

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Report of the Chairman of the Executive Board
for the period of April 2011 to March 2012

In last year's report I began by highlighting the celebratory events jointly organized by the Civil Aviation Department and the Air Industry to mark the 100th Anniversary of the first powered flight in Hong Kong. I am compelled yet extremely proud to do the same again as the centennial celebrations heralded 2011/12 with the Corps being a full partner to the local Aviation Industry planning, producing and promoting the various programmes, thereby making the pomp and circumstances possible and forever in the annals of Hong Kong History. The diligence, effort and toil finally paid off as the Corps was formally recognized by the Steering Committee with a generous share of the operational surplus from the year long centennial celebrations to further the cause of aviation education.

Investment in our future remained high on the Corps' agenda during the year as we were busily engaged in our major capital projects. Following several years of negotiation and intense lobbying efforts, the Mui Wo Helicopter Landing Site (LT16) was formally handed over to HKACC in April 2011. The site will be developed into a permanent helicopter/aviation education base and become the lynchpin of our future flying operations.

We are most fortunate to have received a generous endowment of \$6.5m from the Yuen Yuen Institute to finance the renovation works of the Ha Fa Shan Campsite, which we took over during the year. The Camp is expected to achieve limited operational status in the second quarter of 2013.

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:

1. The Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps 40th Anniversary Ball was held on 2 April 2011 at the Gordon WU Hall, BP International House, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. The Honourable Jasper TSANG Yok Sing, GBS, JP, President of the Legislative Council, was the Guest of Honour.
2. The Seminar "Black Cats – Memoirs of a Chinese U2 Pilot" was presented at the Aviation Club by Colonel Johnny SHEN, a retired high altitude spy plane pilot, on 3 April 2011, amidst a large professional audience and strong media coverage. The seminar was made possible by a sponsorship from the Honorary Adviser, Dr Y C CHOW, GBS, OBE.
3. A Fund Raising Boxing Dinner was held in Disneyland on 4 June 2011 with HKACC as one of the co-organizers. \$83,294 was raised for the Corps at the Dinner.

4. The International Air Cadet Exchange 2011 (Hong Kong Phase) took place between 19 July and 3 August 2011. Forty-two delegates from 13 countries and Macau spent 10 days in Hong Kong, 2 days in Macau and 4 days in Mainland China.
5. In spite of short notice following its unexpected approval, the HKACC Flag Day 2011 was held on 20 July with 1,302 members/helpers turned out. \$330,394 was raised from the Flag Day.
6. Summer Camp 2011 was held from 15 to 21 August at the YMCA Wu Kai Sha Youth Village with 160 campers, including a contingent from the AMS Cadet Corps.
7. Several visits to the Mainland China were organised during the Summer, involving 40 members.
8. The Commanding Officer attended the International Air Cadet Exchange Association Planning Conference held in the Netherlands between 18 to 24 September 2011, followed by courtesy visits to Headquarters Air Cadets and Cadet Vocational Qualification Organisation, UK.
9. The following events under the umbrella of the celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of Aviation Development in Hong Kong were supported by the Corps:
 - (a) Dragonair Youth Aviation Academy Career Seminar – 25 June 2011;
 - (b) Cathay Pacific Aviation Knowledge Contest – 2 and 16 July 2011;
 - (c) 4D Movie Shows – 29 August 2011;
 - (d) Hong Kong Airlines Flying Machine Competition – 17 September 2011;
 - and
 - (e) Aviation Club Carnival – 27 November 2011.
10. For the first time, successful HKACC candidates who earned CVQO Adult Awards attended the UK graduation ceremony, held on 14 October 2011 at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst.
11. The 2nd Home Affairs Bureau Uniformed Group (UG) Day was organised at the Victoria Park on 19 November 2011, with strong participation by the Corps.
12. The Honorary Commandant, Air Cdre Peter Dicky YIP, inspected the Corps' 40th Anniversary Parade on 4 December 2011, held at the Police College.
13. The first ever bi-annual Awards Day took place on 10 December 2011 at the Aviation Club, 95 colleagues received commendations and letters of appreciation from the Commanding Officer at the ceremony.

