

Hong Kong Aviation Club

Submission to the Special Meeting of Panel on Planning, Lands and Works to be held on 25 January 2005

In response to the newly released concept plans on “Kai Tak Planning Review” by the Planning Department, we are writing to express our sincere concerns that the Government is intended to turn the existing site of our Kai Tak Club house to “Sung Wong Toi Park” in the 3 outline concept plans. From the report of the Stage 1 Public Participation of the Kai Tak Planning Review, it stated that one of its visions is to consider Kai Tak as one of the collective memories of Hong Kong in view of its aviation history. It also stressed that the relevant heritage elements should be reckoned in the new planning framework. We are disappointed that the Hong Kong Aviation Club, being the primitive inhabitant of Kai Tak, is being excluded from the Kai Tak Planning and not being recognized as part of the heritage elements.

The Hong Kong Aviation Club (HKAC) was formed in 1981 as a result of an amalgamation of the Hong Kong Flying Club and the Aero Club of Hong Kong, which had been operating flying activities at Kai Tak before the commercial airlines since 1920s’. HKAC is a non-profit making organization with tax exemption by the Inland Revenue Department and has been granted a short term lease at HK\$1 nominal rent by the Lands Department since January 2003. The main objectives of the HKAC can be categorized as follows:

Community and Youth Development

One of the primary focuses of our Club is the promotion of general aviation in the local community. HKAC launched a Young Eagles program in 1998 where members of the Club provide free air experiences to youth of the Hong Kong Air Cadets Corp (HKACC) and over 900 youth have been benefited from this program last year. In addition, we have offered charity flights to under-privileged children since 1980’s. HKAC has a special concern for the Youth and has been active in arranging Club visits for primary and secondary students where we provide access to light aircraft and helicopters. The HKAC has provided a free venue to HKACC since 1986 and provided light aircraft access to HKACC for ground training. Light aircraft display has been provided by the Club to various organizations and locations, e.g. Air Scout of Wah Yan College and 3,000 students from mainland China for aviation education and exposure. In addition, HKAC has been proud to provide scholarships leading to Private Pilot License PPL since 1976. Most recent scholarship was awarded to a member of the HKACC.

Aviation Sports Pursuit

The HKAC is privileged to be the sole official Hong Kong representative to the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). HKAC is recognized by the Sport Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China as the local authority for issuing Aero Sporting Licenses for aviators in Hong Kong. Holders of the license are able to represent Hong Kong to attend all international FAI recognized aviation sports including parachuting, paragliding, air-modelling, aerobatic flying and hot air ballooning, etc. The spirit of Shenzhou VI gave us a brief, glittering glimpse of how far we can stretch in the aviation dream. The HKAC has been keen in providing flying opportunities for local Hong Kong citizens who have the passion to fly. As a continued effort on general aviation promotion, the Hong Kong Aviation Day was organized in 2002 at the Club and co-organize with HKACC in 2003.

Being the leader of all Hong Kong Aero Sports, the Club house at Sung Wong Toi Road provides administrative, recreational and educational facilities to:

- 1,500 members of the HKAC;
- Hong Kong Parachute Association;
- Guild of Air Pilots & Navigators, Hong Kong;
- Royal Aeronautical Society of Hong Kong;
- Hong Kong Balloon & Airship Club;
- Air Modeler enthusiasts
- Aviation Development Council
- Far East Flying & Technical School
- 4,000 members of HKACC and in particular 800 Adult Leaders.

Flight Training

HKAC manages the Far East Flying & Technical School Ltd. (FEFTS), a wholly owned subsidiary for aviation education. The FEFTS was previously the largest flying technical college in Asia, catering for some 500 students per annum in Kai Tak at its peak in the 1950's. Currently, FEFTS organizes Ground School Courses on Private Pilot License (PPL) curriculum to prepare students for Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD) written exams. HKAC is the only organization in Hong Kong that can provide CAD certified instructors and the majority of course participants are from the general public. As the only organization other than Airlines in Hong Kong that can provide flight training up to PPL level and Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) according to CAD requirement in light aircraft and helicopter, our students have included officers of CAD which received PPL and recency training. Many graduates of our courses have been able to pursue a career in the Airlines or related industries, such as aircraft maintenance, airport management, air traffic controllers, etc. HKAC take pride in providing aerobatic and emergency maneuver training to instructors of Civil Aviation Flight University of China in 2005.

