

# **Preliminary Report and Public Notice on serious incident of Airbus A330-343 P2F and Boeing 777-200F freighters released**

The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) released the Preliminary Report and Public Notice PLR-2025-01 on a serious incident concerning the loss of separation between an Airbus A330-343 P2F freighter operated by MNG Airlines (registration mark TC-MCN) and a Boeing 777-200F freighter operated by Silk Road Western Airlines (registration mark VP-BMU) after take-off at Hong Kong International Airport on February 27, 2025.

A spokesperson for the AAIA said that the Preliminary Report has been published to provide factual information established in the investigation's early evidence collection phase to both the aviation industry and the general public in a timely manner, and should be regarded as tentative. The full report is available for download from the AAIA webpage ([www.tlb.gov.hk/aaia/eng/investigation\\_reports/index.html](http://www.tlb.gov.hk/aaia/eng/investigation_reports/index.html)).

"The investigation team is conducting a detailed analysis of the data and information collected in order to determine the circumstances and causes of this occurrence with a view to preventing a recurrence in conjunction with identifying areas for further investigation or lines of inquiry to follow up," the spokesperson said.

The AAIA, an independent investigation authority formed under the Transport and Logistics Bureau, is responsible for the investigation of civil aircraft accidents and incidents in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) and with reference to the International Civil Aviation Organization's standards.

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## **Speech by SITI at Laservall – “From Hong Kong To Global: The Future of Advanced Manufacturing and Microelectronics” (English only)**

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, at the Laservall – "From Hong Kong To Global: The Future of Advanced Manufacturing and Microelectronics" event today (March

31):

Ms Lee (Korean Consul (Commerce), Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Hong Kong, Ms Jaeyon Lee), James (Chairman of Laservall, Mr James Kang), Andrew (Chief Executive Officer of Laservall, Mr Andrew Kim), Albert (Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, Mr Albert Wong), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. It is my pleasure to stand before you today to celebrate Laservall's global expansion in Hong Kong – a milestone that marks the company's distinctive success achieved in developing advanced high-precision laser inter-connect solutions and automation system for advanced manufacturing.

Founded in Hong Kong in 2003 and commencing its amazing journey at the Hong Kong Science Park in 2024, a cradle that nurtures thousands of innovation and technology (I&T) companies, Laservall has evolved into a world leader in the advanced manufacturing industry today. With its extensive clientele including some renowned global brands in the industry of smartphone camera modules, electronics and automotive, Laservall continues to expand its operations with R&D (research and development) centres and production facilities across Asia.

We are so excited to witness Laservall's success today, as advanced manufacturing has been a pivotal sector and significant power engine to drive the development of new industrialisation in Hong Kong.

Following the promulgation of the Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Development Blueprint in December 2022, the Hong Kong SAR Government has been actively promoting new industrialisation through supporting the advanced manufacturing industries and encouraging the upgrading and transformation of traditional manufacturing sector through the use of I&T, with the aim of driving sustainable economic growth and creating high-quality employment opportunities.

To bolster the development of new industrialisation, our Government has stepped up its efforts by implementing a series of supporting policies and measures. For example, the New Industrialisation Funding Scheme was enhanced to reinforce our efforts in supporting enterprises to adopt smart manufacturing. As of February 2025, the scheme had supported more than 100 new smart production lines. To extend our dedication, we launched the New Industrialisation Acceleration Scheme last year to provide funding support for enterprises engaging in industries of strategic importance. We will also earmark another \$100 million for the Pilot Manufacturing and Production Line Upgrade Support Scheme to provide financial support to companies setting up smart production facilities in Hong Kong.

Today, Laservall announces its plan of investing \$300 million over the next five years and doubling the size of R&D team by 2026, and extending their R&D team eventually by sixfold by 2028. This not only reflects the company's commitment to innovation but also its unwavering confidence in Hong Kong's I&T industry. Its expansion at the Science Park is a perfect example

of how it is leveraging Hong Kong's unique role as a "super-connector" and a "super value-adder" to strengthen its presence in the global market.

May I once again extend my sincere congratulations to Laservall for its outstanding I&T achievement. I am confident that we will soon witness more local companies, like Laservall, stepping onto the global I&T stage and demonstrating the remarkable outcomes of Hong Kong's R&D capabilities to the world in the near future. Thank you.

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## Public library opening hours for Ching Ming Festival and Easter

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (March 31) that all public libraries will be closed on Good Friday (April 18), while students' study rooms will be open from 8am to 9.30pm.

Apart from individual libraries' closing days, the opening hours of all public libraries on Ching Ming Festival (April 4), the day following Good Friday (April 19), and Easter Monday (April 21) will be the same as those for public holidays.

To carry out system maintenance work, the Multimedia Information System and online reservation of computer facilities services will be suspended from 9pm on April 17 to 7am on April 19. Moreover, the following services will also be suspended from 0.30am on April 18 to 7am on April 19:

- library mobile app services and Internet and telephone renewal services;
- other online library services, including the library catalogue, borrowers' record enquiries, reservation of library materials and electronic resources (e-books and e-databases); and
- self-service library stations (readers may still return books to the stations before the due date, and the loan record will be updated within two working days).

Details can be obtained from notices posted at all public libraries and on the website at [www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/library-notices/library-notices-list.html](http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/library-notices/library-notices-list.html). For enquiries, please call 2921 0208.

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## Postal services to Slovakia subject to delay

Hongkong Post announced today (March 31) that, as advised by the postal administration of Slovakia, due to the impact of local control measures on an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, mail delivery services to areas with postcodes 93003, 93004, 93006 and 93007 are subject to delay.

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## AFCD reminds public not to enter Sham Wan Restricted Area during restricted period

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) reminds members of the public today (March 31) not to enter the Sham Wan Restricted Area, Lamma Island, from tomorrow (April 1) to October 31 to protect nesting green turtles.

The Sham Wan Restricted Area includes a beach of 0.5 hectare and a sea inlet of 98.2 hectares adjoining the beach at Sham Wan (see Annex). The restricted period lasts seven months, from April 1 to October 31.

An AFCD spokesman said, "The green turtle is an endangered species protected by the Wild Animals Protection Ordinance (Cap. 170) in Hong Kong. It is also the only sea turtle species that nests locally. The sandy beach at Sham Wan on Lamma Island is the only site in Hong Kong and one of the few sites in the South China Sea at which green turtles nest from time to time. Green turtles are known to stay in waters adjacent to their natal beaches before and in between their nesting. During the period, breeding green turtles are particularly sensitive to human disturbances, which may frighten them and cause them to abandon nesting. The designation of the Sham Wan Restricted Area helps protect endangered green turtles and their breeding ground. It can bring about a positive impact on the survival and breeding of green turtles in the long run."

The spokesman pointed out that AFCD staff will conduct patrols to prevent unauthorised entry to the area and monitor the occurrence and nesting activities of green turtles. Unauthorised entry to the restricted area is subject to a maximum fine of \$50,000 upon conviction.