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**Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Relating to the Three-runway System at
the Hong Kong International Airport**

**Minutes of the eighth meeting held on
Wednesday, 18 October 2017, at 8:30 am
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members present : Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, GBS, JP
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming, SBS, JP
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP
Hon CHU Hoi-dick
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
Hon Tanya CHAN
Hon HUI Chi-fung
Hon LUK Chung-hung
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH

Member attending : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH

Members absent : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon Dennis KWOK Wing-hang
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kwok, SBS, MH, JP
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

**Public Officers
attending**

: Agenda item I

Transport and Housing Bureau

Dr Raymond SO, BBS, JP
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Wallace LAU, JP
Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing
(Transport) 4

Mr Raymond CHENG
Head (Airport Expansion Project Coordination Office)

Mr Henry CHU
Chief Assistant Secretary (Airport Expansion Project
Coordination Office)

Airport Authority Hong Kong

Mr NG Chi-kee
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Mr Wilson FUNG
Executive Director, Corporate Development

Clerk in attendance : Ms Shirley CHAN
Chief Council Secretary (4)5

Staff in attendance : Ms Shirley TAM
Senior Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Lauren LI
Council Secretary (4)5

Ms Zoe TONG
Legislative Assistant (4)5

Action

I. 2017 Hong Kong International Airport Workforce Survey

[LC Paper Nos. CB(4)42/17-18(01), CB(4)1619/16-17(01) and CB(4)1629/16-17(01)]

Declaration of interest

Mr Jeffrey LAM declared that he was a member of the Board of the Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK").

Discussion

2. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Follow-up action to be taken by Airport Authority Hong Kong

3. AAHK was requested to list out the posts under each job category in the 2017 Hong Kong International Airport Workforce Survey.

(Post-meeting note: AAHK's written response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)124/17-18(01) on 27 October 2017.)

II. Any other business

4. The Chairman concluded that the Subcommittee had completed its work and that issues relating to the three-runway system ("3RS") should continue to be followed up by the relevant Panels. The Deputy Chairman requested the Administration/AAHK to provide the progress update of the 3RS project to the Panel on Economic Development on a half-yearly basis.

5. The Chairman said that a report on the deliberations of the Subcommittee would be prepared for submission to the House Committee. The draft report would be circulated to members for consideration.

(Post-meeting note: The draft report was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)176/17-18 on 6 November 2017.)

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:22 am.

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Agenda item I – 2017 Hong Kong International Airport Workforce Survey			
001030 – 001140	Chairman	Opening remarks	
001141 – 001317	Chairman Administration	Introductory remarks by the Administration on the 2017 Hong Kong International Airport Workforce Survey	
001318 – 003042	Chairman Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") Ms Tanya CHAN	Briefing by AAHK on the 2017 Hong Kong International Airport Workforce Survey with the aid of powerpoint presentation [LC Paper No. CB(4)57/17-18(01)]	
003043 – 003655	Chairman Mr Jeffrey LAM AAHK	<p>Declaration of interest</p> <p>Discussion on the impact of the proposed Public Transport Fare Subsidy Scheme in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address on the working population at the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA")</p> <p>Mr Jeffrey LAM enquired about AAHK's use of technologies in updating the public on the latest flight information during typhoons. AAHK replied that there was an established mechanism, including the use of social media, AAHK's mobile application "HKG MyFlight", as well as through customer service centres at HKIA, to provide such information during typhoons.</p>	
003656 – 005246	Chairman Mr LUK Chung-hung Administration AAHK	<p>Mr LUK Chung-hung noted from the 2017 HKIA Workforce Survey that nearly half of the vacancies at HKIA were skilled positions. He called on the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy ("the Academy") to provide suitable training courses for employees engaged in skilled positions. Mr LUK also urged AAHK to consider attracting talents to work at HKIA by providing job opportunities before training, similar to the practice adopted in the construction industry.</p> <p>The Administration advised that the Academy provided a wide range of courses which included beginners programmes for students. It further advised that some courses provided by the Academy involved paid internships for students. The</p>	

