shan, Tsuen Wan, with talks on financial arrangement and tenancy agreement ongoing.

As colleagues are aware, the Corps was incorporated as a Public Company Limited by Guarantee in Hong Kong on 1 September 2008. As emphasized at past general meetings, whilst complex and time consuming, it is a natural evolution in view of the complexity of the services we provide to Society, and a necessary move to put the Corps in line with other mature and successful charitable organizations, including peer uniformed groups such as the Boys' Brigade and the Adventure Corps. The Public Company Limited by Guarantee and the Registered Society will co-exist for some time. May I again call upon all colleagues and members to support the Executive Board and Management to follow through this transition over the next few years.

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) Changeover of the Corps' command took place on 1 April 2009 with Gp Capt Gp Capt Leonard LEUNG completing his distinguished tour of duty and succeeded by Gp Capt Jones WONG. Gp Capt LEUNG assumed the new role of Commanding Officer Emeritus and Special Adviser (COE&SA) on the same day.
- (b) The kick off ceremony of the Dragaonair Aviation Certificate Programme 2009 was organized on 3 April at the Airport World Trade Centre. Sixteen mentees were chosen to participate in this year's programme after vigorous selection.
- (c) The 38th Foundation Day dinner was held on 7 April at the Aviation Club
- (d) At part of an HAB scheme to increasingly engage uniformed groups in the promotion of civic education, the Corps conducted the morning Flag Raising Ceremony at the Golden Bauhinia Square on 12 April.
- (e) The Sports Day 2009 was held on 18 April.
- (f) The IACE 2009 Fund Walk originally scheduled to be held on 25 April at the West Kowloon Promenade was postponed to 17 May due to black rainstorm warning. A total \$186,302 was raised through the Fund Walk.
- (g) The Commanding Officers' Night was held on 9 May at the Police Officer's Club to serve the dual purpose of dining out COE&SA and dining in CO.
- (h) The Corps was involved heavily to support the annual May Fourth Youth Festival, contributing honour guards and crowd management teams.

- (i) A performance by the Hong Kong Philharmonic was made on 22 May in the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Dr Lily FENN's legal practice, as well as to raise fund for the Corps. In conjunction with an earlier book launch project, Dr FENN raised half a million for the Corps during 2009.
- (j) The International Air Cadet Exchange 2009 (Hong Kong Phase) was successfully held from 27 July to 5 August. Exchanges were conducted between Hong Kong and Japan, UK, USA, Ghana, Israel, Australia, France, Canada, Turkey and the Netherlands.
- (k) An Accreditation Team from the UK Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation (CVQO) and HQ Air Cadets carried out an accreditation audit of HKACC's senior member training programmes from 26 to 31 July, which saw the Corps' adult training programme and career tracks accredited for possible award of internationally recognized vocational qualifications conferred by the City and Guilds (C&G) and the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM). The first round of CVQO intake was admitted in mid-November, with 29 qualified applicants enrolled as candidates of C&G Senior Awards.
- (l) The Summer Training Camp 2009 was held from 6 to 9 August with 150 campers. The project was successful in applying for full funding support by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
- (m) The Corps provided manpower support to and organized a Corp of Drum performance at the Hong Kong Aviation Club Open Day on 27 September.
- (n) The Corps was heavily involved in celebratory events related to the 60th Anniversary National Day including the Golden Bauhinia Square Flag Raising Ceremony and the Museum of Coastal Defence Flag Raising Ceremony, as well as the 《香港各界青少年慶祝建國六十周年系列活動》，the latter comprising such events as 《向國旗致敬》，《萬人大巡遊》 and 《青春中華》主題晚會.
- (o) COE&SA and Officer Commanding International Exchange Unit attended the International Air Cadet Exchange Association Conference held in Ghana in late September. Agreement was made with other IACEA member nations on the IACE 2010 (Hong Kong Phase as follows:

42 outgoing delegates = 9 escorts and 33 cadets

40 incoming delegates = 8 escorts and 32 cadets

Other arrangements put in place during the Conference were the possible official visit of Air Cdre Ian R W STEWART, Commandant Air Cadets, UK, to Hong Kong in November 2010, and the possible admission of two adult members to undergo a training course at the US Civil Air Patrol Hawk Mountain Ranger Training School in July 2010.

