

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board
for the period of April 2010 to March 2011

2010/11 saw the Civil Aviation Department taking the lead to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the first powered flight in Hong Kong with the local aviation community, culminating in the achievement of two Guinness World Records for plane pull on 17 March 2011, and the Centennial Gala Dinner on the following evening. The Corps, being HKSAR's premier aviation education organization, was closely involved in running and supporting the long series of celebratory events. Concurrent to the above was the run-up to the Corps' own 40th Anniversary celebrations, and the combined effect of both was an extremely busy and productive year for our 3,157 cadet and 1,588 adult members.

Since the Corps was incorporated as a Public Company Limited by Guarantee on 1 September 2008, great emphasis is placed on corporate governance by introducing new measures to enhance accountability and checks-and-balances in areas such as financial control, official entertainment, subsidies for overseas trips, honours and awards, and project management. Understandably complex and time consuming, these measures are nonetheless essential as the Corps evolves to achieve fitness of purpose in view of the sophistication of our services, and in the face of expectations from Society. The measures are also necessary to keep the Corps abreast with other mature and successful charitable organizations. May I again call upon all colleagues and members to support the Executive Board and Management to follow through this evolution in the coming years.

With generous support from the aviation community, the Corps was able to offer 31 flying scholarships during the year, namely 2 Private Pilot License (PPL) scholarships sponsored by the Guild of the Air Pilot and Air Navigator (GAPAN), 6 Advanced Aviation Education Programme (AAEP) fixed wing scholarships, 6 Advanced Aviation Education Programme (Helicopter) (AAEP[H]) flying scholarships, 11 *Operation Kingbird* flying scholarships, 3 *Operation Swift* New Zealand gliding scholarships, and 3 UK Air Cadet Organization (ACO) gliding scholarships. The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (KAACP) admitted 12 HKACC candidates and the same number of external candidates, both having undergone an intensive preparatory programme run by the Technical Operations and Support Wing. 180 members and guests took part in the *Operation Dragonfly* to gain air experience flying on powered parachutes in Mainland China. The nominal monthly capacity of helicopter air experience flights remained 100 passengers per month throughout the year, weather and aircraft serviceability permitting, made possible by the generosity of our eleven volunteer pilots, and supported by over twenty members of the Flight Operations Unit.

In February 2011 the West Kowloon Heliport, otherwise known as Dr Lily FENN Aviation Education Base, completed its historical mission of lending HKACC valuable experience in running a helicopter operations base, as it was relinquished to the Government to allow for the implementation of capital works associated with the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. In return, we were granted the tenancy for a 3,260 square metre site in Mui Wo for development into a permanent helicopter operations/aviation education base. No doubt the Mui Wo project, along with the proposed Ha Fa Shan campsite in Tsuen Wan, will remain high on the agenda of our future developments for a long time.

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 below the more noteworthy events and accomplishments:

- (a) The Kickoff Ceremony of the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (KAACP) 2010 was held on 23 April 2010 in the Dragonair House, with the Director-General of Civil Aviation as the officiating guest. Sixteen candidates were chosen to participate in this year's programme after vigorous selection. The Programme also took the opportunity to celebrate its 5th Anniversary by inviting many former mentees to the Kickoff Ceremony as special guests.
- (b) At extremely short notice, the Corps was mobilized to provide the bulk of manpower support to 演藝界情繫玉樹關愛行動 held at the Hong Kong Coliseum on 26 April 2010. HKACC was the only uniformed group engaged to take part in the operation.
- (c) The Air Cadets were invited by the organizer to plan and carry out crowd management and honour guard duties at the Shatin Racecourse for the 禁毒電影「五樓」首影禮 on 5 July 2010.
- (d) The Corps was again called upon by the Dragonair to provide crowd management service at their 25th Anniversary celebratory event which took place on 10 June 2010 at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- (e) For the first time in the Corps' history, two adult members were invited to join the Search and Rescue course offered by the prestigious Hawk Mountain Ranger School of US Civil Air Patrol from 10 to 18 July 2010.
- (f) Training programmes offered to the Corps by the UK Air Cadet Organisation during the year:
 - (i) the Central Gliding School course held at RAF Syerston from 28 June to 9 July 2010 was attended by 3 cadet members. All candidates completed the intensive training course and achieve solo standard, with one pair of "gold wings" and two pairs of "silver wings" awarded.
 - (ii) Air Cadet Leadership Course 2010 offered at the Royal Air Force College Cranwell, held from 10 to 18 August (1 officer and 2 cadets).
- (g) The Graduation Ceremony of the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (KAACP) 2011 was held on 3 December 2010 at the City View Hotel, Waterloo Road, Kowloon, with the Director-General of Civil Aviation as the officiating guest.