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		<p>Administration would further collaborate with the relevant stakeholders to enhance the training programmes provided by the Academy.</p> <p>Mr LUK expressed concern about the high travelling expenses for airport staff. In this regard, he asked –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) if AAHK had ever conducted a survey on the travelling expenses of airport staff; and (b) whether AAHK would provide subsidies to airport staff who spent a certain proportion of their salary on travelling to work. <p>AAHK replied that it had not conducted such survey. It had however encouraged bus companies to introduce more routes by providing subsidies to them, as well as liaised with them on the provision of concessionary fares to airport staff.</p> <p>Mr LUK was concerned about the time taken for delivering passenger baggage from arriving aircraft to the Baggage Reclaim Hall ("BRH") and urged AAHK to enhance the efficiency of baggage delivery service in HKIA. AAHK advised that it attached great importance to baggage handling service and had set up performance indicators in respect of baggage handling services at HKIA. AAHK had a performance pledge that the first and last piece of baggage from an arrival flight must be delivered to BRH within 20 and 40 minutes respectively after landing. In 2016-2017, over 96% of arrival baggage fulfilled its pledge. New measures such as procurement of new equipment and entrusting only one contractor to provide baggage delivery service would be implemented in August 2018 to further improve the service efficiency.</p>	
005247 – 010428	Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration AAHK	<p>Mr YIU Si-wing raised concerns about –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the measures AAHK would take to publicize the Academy to airlines, which were major employers of the Academy's graduates. He also suggested that AAHK should actively explore with airlines to develop programmes based on the airlines' requirement and students' preferences; (b) given that airport staff had to wait for a long time for public transport on the Airport Island after midnight, whether AAHK had provided assistance to these staff; 	

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		<p>(c) whether enough resting lounges were provided to airport staff; and</p> <p>(d) AAHK's actions in improving the baggage handling efficiency at HKIA.</p> <p>In response, AAHK advised that –</p> <p>(a) over 80 students who completed the Certificate Course in Airport Services and Operations programme offered by the Academy were employed by 15 airport business partners and AAHK;</p> <p>(b) AAHK provided all airlines with the Academy's information as well as relevant information of students, facilitating their employment of such students with the provision of appropriate training;</p> <p>(c) free overnight shuttle service provided by AAHK was available for airport staff between the maintenance and cargo area and the main transport interchange at the passenger terminal;</p> <p>(d) four resting lounges for airport staff were currently in use. Four more would be available between end-2017 and 2020. In addition, AAHK was considering providing one resting lounge in the landside area; and</p> <p>(e) AAHK aimed to raise the percentages of the first and last pieces of baggage of an arrival flight being delivered to the Baggage Reclaim Hall within 20 minutes and 40 minutes after landing from 95% to 97% in 2018.</p>	
010429 – 010817	Chairman Mr WU Chi-wai AAHK Administration	In view of the situation that the franchised buses plying between Tung Chung and the Airport Island had to stop at many destinations, Mr WU Chi-wai suggested AAHK should discuss with the relevant bus companies to introduce routes that could shorten the travelling time of commuters.	
010818 – 011439	Chairman Deputy Chairman Administration	The Deputy Chairman was of the opinion that there were too many stops for the overnight bus routes plying between HKIA and the urban areas. In this connection, he urged AAHK, the bus operators and the Administration to formulate a holistic strategy with a view to improving the frequency and rationalizing the provision of overnight airport buses services.	

