

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board**  
**for the period of April 2015 to March 2016**

2015/16 was a successful and busy year for the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps (HKACC), as we capitalized on our partnerships with overseas and Mainland to meet our training needs, and to fulfill our unique role as a conduit between East and West to initiate and inspire collaborations between China's air cadet organisations and those of the rest of the world. Our service portfolio became increasingly complex and diversified during the year as more overseas and Mainland exchange programmes were organised, along with some 30 scholarships places for flying, gliding, range shooting and leadership development being funded.

HKACC's strength on 31 March 2016 stood at 3,458 cadet members who came under 48 cadet or university squadrons operating from secondary schools, university campuses and community centres. They were ably led, trained and supported by 1,432 senior members, who devoted their spare time to serve Hong Kong and her young generation through volunteering either as uniformed members or civilian instructors.

By way of government/Community Chest subventions, philanthropic donations and fund raising the total revenue of 2015/16 was \$5,048,558 (against \$5,762,200 budgeted), with expenditure well controlled at \$4,797,077 (against \$7,425,227 estimated). A healthy operating surplus of \$251,481 (against a projected operating loss of -\$1,663,027) was thus achieved. This added to a reasonably sound financial reserve to allow for further broadening of services and sustainment of operation should economic difficulties befall us. As always, financial prudence to ensure public accountability and best value for money remains the cardinal rule shared by both the Executive Board and the Corps Management.

The Executive Board met on four occasions during the year to maintain its overview on the Corps' operations and finance. In particular, this included proposed 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebratory activities, capital projects, ties with the Mainland and the United Kingdom, and the self-financed Ha Fa Shan Training Camp. The Board also kept in view the Corps' honours/awards policies and the Management Team's promotion/succession planning strategies. The Executive Board was optimistic about the Corps' performance and opportunities. The Management Team has responded constructively to these and, in particular, will pay attention to resource allocation and cost control. There will continue to be challenging issues for the Board to keep under review in the coming years.

It was on such upbeat note that the Corps entered its 46<sup>th</sup> year of proud service to Hong Kong.

### 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 Operations Group organised two passing out parades during FY 2015/16. The first took place on 26 April 2015 at the Police Tactical Unit Headquarters. Mr LAM Chun Ming Steve, Deputy Commandant, PTU, was the Reviewing Officer.

(b) After a five month hiatus following the closure of Kai Tak as a single engine helicopter operating base, weekly air experience flights for HKACC members resumed from 30 May 2016 onward, made possible by PLAAF's kind permission.

(c) Four cadet members under the escort of a qualified range officer joined the UK Inter Services Cadet Rifle Meeting (ISCRM) held at Bisley from 3 to 5 July 2015. This was a fullbore target rifle match involving cadets from the UK Air Cadet Organisation (UK ACO), Army Cadet Force, Sea Cadet Corps, Royal Marine Cadets, service cadets from Canada, Australia and recently, HKACC. Basic Cadet KWOK Chun Yi was awarded the prestigious "Cadet 100 Badge" for achieving outstanding results (21<sup>st</sup> out of 400 contestants).

(d) The Vice-Chairman, Commanding Officer and Commanding Officer Emeritus & Special Adviser visited Shandong for the second time this year from 6 to 8 July 2015 to look at facilities for possible future aviation themed camps and flight training.

(e) The International Air Cadet Exchange (Hong Kong Phase) 2015 took place between 21 July to 5 August 2015, with 6 escorts and 21 cadets joining outbound exchanges. Visiting Hong Kong were 4 escorts and 26 cadets from 8 overseas countries and the Mainland China.

(f) There were 14 air cadet participants of the 10,000 Miles Friendly Trek (同心同根萬里行), held this year from 5 to 13 August 2015 in Beijing and Enshi City, Hubei province. HKACC and other Hong Kong uniformed group members were greeted by Vice President LI Yuanchao in the Great Hall of the People.

(g) As agreed under HKACC's partnership agreements with UK ACO and the Shandong Aviation Industry Association, Summer Camp 2015 made history by playing host to a UK delegation comprising nine top air cadets (Dacre sword/brooch awardees), the best adult NCO trainee of the year, their wing commander escort, as well as to four Mainland air cadets and two teacher escorts. Also put in place was a reception programme for the UK group which included local tour and excursion to Macau/Zhuhai. The project turns out to be a huge diplomatic success to further enhance collaboration among the three organizations. It also strengthened HKACC's unique role as a conduit for interactions between Mainland and overseas air cadet units.

(h) On 30 August 2015, the Ceremonial Squadron and piper team represented the Corps at the joint uniformed group parade to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of victory over Japan. The parade began with the Secretary for Home Affairs inspecting the contingents in the Kowloon Park, after which the uniformed groups marched through the streets of Tsim Sha Tsui and gave salute to the Secretary for Security before returning to the Park.