HKAC has in its own name, and previously in the names of its predecessors held its current premises, originally under Government leases and now under a Short Term Tenancy since 1958. The continue availability of the site and the existing buildings is essential for both HKAC and the associated organizations listed above and indeed for the future of general aviation in Hong Kong.

In view of our community service objectives and to retain general aviation sport activities in Hong Kong, we sincerely request the Government could provide policy support for the HKAC to retain its current site at Sung Wong Toi Road, Kai Tak. Your consideration is very much appreciated.

Alex Yan
President
Hong Kong Aviation Club
18th January 2006

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LANDS DEPARTMENT



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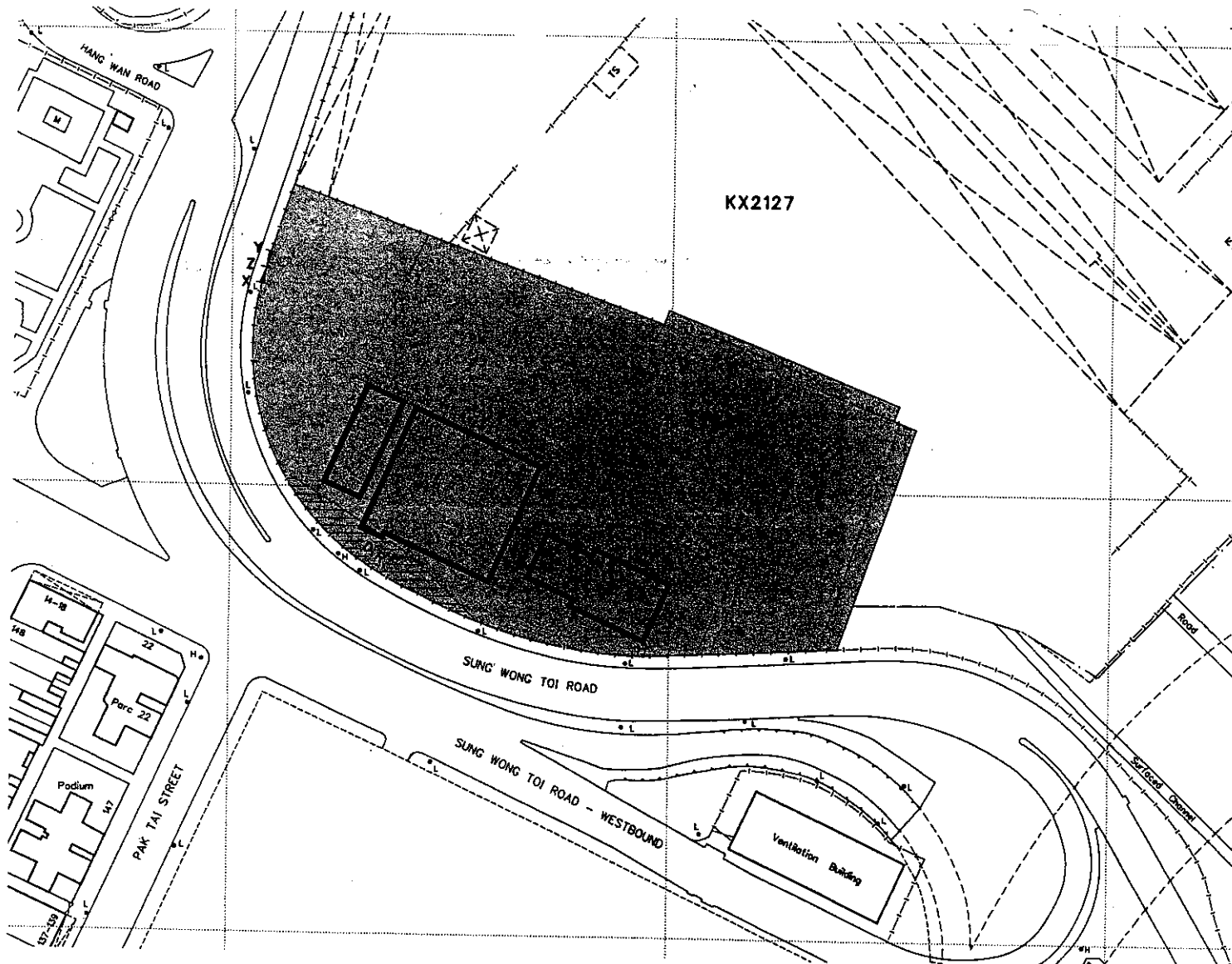
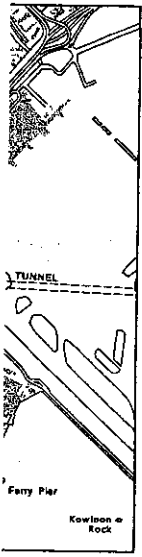
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特能童軍飛行體驗