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		<p>The Deputy Chairman suggested that there should be more cooperation between the Academy and airlines in respect of accrediting the courses taken by students, as well as giving graduates of the Academy priority in taking up the airlines' vacancies as appropriate.</p>	
011440 – 011927	<p>Chairman Mr Holden CHOW Administration</p>	<p>Noting the high prices and lack of choices of food at HKIA, Mr Holden CHOW urged AAHK to encourage food outlets at HKIA to offer more discounts to airport staff.</p> <p>Mr CHOW remarked that as some 100 000 working population was anticipated on the Airport Island after the completion of the three-runway system ("3RS"), it would be impossible for the existing transport network to support the resulting additional traffic flow. In this connection, on top of the study commissioned by the Administration on the feasibility of extending the existing Tung Chung Line to the Airport Island, he urged AAHK to commission a study on the feasibility of building a regional railway linkage which connected the Airport Island, the future Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities after the completion of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, and Tung Chung town centre to facilitate people living in Tung Chung to work at the airport.</p>	
011928 – 012709	<p>Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Administration</p>	<p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki requested for details of the posts under each job category in the 2017 HKIA Workforce Survey.</p> <p>Dr KWOK expressed concern about the high travelling expenses for airport staff, especially those who engaged in relatively low-paid jobs.</p>	<p>AAHK to follow up as per paragraph 3 of the minutes</p>
012710 – 012938	<p>Chairman Mr YIU Si-wing Administration</p>	<p>With a view to providing faster and more efficient overnight transport services for airport staff, Mr YIU Si-wing suggested that AAHK should consider providing green minibus shuttle services to the staff concerned.</p> <p>The Administration replied that it would discuss with AAHK and take into account a host of factors in considering members' suggestions. The Chairman advised that matters relating to transport should be followed up by the Panel on Transport.</p>	
012939 – 013529	<p>Chairman Deputy Chairman AAHK</p>	<p>The Deputy Chairman opined that outdoor resting areas should be provided at the airport. AAHK undertook to consider the Deputy Chairman's suggestion when reconfiguring Terminal 2 and</p>	

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		<p>developing other areas of HKIA.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman also suggested that cooling and heating appliances should be installed for airport staff who worked in outdoor areas. AAHK replied that it might be difficult to do so at the apron, but suitable installations had been added at the baggage hall.</p>	
013530 – 013648	Chairman Mr LUK Chung-hung	Mr LUK Chung-hung urged the Administration to conduct a survey on the travelling expenses of airport staff.	
013649 – 014323	Chairman Mr Michael TIEN AAHK Administration	<p>Mr Michael TIEN noted that the Administration was following up on the findings of the consultancy study commissioned by AAHK on developing a new line by making use of the existing tracks of the Airport Express Line to link up the future MTR Tung Chung East Station and the Airport Island. Given the expected increase in the working population on the Airport Island, Mr TIEN enquired if AAHK would have any fallback plan to enhance the transport between Tung Chung and the Airport Island in the event that the Administration did not support constructing the suggested new line. Mr TIEN further asked if AAHK would consider developing a dedicated rail network between Tung Chung and the Airport Island for airport staff.</p> <p>In response, AAHK advised that its consultancy study showed that the suggested new line was technically feasible. Yet, any rail network development involving locations outside the Airport Island should be coordinated by the Administration. The Administration advised that comprehensive planning was required for the development of such a rail network.</p>	
014324 – 014813	Chairman Deputy Chairman AAHK	<p>The Deputy Chairman suggested that AAHK should consider extending the scale of the Airport Preschool to accommodate the need of the anticipated working population of some 100 000 people at HKIA in future. AAHK advised that due to the large demand for the service, admission quotas for the Preschool would be raised from some 40 to some 140 after the Preschool had established its own permanent premises in 2019.</p> <p>AAHK further advised that as the Airport Preschool was a nursery, its students were not eligible for fee subsidies under the Free Quality Kindergarten Education Scheme provided by the Government.</p>	
014814 –	Chairman	Mr Michael TIEN maintained the view that AAHK's	

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015204	Mr Michael TIEN AAHK	involvement was essential for developing a dedicated rail network for airport staff. Upon the enquiry of Mr TIEN, AAHK advised that AAHK's mobile application "HKG MyFlight" was constantly upgraded to facilitate users.	
015205 – 015315	Chairman AAHK	Referring to the incident in 2015 that the Kap Shui Mun Bridge was collided by a vessel and subsequently led to the closure of all lanes of Tsing Ma Bridge, the Chairman enquired about AAHK's contingency measures to deal with the unpredictable incidents which might affect airport staff travelling to HKIA for work. AAHK advised that there was an established mechanism in handling such incidents.	
Agenda item II – Any other business			
015316 – 015649	Chairman Deputy Chairman AAHK	Concluding the Subcommittee's work Closing remarks	