

Hactl's views on HKIA Master Plan 2030

The highly efficient and well-connected Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) plays a vital role in driving Hong Kong's economic growth that underpins the well-being of our customers. This is key to the continuing growth of our business.

HKIA is approaching its practical maximum runway capacity. As demand continues to rise, there is a need to expand to enable it to maintain its position as one of the best in the world.

We believe that building the third runway is a critically important investment in Hong Kong's future. Both passenger and air cargo throughput are at the very heart of Hong Kong's prosperity. If we fail to allow sufficient extra capacity to be built at our airport, the effect will be to reduce economic growth, decrease employment opportunities, and undermine our overall competitiveness.

Diverting traffic to neighbouring airports in the Greater Pearl River Delta is a not a practical option since they are facing their own capacity constraints. They are also considering whether to build more runways to meet their own ever-increasing traffic demand.

It is recognized that there are environmental issues to take into consideration if a third runway is to be built. These are, however, being sympathetically addressed by the Airport Authority in its proposals.

Hong Kong is well-positioned to continue to capture opportunities and build upon our valuable position as one of mainland China's key gateway cities. But it does depend on taking the decision now to build the third runway to ensure Hong Kong remains at the forefront of economic development.

HACTL supports the airport expansion with the addition of a third runway. We believe it is in the best interests of Hong Kong's future development.

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