14. With staunch support from local and Mainland enthusiasts, as well as from relevant government authorities, the Aeromodelling Carnival 2011 was organized by the Technical Operations and Support Wing on 18 December 2011 at the Corps' Tseung Kwan O Aeromodelling Base.
15. HKACC took up flag-raising duty at the Golden Bauhinia Square on Sunday, 8 January 2012, as part of the Home Affairs Bureau's initiative to turnout uniformed groups to take monthly turns in performing this showcase duty in lieu of the police contingent.
16. *Operation Unicorn*, the adventure and leadership development programme offered annually to HKACC by the New Zealand Cadet Forces (NZCF) took place in Dip Flat, New Zealand, from 11 to 20 January 2012. Four members were selected for and completed this demanding programme.
17. For the first time, the Corps was invited by the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon to provide manpower support. Fifty members were deployed on 5 February morning near the ferry piers along the IFC waterfront to perform out crowd management and general support duties.
18. The Operation Kingbird Flying Scholarship programme 2011/12 was successfully held from 16 to 29 February 2012 in New Zealand with 9 participants. Three officers, two officer trainees and two cadet members completed PPL ground school training, achieved solo standard (including one officer trainee who attained solo after 6.8 hours) and were awarded the Aircrew Brevet. One cadet, aged 14, was below the legal age to fly alone but otherwise completed a supervised solo with a flying instructor onboard.
19. The Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme 2012 conducted its stringent selection from among several hundred applicants in February to come up with 24 candidates (12 HKACC, 12 external). They were officially inducted into the nine-month programme at a kickoff ceremony on 9 March 2012.
20. The Operation Group Passing Out Parade 2012 cum Happy Family Tattoo was held on 18 March, inspected by Honorary Wing Commander CHAN Kwok Chiu, MH, JP. The Wing Standards of the newly established No 2 (KIn E), No 3 (NT E), No 4 (KIn W) and No 5 (NT W) Wings were also presented at the Parade by the Commanding Officer. 500 hundred members were on parade with roughly the same number of guests, among them former Chief Secretary Sir David AKER-JONES and former senior civil servant Mr Tony MILLER.
21. The Chief Executive and Executive Director of the UK Cadet Vocational Qualification Organization (CVQO) conducted an audit visit to the Corps, and through facilitation by the HKACC Vocational Qualifications Unit (VQU), business meetings with the Adventure Corps, Sea Cadet Corps, Scout Association, St John Ambulance Brigade Cadet Command, Civil Aid Service Cadet Corps, Boys' Brigade, Award for Young People and the Association of Flag Guards.

Appointments

Mr Hogan LOH was appointed Vice-Chairman and Honorary Secretary. Mr Edwin W C LAU, AE, was appointed Honorary Treasurer.

Honorary Group Captain Alexander YEUNG, Senior Honorary Officer, formerly co-opted member, was elected a full member.

Raymond Y K TSE & Co CPA Limited was appointed Auditor for the Financial Year 2011/12.

Staff Movements

Mr Kennedy Tang Kin WONG, GMSM, AE, stepped down from the post of Chief Staff Officer on 15 July 2011.

Wing Commander Wilson Wing Shing CHAN assumed duty as Chief Staff Officer on 16 July 2011.

Sergeant Instructor CHAN Wai Hong was appointed Operations and Training Assistant on 4 July 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 2012 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 Yuen Yuen Institute, for its generous endowment of \$6.5m towards the renovation work of the HKACC Ha Fa Shan Camp.
- (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 Scotland.
- (e) The Hong Kong Dragon Airlines, for offering the Dragonair Aviation Certificate Programme.
- (f) The Cathay Pacific Airways, for their support to the Advanced Aviation Education Programme.
- (g) The Honorary Officers, for their financial contributions and personal involvement in supporting events, projects, programmes and units.
- (h) The Flying Squadron, under the leadership of Wing Commander John LI, for organizing rotary and fixed wing flying activities for the Corps.
- (i) Dr Y C CHOW, GBS, OBE, the Honorary Adviser, and Mrs CHOW, for their thoughtful special donation to the Corps to mark the 50th Anniversary of their wedding.

As Executive Board Chairman, I should again acknowledge the huge contributions to the Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps made during the year by my fellow board members and officer/instructor colleagues to meet both community and industrial needs. In 2012/13 the Executive Board, working in conjunction with the Senior Management Team, will review and map out HKACC’s strategic directions for the next five-year period, 2013-2018. We shall look forward to sharing the fruits of this exercise in the next report.

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

25 October 2012

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Executive Board as at 31 March 2012

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

Group Captain LEE Kwok Wing

- Senior Manager, Hongkong Land

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

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

HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS
Executive Board as at 31 March 2012 (cont'd)

Group Captain Leonard K P LEUNG, MH, AE

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

Honorary Group Captain Alexander YEUNG

- Senior Honorary Officer

Air Cadet Liaison Officer (Government Flying Service)

Mr Mason W C NG, MBB, AE

- Aircrewman Officer I, Government Flying Service