文：梁冠倫
東九龍122旅

香港飛行總會安排的「想飛」行程，給我一個畢生難忘的經歷。

當天我以破紀錄的速度梳洗後，便踏上復康巴士，到石崗機場去。我在車上想：我會不會看到演習呢？跟壯志凌雲的場面一樣嗎？哎喲，好想快點到達。

到達機場後，我看見兩個軍人在跳降落傘，他們的英姿，非常威武，令我不期然有學習跳降落傘的衝動。

緊張關頭到了！我、李坤遠和兩個機長一起前往「定翼機」。起飛的一剎那，我心裏又緊張，又興奮，我想血壓也高了幾度呢！

飛上灰濛濛的天空，雖然沒有太陽，香港依然是很美麗的城市。一座座高低不同的大廈，錯落有致的分佈著，構成一座「石森林」；一輛輛七彩繽紛的車子，慢慢的在寬闊的道路上移動彷彿像細小的蚯蚓一樣。



我們飛了二十分鐘，由元朗至屯門，不一會便飛完了，我覺得很短促。隨著飛機的降落，我也有點兒失落。

我們終於要走了，我帶著一個愉快又特別的經歷，踏上復康巴士回家了。



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HONG KONG SCOUTING

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22 December 1994

Mr Johnsman C M AU
Hong Kong Aviation Club Ltd
c/o Audit Department
26th Floor Immigration Tower
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Wanchai
Hong Kong

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1/5/1995

Dear Mr Au,

Shek Kong on Airfield

I am writing to express our warmest thanks on behalf of the children who have attended and enjoyed tremendously the captioned event, made possible through your thoughtful and generous arrangement. Our children are excited and thrilled by this memorable experience which they still talk about.

Let me once again express our gratitude to your kindness and concern to the underprivileged children. Please extend our appreciation to your colleagues too.

May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

Yours sincerely,

(Miss Ann LAU)
for Director of Social Welfare

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Our Ref: PLK 200

Mr. Johnsmen C.M. AU
Hong Kong Aviation Club Ltd.
Sung Wong Toi Road
KOWLOON

H 12/17/1994

December 15, 1994

Dear Mr. Au,

Free Flights for Children of Po Leung Kuk
November 20, 1994, Sek Kong Airfield

On behalf of the Children of Po Leung Kuk, I would like to extend our gratitude to you and the H.K. Aviation Club for arranging such an invaluable opportunity. The children really enjoyed the flights very much.

There were 9 children invited to join the flights. Although no transport was provided on that day, we could manage to arrive at the destination by a rented coach. As there was briefing session arranged before the flights, the staff of Po Leung Kuk was well-informed of all the details of the programmes, which helped to facilitate the smooth implementation.

Before the starting of the flights, structure of the aircraft and the theories of flying were introduced. From the process, the children acquired the knowledge which could hardly be taught in school. The children found the flights an extremely excited and wonderful experience. They felt wholeheartedly that they were lucky to be invited to join the programme. They enjoyed the flying trip and also the delicious sandwiches provided for lunch.

