

The British Chamber firmly believes that HKIA is a key strategic asset for HKG – our economy, our people and our future. Our Airport plays a critical role in enabling, supporting and developing our four Economic Pillars.

Specifically HKIA is a fundamental enabler for our Tourism and for our Trade & Logistics – these two sectors combined account for 29.3% of GDP and 29.5% of Employment

The Aviation sector directly employs 250,000 people in HKG, whilst Trade and Logistics sector – itself highly dependent on our Airport - supports 790,000 jobs

HKIA is acknowledged around the world as a leader in global aviation. Our award winning, best-in-class facilities have helped HKG achieve #3 Passenger 51m, #1 Cargo 4.1m

We note that in 2010, the private sector invested over HKD\$8 BN in new and existing facilities at HKIA, representing substantial commitment-to, and confidence-in the future of the aviation industry in HKG.

We acknowledge concerns about the Environmental Impact. Believe the AA has identified ways to minimise the environmental impact through adopting some of the latest technologies available in the construction of the new airport facilities.

We have to recognise that independent global industry assessments forecast that during the next 20 years, global passenger volumes will double and global air cargo volumes will triple.

## **HKIA Expansion – British Chamber’s viewpoint**

The Airport expansion will enable Hong Kong to maintain its global leadership role in aviation, commerce, trade and logistics, whilst creating new job opportunities for our people.

Option 2 will expand direct employment at the airport to over 140,000 people – over 75% of these positions are entry level jobs - suitable to address our needs for employment opportunities for manual and low skilled labour.

We believe it is Essential for the future prosperity of HK to continue to build on our success as one of the world’s leading airport hubs, essential for our role as the gateway into and out-of China, our role as the Hub for the region, and Hong Kong’s global inter-connectivity to the rest of the world.

The Chamber calls for urgent approval to proceed with Option 2 of the HKIA Master Plan 2030 – including sustainably building the third runway and associated facilities.