

Event Highlights

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April

The Airport Authority (AA) offers a HK\$450 million relief package to airlines and other companies operating at HKIA that are affected by the economic downturn.

May

- 1 Reacting quickly to an emerging threat, the AA introduces a series of precautionary measures to counter H1N1 influenza.

China Aircraft Services Limited (CASL) opens its first aircraft maintenance hangar at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).

Upstream check-in service is extended to Shenzhen Kingkey Banner Centre.

June

The AA declares a HK\$2,200 million final dividend to its shareholder, the Hong Kong SAR Government. The dividend is 10% higher than that in 2007/08.

- 2 A HK\$90 million reconfiguration of the Departures Immigration halls is completed, increasing security screening capacity by 50%.

On World Environment Day, 100 volunteers from the AA and other organisations clean the Tung Chung mangrove swamp near HKIA.

July

- 3 HKIA welcomes its first regularly scheduled Airbus A380 flight.
- 4 HKIA adds eight automated people mover cars to its fleet, bringing the total to 28.

A new ferry service between SkyPier and Nansha in Guangzhou begins, increasing the number of ports served to seven.

HKIA wins its third consecutive Asia-Pacific airport efficiency excellence award from the Air Transport Research Society.

- 5 In an event organised by the Islands District Office to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, AA volunteers plant trees on the waterfront promenade in Tung Chung.

August

The AA hosts the Airport Community Environmental Forum to share its experience with the airport community in conducting carbon audits. The AA is committed to carbon emissions reduction to create an environmentally friendly airport.

September

- 6 The 340-square-metre HKIA Precious Metals Depository opens. The new facility provides secure storage and physical settlement services for banks, commodity exchanges and refiners.
- 7 Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Co. Ltd. (HAECO) opens its third hangar at HKIA.

The Asian Aerospace International Expo and Congress 2009 attracts more than 350 businesses and 12,000 delegates to Hong Kong.





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October

- 8 The AA signs a cooperation agreement with Shanghai Airport (Group) Co., Ltd. to manage Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport's two terminals, east transportation centre and retail operations.
- 9 For the seventh time since 2002, HKIA is named best airport in the TTG Travel Awards.

November

The AA announces that the Hon Chan Kam-lam, the Hon Albert Ho Chun-yan and Dr Allan Wong Chi-yun will join the Board on 1 January 2010.

The foundation stone is laid for the new Civil Aviation Department headquarters, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2012.

The first self check-in kiosk outside HKIA is installed at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Wan Chai.

December

- The AA extends the 10% reduction in aircraft landing and parking fees until 31 March 2010.
- 10 A roving exhibition showcasing the airport's environmental initiatives and programmes takes place at six locations across Hong Kong, including HKIA.
- For the eighth time, the AA's annual report wins a diamond award in the public sector/not-for-profit category of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Best Corporate Governance Disclosure Awards.
- Ferry services commence between SkyPier and Taipa in Macao, raising the number of ports served to eight.

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January

- 11 SkyPier and the North Satellite Concourse officially open.

HKIA wins the 2009 top service brand award from the Hong Kong Brand Development Council and the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.

February

HKIA is awarded a "Class of Excellence" Energywise Label by the Environmental Campaign Committee for the second year. HKIA also wins a bronze award in the public sector category.

For the fourth consecutive year, Airports Council International recognises HKIA as the world's best airport among facilities serving over 40 million passengers annually.

March

- Phase 1A of the Permanent Aviation Fuel Facility opens, enhancing the reliability of HKIA's fuel supply.
- 12 The AA entertains over 2,100 elderly residents at spring dinners in Tung Chung and Tuen Mun.