- (h) The Beating the Retreat *cum* Christmas Dinner was organised on 4 December 2010 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Serenade Restaurant, Tsimshatsui. Honorary Group Captain Alexander YEUNG, Senior Honorary Officer, was the guest of honour.
- (i) Acting Group Captain LEE Kwok Wing assumed command of the Corps on 5 December 2010 following the resignation of Group Captain Jones WONG.
- (j) The Albatross Award Inter-squadron footdrill competition was organized on 12 December 2010.
- (k) The Training Group Passing Out Parade was held at the Customs and Excise Training School on 19 December 2010 with close to 100 senior and cadet members graduating from basic training.
- (l) The Dr Lily FENN Aviation Education Base/West Kowloon Helipad was handed over to the Land Department in early February 2011.
- (m) The Corps organized and carried out the Golden Bauhinia Square morning flag raising on 13 February 2011.
- (n) The PMCO (Proficiency in Map Reading, Campcraft and Orienteering Competition) was held on 20 and 21 February 2011 at the CAS Tai Tan Camp.
- (o) Two overseas training programmes took place in New Zealand over the months of January and February 2011 – Operation Unicorn (New Zealand Cadet Forces field exercise) and Operation Kingbird (fixed wing flying experience programme).
- (p) The 40th Anniversary Kick-off Ceremony cum Carnival was held on 27 February 2011. Mr TSANG Tak Sing, Secretary for Home Affairs, officiated at its opening as the guest of honour.
- (q) Inaugural Ceremony of the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme 2011 took place on 11 March 2011 at the Airport World Trade Centre Club. This was the first time 12 non-HKACC candidates will join the same number of HKACC members in undergoing this prestigious mentorship scheme.
- (r) The Corps orchestrated and carried out a large scale crowd management operation on 17 March 2011 in support of the Guinness Record Breaking Plane Pull at Chek Lap Kok. Mr Henry TANG, Chief Secretary for Administration, was the officiating guest.
- (s) The Gala Dinner to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Aviation Development in Hong Kong was organised at the Airport Regal Hotel on 18 March 2011. HKACC was a co-organiser of the Dinner. Mr Donald TSANG, Chief Executive of HKSAR, was the guest of honour.

- (t) The Operations Group Parade was held on 27 March 2011 at the Police Tactical Unit, Fanling. Mr Hogan LOH, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board, took the salute as Reviewing Officer.

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.

Group Captain Leonard K P LEUNG, MH, AE, Commanding Officer Emeritus and Special Adviser, joined the Executive Board as an elected member.

Honorary Group Captain Alexander YEUNG, Senior Honorary Officer, was co-opted as a member of the Executive Board during the year.

Mr Mason W C NG, MBB, AE replaced Captain Daniel Y K NG as Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service) and Executive Board Member.

Acting Group Captain LEE Kwok Wing assumed command of the Corps on 5 December 2011 and was appointed ex-officio member of the Executive Board on the same date.

Raymond Y K TSE & Co CPA Limited was appointed Auditor for the Financial Year 2010/11.

Staff Movements

Wing Commander Wilson Wing Shing CHAN resigned from the post of Chief Staff Officer on 31 December 2010.

Mr Kennedy Tang Kin WONG, GMSM, AE assumed duty as Chief Staff Officer on 3 January 2011.

Mr KAM Chung Sing was appointed Technical Support Assistant on 16 August 2010. He resigned on 18 March 2011.

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.

The Corps' audited accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2010 and the financial year ended 31 March 2011 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 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) 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.
- (d) The Hong Kong Dragon Airlines, for offering the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme.
- (e) The Cathay Pacific Airways, for their support to the Advanced Aviation Education Programme.
- (f) The Flying Squadron, under the able command of Wing Commander John LI, for organizing rotary and fixed wing flying activities for the Corps.
- (g) The Honorary Officers, for their financial contributions and personal involvement in supporting projects and units.

As Chairman of the Executive Board, it is my privilege to work side by side with the exceptional individuals and organisations I thanked above, together with the young people we all serve. I also wish to express my gratitude to all senior members for their concerted and continued efforts to make the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps a cutting edge uniform group providing quality aviation and non-formal education to our next generation.

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

27 July 2011

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Executive Board as at 31 March 2011

Chairman

Mr Peter C C CHAU, BBS, MBE, QPM, CPM

- Merchant
- 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

Commandant

Air Commodore Norman S M LO, AE, JP

- Director-General of Civil Aviation

Commanding Officer

Acting Group Captain LEE Kwok Wing

- Senior Manager, Hongkong Land

Members

Mr Edmund W C CHOW, AE

- Civil Servant

Mr Steve H W LAU, BBS, BEM, CStJ, JP

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

Ms Scarlett O L PONG

- Merchant
- Shatin District Councillor

Captain Joe Y C FUNG

- Pilot, Cathay Pacific Airways

Mr Kelvin S Y PANG, SBS, CSDSM

- Former Commissioner of Correctional Services

Mr Alan K L WONG

- Former Senior Executive, Cathay Pacific Airways

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Co-opted Members

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- Senior Honorary Officer