

## DGCA visits Portugal and Germany (with photos)

The Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr Victor Liu, commenced his five-day visit to Portugal and Germany on May 12, during that he attended the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) annual Leadership Summit and Airspace World 2025 in Lisbon, Portugal.

These two global events brought together leaders from the civil aviation industry worldwide. Mr Liu was invited to speak in an expert panel, where he shared his insights on driving sustainability in aviation. He highlighted the rapid growth of the Asia Pacific region in civil aviation and emphasised the importance of strengthening collaborations among states/administrations, air navigation services providers (ANSPs), and the industry; and making use of innovative technologies to achieve the environmental goals, sustainable development and efficient operations. Mr Liu also shared the Civil Aviation Department (CAD)'s experiences in implementing various environmental measures and the latest technologies, as well as fostering collaboration with various ANSPs and stakeholders. Another member of the CAD's delegation also spoke in an expert panel on the theme of digital transformation in aviation.

During the event, Mr Liu met with the Director General of CANSO, Mr Simon Hocquard, and discussed on various topics on mutual co-operation, including the "Airspace Asia Pacific 2025", a large-scale international exhibition and conference event dedicated to air traffic development and management, which will be held in the Asia Pacific region for the first time. The event will take place in Hong Kong, as an international aviation hub, this December. Taking the opportunity, Mr Liu gave an interview with CANSO to further promote the event. In addition, Mr Liu met with the Director General of EUROCONTROL, Mr Raúl Medina, to exchange views on strengthening mutual co-operation on civil aviation fields and explore further co-operation opportunities.

After that, Mr Liu continued his visit in Germany on May 15. During the stay, he visited the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in Cologne, Germany, where he met with the EASA's Executive Director, Mr Florian Guillermet, to discuss the latest development in aviation and explore further collaboration between the two civil aviation authorities on regulations related to aviation safety and new initiatives, such as low-altitude economy and advanced air mobility. This visit underscores Hong Kong's commitment to strengthening international partnerships and aligning with global aviation standards.

Mr Liu then paid a technical visit to the Airbus facility in Hamburg, Germany on May 16, to learn about the latest advancements in aircraft manufacturing and maintenance technologies, and sustainable aviation development.

Accompanying Mr Liu to Germany was the Assistant Director-General of

Civil Aviation (Flight Standards), Mr Michael Yuen.

Mr Liu will depart for Hong Kong today (May 17).