(i) The Commanding Officer was among the 285-strong HKSAR delegation headed by the Chief Executive to travel to Beijing to join *the Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory of the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War* on 2 September 2015 .

(j) Members may recall that on 30 November 2013, a hillfire broke out at the HKACC Tseung Kwan O Aeromodelling Site after an electrically powered model aeroplane went out of control and crashed in the nearby grassland during a routine training exercise, causing extensive damage to water drains, cables and landfill gas extraction wells. After more than 21 months of investigation, bargaining and negotiation involving eight parties, a final settlement of \$2.26m was made out by HKACC's insurer Zurich. A consequential payment of \$1,000 to the insurer was paid by the Corps as third party property damage excess. Should settlement be not reached and the case undergoes civil litigation, the resultant legal fees could be well over \$1m.

(k) The Commanding Officer attended the International Air Cadet Exchange Association (IACEA) Annual Conference organized in Seoul from 13 to 17 September 2015. The following exchange arrangement was agreed for 2016:

To	Cadets	Escorts	Receiving From	Cadets	Escorts
Australia	3	1	Australia	3	1
Canada	5	0	Canada	5	0
Mainland China	3	1	Mainland China	3	1
France	3	0	France	3	0
Germany	1	1	Germany	1	1
Israel	1	1	Israel	1	0
Japan	1	0	Japan	1	0
Korea	2	0	Korea	2	0
Netherlands	1	0	Netherlands	1	0
UK	4	1	UK	8	1
USA	2	1	USA	2	1
	26	6		30	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	

(l) The Joint Cadet Forces National Day Flag Raising Ceremony was held on 1 October 2015 at the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence. More than 30 HKACC senior members were presented with meritorious, long service and special merits medals by Mr Laurie LO, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs.

(m) Mr YAU Chi Chiu, CSDSM, Commissioner of Correctional Services, was the Guest of Honour at the Mess Dinner to commemorate the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the Honorary Officers Cadre, organised on 16 October 2016 in the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel.

(n) The Foundation Training Centre of the Hong Kong Police College in Wong Chuk Hang was the venue for the Annual Parade 2015 on 8 November. Mr ZHANG Xiaoming, Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government (LOCPG), took the salute. It was understood to be the very first occasion where a Director LOCPG officiated at a youth uniformed group parade.

(o) The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme (DACP) celebrated a double milestone on 27 November 2015 as the latest cohort of 31 mentees graduated on the occasion of the programme's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Joining the mentees were more than 100 DACP alumni, pilot mentors and guests from the programme's supporting partners.

(p) The Training Group Passing Out Parade took place on 17 January 2016 with Honorary Squadron Leader K T PANG served as the Inspecting Officer. The Parade marked the completion by 59 senior members of their basic training, having graduated from the Officer Cadet Training Course (OCTC), the Recruitment Instructor Training Course (RITC), or the Disciplined Services Volunteer Scheme (DSVS).

(q) Falling on the weekend where Hong Kong experienced its coldest weather in 59 years, Flag Day 2016 was held on the Hong Kong Island on 23 January. The cold spell inevitably affected turnout but a last minute rally for gold flag donation successfully attracted support from members, in particular honorary officers, to whom the Corps is most grateful. The net revenue thus achieved is \$371,455.34.

(r) A record number of 40 Commanding Officer's Commendations and 86 Commanding Officer's Letters of Appreciation were presented to members for good works at the Awards Day Ceremony of 30 January 2016 in the Gotfried Room, Aviation Club. The presentations in the Gotfried Room, Aviation Club, were immediately followed by the opening of the Aviation Engineering Workshop. A tea party serving members and guests from both events wrapped up the busy afternoon.

(s) The second Operations Group Parade of the financial year was held on 20 March 2016 at the Police Tactical Unit Headquarters, reviewed by Mr NG Wah Kong, JP, Guangdong Provincial CPPCC Member.

(t) The Joint Aviation Camp with the Shandong Aviation Industry Association (SDAIA) ran from 24 to 29 March 2016 with 44 Hong Kong air cadets participating, made possible by Youth Development in Aviation Fund (YDAF) allocation, Commission on Youth (COY) subvention and private sponsorship. Henceforth, the Shandong Aviation Camp will be an annual event to enhance HKACC members' identification of the Motherland, its aviation industry and air force, and a sign of solidarity and partnership between Mainland and Hong Kong air cadet organisations.

### Appointments

At the first Executive Board Meeting of 2 December 2015, Mr Edwin W C LAU, AE, was elected Honorary Treasurer for a term of one year. The appointment was confirmed by majority vote at the ensuing Annual General Meeting.