- (p) The Flag Day 2009 was held in the Hong Kong Island on 10 October with close to \$640,000 raised. The next Flag Day will also be a regional one to take place on 2 October 2010, again in Hong Kong Island.
- (q) The Corps performed piper, honour guard and crowd management duties at the opening ceremony of the HK Wine and Dine Festival in the evening of 30 Oct 2009, organized by the HK Tourism Board. As the entrance area of the Festival was the Corps' West Kowloon Helipad, the site was temporarily turned over to the Tourism Board for several weeks to facilitate preparatory works.
- (r) The Annual Parade 2009 took place on 1 November in the Police College. Mr Ambrose LEE, Secretary for Security, was the Reviewing Officer.
- (s) Close to 400 members were mobilized to provide crowd management service at the Government Flying Service Open Day on 8 November. The Corps was also invited to organise Continuity Drill and Aeromodelling performances on the day.
- (t) The Virtual Flight Simulation Symposium 2009 was held on 24 October at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, with close to 200 participants, including Corps members as well as representatives of tertiary institutions, uniformed groups and the aviation industry.
- (u) The Graduation Ceremony of the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (KAACP) 2009 was held on 4 December at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Causeway Bay, with the Director-General of Civil Aviation as the officiating guest.
- (v) The Beating the Retreat *cum* Christmas Dinner 2009 was organised on 12 December at the Open Plaza, Podium Level, Exchange Square One, Central.
- (w) The PMCO (Proficiency in Map Reading, Campcraft and Orienteering Competition) 2010 "Wilderness Adventure Challenge" took place over the week end of 27/28 February 2010.
- (x) The Join Adventure Corps/Air Cadets/Sea Cadets Fun Day in the Adventure Corps High Island Camp was held on 7 March.
- (y) Flag Raising at the Golden Bauhinia Square conducted by the Air Cadets on 14 March.
- (z) The Corps wide Fund Raising Walk 2010 was also held on 14 March in Shatin.
- (aa) Mounting of Armed Honour Guard by No 602 (HKU SPACE) Squadron at the Foundation Laying Ceremony of the HKU Centennial Campus officiated by Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Executive HKSAR on 16 March.

(bb) The Operations Group Parade was held at the Police College on 21 March with Mr Paul H W HUNG, PMSM, Director of Operations, Hong Kong Police Force, as Inspecting Officer.

(cc) Community Chest filming of Air Cadets activities at the West Kowloon Helipad took place on 21 March. HKACC was the only youth organization and uniformed group amongst the eight member agencies featured in the new Community Chest promotional film.

Appointments

Mr Peter C C CHAU, BBS, MBE, QPM, CPM was appointed Chairman of the Executive Board. Mr Hogan LOH was appointed Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary. Mr Edwin W C LAU, AE, was appointed Honorary Treasurer.

Mr Kelvin S Y PANG, SBS, CSDSM and Mr Alan K L WONG were elected new members of the Executive Board.

Gp Capt Leonard K P LEUNG, MH, AE and Hon Gp Capt Benjamin S K LEE, ED, SBStJ were co-opted as members of the Executive Board during the year.

Gp Capt Jones C H WONG, OSTJ assumed command of the Corps on 1 April 2009 and was appointed ex-officio member of the Executive Board on the same date.

Raymond Y K TSE & Co was appointed Auditor for the Financial Year 2009/10.

Staff Movements

Mr CHU Ho Ting assumed duty as Clerical Assistant on 20 April 2009.

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 since mid 2009, 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 2009, which prompted the Executive Board to remind the Corps Management to improve turnouts in future Flag Days.

The Corps' audited accounts for the years ended 31 March 2009 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 one-off subventions released through the Home Affairs Bureau, and for policy support to our key projects by the Home Affairs Bureau, Planning Department, Lands Department, Civil Aviation Department, and Government Flying Service.
- (b) The Community Chest for its recurrent subvention.
- (c) Dr Y C CHOW, GBS, OBE and Dr Lily FENN and for their initiatives and efforts in organizing fund raising campaigns during 2009/10.
- (d) The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, for continuing to offer its generous “GAPAN Fanny LI Youth Flying Scholarships” to promising young members of the Corps to gain full Private Pilot Licenses (Aeroplane) in either Australia or Scotland.
- (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 supervision of Wg Cdr (sp) John LI, AE for contributing helicopter flying activities to the Corps.
- (h) The Honorary Officers, for their financial contributions and personal involvement in supporting projects and units.

To conclude, I am grateful to all members for their concerted and continued efforts to make the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps one of Hong Kong’s most innovative and forward looking uniform groups. The Corps will undertake, as our ongoing missions, to provide quality non-formal and aviation education to Hong Kong’s next generation.

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

23 March 2010

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Executive Board 2009/10

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- Honorary Commandant, Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force

Vice-Chairman and 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

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- Director-General of Civil Aviation

Commanding Officer

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- Merchant

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

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- Member, Central Policy Unit

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- Former Commissioner of Correctional Services

Mr Alan K Y WONG

- Senior Executive, Cathay Pacific Airways

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Executive Board 2009/10 (cont'd)

Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service)

Captain Daniel Y K NG

- Pilot, Government Flying Service

Co-opted Members

Group Captain Leonard K P LEUNG, MH, AE

- Commanding Officer Emeritus and Special Adviser
- President, International Air Cadet Exchange Association
- Former Aircrewman Officer, Government Flying Service

Honorary Group Captain Benjamin S K LEE, ED, SBS(J)

- Senior Honorary Officer