

CAD Aviation Education Path's new exhibition galleries on "Uprising of the Two Airlines" and civil aviation development of China open to public (with photos)

â€‹The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) has set up new exhibition galleries on the "Uprising of the Two Airlines" (the Uprising) and the civil aviation development of China at the Aviation Education Path (AEP), with a view to enhancing the public's understanding of the civil aviation development of China including the building of home-developed aircraft. The exhibition galleries are open to the public starting from today (February 19).

The Uprising took place on November 9, 1949, when 12 aircraft from the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Air Transport Corporation (the two airlines) took off and headed north from Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong, overcoming various difficulties and flying to Beijing and Tianjin. Apart from being a patriotic move which was crucial to the development of the civil aviation industry in China, the Uprising was closely related to civil aviation in Hong Kong. Through historical photographs, text panels and a film presentation, the exhibition highlights the major stages of the Uprising, which covers its background and course of events, as well as the profound impact of the Uprising on the civil aviation development of China in the following years.

The civil aviation industry in China has developed rapidly since the Uprising. The exhibition galleries present civil aviation statistics of China from 1950, covering total turnover volume, as well as the number of airports, civil aircraft and air routes. Also, the successful development of home-developed aircraft C909 and C919 are significant milestones of the aircraft manufacturing industry in China. The exhibition, while highlighting the chronological development of both aircraft, allows visitors to revisit the historic moment of the C919 aircraft fly-past over Victoria Harbour on December 16, 2023.

The Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr Victor Liu, today welcomed the first group of visitors to the new exhibition galleries, including the pioneers of the Uprising and their relatives, as well as representatives from the China National Aviation Corporation (Group) Limited, the Hong Kong Party of China National Aviation Corporation and Central Air Transport Corporation, and the Staffs and Workers Union of Hong Kong Civil Airlines. Mr Liu said, "The visitors of the AEP's new exhibition galleries, through commemorating the history of the Uprising and reviewing the civil aviation development in China through the years, will be proud of our country's outstanding achievements in civil aviation development. We hope that the new AEP

exhibition galleries will continue to enhance the public's understanding of the civil aviation development of China."

Visiting the AEP is free of charge. Two guided tours are available for booking daily at two time slots, 10am to 11.30am and 2pm to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays). For more details on visit applications, please visit the CAD website at www.cad.gov.hk/english/aviation_education_path.html.

