

ExCo Non-official Members visit Hong Kong International Airport (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Executive Council Secretariat:

Non-official Members of the Executive Council (ExCo Members) today (May 28) visited Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) to learn about its latest developments.

In the company of the Chief Executive Officer of the Airport Authority Hong Kong, Mr Fred Lam, the ExCo Members first visited HKIA Tower. They also listened to Mr Lam's briefing on HKIA's present conditions and future development.

The ExCo Members then proceeded to the departure hall to see the application of various smart initiatives, including the self-bag drop counters that are currently in operation, and the cloud-based moveable self-check-in kiosks, which allow passengers to perform automatic travel document checking and tag their own check-in baggage.

Through applying new technology to enhance its operating efficiency, the Authority strives to leverage on enhanced smart initiatives and technologies to transform HKIA into a smart airport.

The ExCo Members then inspected the Integrated Airport Centre and listened to staff explaining the monitoring system and work conditions. They were also briefed on the operation of the high-speed cameras for airfield lighting inspections and a cool dolly for temperature-controlled cargoes such as pharmaceuticals, followed by a visit to the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy to experience the training facilities at the academy.

Acknowledging the significance of HKIA's role in connecting Hong Kong to the world, the ExCo Members said its advanced and well-equipped facilities provide ever more quality and efficient services to local citizens and overseas visitors. The ExCo Members said they are glad that the Authority, in the face of the challenges and opportunities brought about by the rapid development of technology, is constantly upgrading its services and facilities. They expressed the hope that it will continue to provide convenience and satisfaction to all airport users.

Non-official Members joining the visit today were Convenor Mr Bernard Chan, Mrs Laura Cha, Mr Chow Chung-kong, Mr Ip Kwok-him, Mr Tommy Cheung, Mr Joseph Yam, Mr Ronny Tong and Mr Horace Cheung.

