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Legislative Council Panel on Economic Services

Background on the incident of
11 June 2007



Skyrail is committed to a thorough investigation

Skyrail believes the incident on 11 June should not have been possible and we join everyone in wanting to know why this happened, and what needs to be done to ensure that it can never happen again.

We believe that only through a thorough investigation will this be possible, and we are committed to cooperating fully and openly, and taking whatever necessary remedial actions are identified by the investigation.



Safety as Top Priority

Safety of passengers, operating personnel & public always a top priority.

- Detailed plans and processes designed to manage risk
- Half-yearly safety audits conducted by MTRCL & reporting of safety performance to MTRCL's Safety Committee
- Continuous monitoring of safety performance through Key Performance Indexes
- No reported incident of passenger injury during operation for over 2,330 hrs and for 1.5M passengers since Opening



Annual ropeway safety survey.

Annual Inspection of Cableway System

- Stipulated by the Aerial Ropeways (Safety) Ordinance
- Conducted by independent external expert accredited by EMSD
- Commenced on 7 June 2007
- Tests were undertaken during non-operating hours



System Reliability

Operational Reliability Rate

- Achieved a 98.8% reliability in nine months of operation
- Achieved a 99.1% reliability for the year of 2007, demonstrating an ongoing improvement in performance
- Confirmed as high by international standards.



Dislodgement of Cabin – Brief Summary

Date:
11 June 2007 (Monday)

Time:
Around 20:00 (after operation hours)

Pax on line: No passenger online

Location:
Near Tower 2b (outside Airport
Island Angle Station)

Activity undergoing :
Annual ropeway survey conducted
by an accredited ropeway
surveyor from Europe to determine
the performance of the brake
system

Incident: One cabin dislodged and
found on ground near Tower 2b at
20:00



Immediate Technical Measures

- Initial check of Tower 2B for mechanical and structural damage
- Checked all cabins on line to ensure no damage existed
- After consultation with EMSD and MTRC moved the damaged cabin off site to MTR Siu Ho Wan Depot to complete the detailed examination
- The Cableway services were suspended immediately by Skyrail.



Technical measures on 12 June 2007 (Tue)



- A detailed check in daylight of the structure of T2B and equipment
- Positioned personnel at all towers and stations to check all mechanical structures and equipment
- Checked all cabins on line from the access trail and by helicopter
- Met representatives from Leitner, EMSD, the rope surveyor and the MTRC to formulate proposed course of action

Agreed Steps to be Taken

- Conduct a close examination of the haul rope including a defectograph.
- Brakes to be checked to ensure functioning correctly before the cabins are removed
- Obtain approval from EMSD to run the cableway to remove all cabins from the line
- Detailed inspection of all cabins.
- Ongoing discussion with EMSD to determine additional actions required.



Supporting the tenants and trade partners

- Communicate with the public, trade partners & stakeholders on suspension and refund arrangements
- Publicize through signage, website & IVRS that Village remains open & encourage guests to travel by buses/taxis
- Rent-free for the duration of the suspension for tenants at Ngong Ping Village
- Various promotions & incentive offers to trade and consumers to generate traffic for the Village



Our commitment.

- Skyrail is giving full support to a thorough investigation process and our full support to whatever steps are recommended by the Government's and MTRC'S investigation teams to ensure that Ngong Ping 360 is safe and reliable.
- Our highest priority is the safety and comfort of our visitors and we will never compromise on this commitment.



Thank You