Mr Hogan LOH was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Executive Board at the second Executive Board Meeting held on 2 December 2015, for a term of one year.

Captain Joe FUNG was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Executive Board at the second Executive Board Meeting held on 2 December 2015, for a term of one year.

Captain Michael C P CHAN, MBS, MBB, GMSM, AE, was elected a full member of the Executive Board at the Annual General Meeting of 2 December 2015, after serving as a co-opted member to fill a casual vacancy since 1 January 2015.

Dr Joseph LEE, GBS, OStJ, JP, was elected a full member of the Executive Board at the Annual General Meeting of 2 December 2015, after serving as a co-opted member to fill a casual vacancy since 1 October 2015.

Mr Peter Tat Wing YAM, SBS, PDSM, CPM, was elected a full member of the Executive Board at the Annual General Meeting of 2 December 2015, after serving as a co-opted member to fill a casual vacancy since 1 October 2015.

Raymond Y K TSE & Co CPA Limited was appointed Auditor for the Financial Year 2015/16.

### 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, personal and charitable trust 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 2016 will be presented later at the meeting.

### Votes of Thanks

The Corps is deeply thankful 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 the Commission on Youth, and for policy support to our key projects by the Home Affairs Bureau, Home Affairs Department, and Tsuen Wan District Council.

- (b) The Community Chest, for its recurrent subvention.
- (c) The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, for a three-year sponsorship scheme to support the Youth Anti-Adversity Project at the HKACC Ha Fa Shan Training Camp.
- (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 Honorary Officers, represented on the Executive Board by Hon Gp Capt CHAN Kwok Chiu, BBS, MH, JP, for their financial contributions and support to Corps' events, projects, programmes and individual units.
- (g) The Flying Squadron, commanded by Wg Cdr John K H LI, MH, AE, Deputy Commanding Officer, Flying, for organizing rotary and fixed wing flying activities for members and friends of the Corps.

### Epilogue

It is my great honour to have served HKACC as Chairman of the Executive Board since 2001. I am deeply grateful for the pleasure to work side by side with Executive Board colleagues, as well as with many thousands of officers, honorary officers, warrant officers, instructors, civilian instructors, salaried staff and cadets of this fine organisation. The Air Cadets are most fortunate to be blessed with their altruistic service and vast experience to make us one of Hong Kong's most disciplined, forward looking and innovative uniformed groups. As I hand over the chair to my successor, who I am sure will steer HKACC to greater heights, please join me in placing our faith in the Executive Board to continue encourage, facilitate and govern the Corps well so as to deliver the best possible service to both the HKSAR and the Nation in the increasingly crucial areas of Aviation Education and Youth Development.

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

8 December 2016

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Executive Board as at 31 March 2016**

**Chairman**

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

- Merchant
- Honorary Commandant, Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force
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**Commandant**

Air Commodore Norman S M LO, AE, *Médaille de l'Aéronautique*, JP

- Director-General of Civil Aviation

**Vice-Chairman**

Mr Hogan LOH

- Merchant
- Committee Member and Former President, Hong Kong Aviation Club

**Honorary Treasurer**

Mr Edwin W C LAU, AE

- Vice President, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Taiwan, Emirate Airlines

**Honorary Secretary**

Captain Joe Y C FUNG

- Pilot, Cathay Pacific Airway

**Commanding Officer**

Group Captain LEE Kwok Wing

- Senior Security Consultant, Asia Pacific Security Services Limited

**Members**

Mr Edmund W C CHOW, AE

- Civil Servant

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

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

Ms Scarlett O L PONG, JP

- Merchant
- Shatin District Councillor

Mr Kelvin S Y PANG, SBS, CSDSM

- Former Commissioner of Correctional Services

Mr Alan K L WONG

- Former Senior Executive, Cathay Pacific Airways

**HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS**  
**Executive Board as at 31 March 2016 (cont'd)**

Group Captain Leonard K P LEUNG, MH, AE

- Commanding Officer Emeritus and Special Adviser
- Former Air Crewman Officer I, Government Flying Service

Honorary Group Captain CHAN Kwok Chiu, MH, JP

- Senior Honorary Officer

Air Commodore Peter Dicky YIP, BBS, MBE, AE, JP

- Honorary Commandant
- Former Commanding Officer, Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force
- Retired Banker

Captain Michael C P CHAN, MBS, MBB, GMSM, AE

- Controller, Government Flying Service

Dr Joseph LEE, GBS, OStJ, JP

- Former Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress,
- Former Chairman, Commission on Youth
- Former Chairman, Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education

Mr Peter Tat Wing YAM, SBS, PDSM, CPM

- Former Deputy Commissioner of Police

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

Mr Mason W C NG, MBB, AE

- Air Crewman Officer I, Government Flying Service