Thanks again for your kind invitation and the hospitality.

Yours faithfully

Cynthia Chau
Ms. Cynthia Chau Sin Ha
Superintendent
Po Leung Kuk

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The Spastics Association of Hong Kong

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Mr. Johnsmen C.M. Au
Hong Kong Aviation Club Ltd
Sung Wong Toi Road
Kowloon

15th November 1988

Dear Mr. Au,

Re : Free Flight for Children

On behalf of the Association, I write to extend our gratitude for your kind invitation of our children to participate in the purposively organized flight scheduled on 20th November 1988 at Sek Kong. As per attached please find the name of two responsible staffs and their home telephone numbers for your information. I will try my best to be there to share the joy with the children on that day.

As you may be aware, the Association is a welfare agency serving multiply physically handicapped in Hong Kong. At present, we are running 5 pre-school centres, 3 special schools, 3 sheltered workshops and 4 hostels with a total clientele over 600. A set of service pamphlet and a copy of our Annual Report 87-88 are enclosed for your reference.

In view of this large group of service recipients, we can only serve those children coming from two of our special schools this time. As such, I write to request whether it is possible to allocate more places to the Association next time in anticipation of serving more disabled children.

Last but not the least, please allow me to thank you once again for your concern to our disabled children.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,



E. Kvan
Chairman

c.c. Mrs. J. Fung
Mrs. Yung



Member of the Community Chest

SCMP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1988

Detectives crack drug packaging operation

By TOMMY LEWIS

NARCOTICS Bureau detectives yesterday staged a pre-dawn ambush which neutralised the largest heroin packaging centre discovered in recent years.

The operation was mounted after an 18-year-old youth was arrested in Causeway Bay allegedly having a packet of No 3 heroin in his possession.

When they searched the youth, believed to be linked to a major drug syndicate in Kowloon, detectives found a bunch of keys which led them to a flat in King Wah Road, believed to have been used as a drug packaging centre.

In the flat, detectives found a large quantity of packaging and weighing equipment together with 40 kilograms of No 3 heroin valued at \$2 million, believed to be for distribution to drug traffickers on Hong Kong Island.

Detective Chief Inspector Mike Howard of the Narcotics Bureau said the seized heroin was thought to have come from a Kowloon syndicate which had recently set up its base on Hong Kong Island.

The syndicate was attempting to replace a gang whose operation was smashed in March when...



Chan Hung-sang (right) and Au Kwok-yiu were among about 80 children who were given a bird's eye view of the territory by pilots of Hongkong Aviation Club yesterday. The children, from various schools and institutions for the handicapped, were flown around the territory by pilots who showed off their Cessna-172 four-seater aircraft.

Charity event draws over 10,000 walkers

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4th July 1988

Mr. James ^{Wai} Au,
Hong Kong Aviation Club,
Sung Wong Toi Road,
Kowloon,
Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Au,

I am writing to you to express our gratitude for the charity flights that you have arranged for our students on 4th June. As you have seen, they are a group of severely handicapped, wheelchair-bound children. It was truly a "once in a life time" experience for these children, and will remain as part of their treasurable memories when they leave school.

Enclosed are some photos taken on that day.

Thank you once again for all the effort and time that you have spent.

Yours sincerely,

M. Fang (Miss)

Principal

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15th January, 1987

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West Wing,
Ice House Street,
Central,
Hong Kong

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Dear Mr. Au,

I write, on behalf of our handicapped children, to extend our sincere gratitude to the Hong Kong Aviation Club and your goodself for the kind arrangement of the flight programme on 11th Jan., 1987.

The flight has given our children a very exciting and valuable experience and they obviously have had a very enjoyable trip in the sky. In fact, everyone on the spot could share their joy and happiness.

To express our thanks to your Club, I enclose herewith a small flag of our Association for retention.

Your members' kind concern towards the underprivileged is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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C.S. Chong (Mrs.)
General Secretary

CSC/CFF/cyc



Member of the Community Chest