

Greetings from Singapore Airlines.

The below is roughly of the statement I made in the Council on 19July2011.

1. Being one of the main international airlines operating in Hong Kong, and the airline which started the world's first non-stop trans-Pacific service in late 80s, as well as the airline which brought the first commercial A380 service to Hong Kong, Singapore Airlines Hong Kong is supportive of the 3rd runway option as we believe that the demand for both passenger and cargo facilities through Hong Kong will continue to grow in the long-term. While Option 1 (enhancement of existing facilities and runways) will alleviate the congestion problem in the future, Option 2 has a more long-term impact in ensuring that HKIA has sufficient facilities.
2. We are also supportive of HKIA's efforts to collate the various feedback on the environmental impact of the 3rd runway and we hope that this will be taken into account in the planning and developmental process.
3. Potential questions for the Masterplan includes: In the long-term with the Mainland China airports developing very quickly and becoming major hubs within China, would the number of transit passengers and export cargo that is going via Hong Kong now be impacted? While there will always be a substantial number of Chinese passengers who choose to stopover in HKG, would the growth slow down as more direct flights operate to China airports?