In line with the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will strengthen its role as a centre for manpower training for the aviation industry, which is also a key component for the Airport City development.

In 2016, Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) established the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy (the Academy), the city’s first civil aviation academy, to support long-term development of the local aviation industry, while consolidating and enhancing Hong Kong’s position as a regional aviation manpower training centre.

Partnering with local and overseas education bodies, vocational training institutions, industry practitioners and other organisations, the Academy offers a comprehensive aviation-related curriculum – from beginners programmes such as summer day camps and training-and-job placement programmes, to professional certificate courses for aviation practitioners and more advanced programmes.

The Academy offers on-the-job training to participants.
Not only does the Academy bring new blood into the aviation industry, it also helps people working in the industry to advance their careers. In collaboration with the world-renowned École Nationale de l’Aviation Civile (National School of Civil Aviation) in France, it has developed an advanced master’s degree programme in air transport management, nurturing aviation talent from both Hong Kong and around the region.

In 2018/19, the Academy received the Full Membership Certificate for the TRAINAIR PLUS Programme from the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), recognising its capability to develop ICAO-compliant training packages. In the coming years, the Academy will pursue the ICAO Regional Training Centre of Excellence.

To support the development of local, Mainland and regional Air Traffic Control (ATC) professionals, the Academy will establish itself as an International Certified Air Traffic Control Training Centre. It is working with the Civil Aviation Department to develop and deliver ICAO standardised ATC training.

In support of all these developments, the Academy will be relocated to a permanent campus at the new building next to Terminal 1 which will accommodate more students, and feature a digital training centre, multiple classrooms, and dedicated training facilities for different types of courses.