INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT
To the Airport Authority
(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Airport Authority Ordinance)

OPINION
We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Airport Authority (“the Authority”) and its subsidiaries (together “the group”) set out on pages 99 to 158, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2019, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the group as at 31 March 2019 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Airport Authority Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION
We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing (“HKSAs”) issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the HKICPA’s Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (“the Code”) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS
Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.
### KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

**Recognition of revenue from airport and security charges, airside support services franchises, retail licences and advertising**

Refer to note 28(t) to the consolidated financial statements for the relevant accounting policies

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<td>Revenue from airport and security charges, airside support services franchises, retail licences and advertising accounted for approximately 87% of the Authority’s total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2019.</td>
<td>Our audit procedures to assess the recognition of revenue from airport and security charges and franchise and licence operations included the following:</td>
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<td>Airport and security charges are recognised when the airport facilities are utilised. Revenue is determined based on aircraft movements and passenger traffic captured by the Authority’s information technology systems which are complex and involve multiple interfaces.</td>
<td>• evaluating the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of key internal controls over the recording of revenue, which included engaging our internal information technology specialists to assess the operating effectiveness of key automated controls and interfaces over the capturing of aircraft movements and passenger traffic and the processing of revenue transactions and to assess the completeness and accuracy of the transaction details contained within the Authority’s information technology systems;</td>
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<td>Revenue from airside support services franchises, retail licences and advertising (collectively “franchise and licence operations”) is generally charged at the higher of (1) a minimum fee based on throughput, passenger numbers, rental indices or areas occupied, and (2) amounts calculated based on pre-determined percentages of gross revenue earned by the franchisees and licensees (“royalties”). For certain franchisees, franchise revenue is charged based on a minimum fee and royalties.</td>
<td>• performing analytical procedures on the Authority’s airport and security charges recognised during the current year by developing expectations with reference to figures for aircraft movements and passenger traffic extracted from government statistics, agreements on security charges with airlines and the Scheme of Airport Charges published in the Government Gazette and comparing our expectations with the revenue recorded by the Authority;</td>
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<td>Revenue from franchise and licence operations is recognised in instalments over the accounting periods covered by the franchise and licence agreements, taking into account adjustments to the minimum fee due to changes in throughput, passenger numbers, rental indices or areas occupied and adjustments for any royalties payable by the franchisees and licensees during the billing period.</td>
<td>• for franchise and licence operations, comparing the minimum fees received and receivable with underlying franchise/licence information, including the monthly payments and the franchise/licence periods as set out in the signed franchise/licence agreements, on a sample basis, re-performing the calculation of minimum fees and assessing whether the minimum fees or the royalties, whichever was higher, had been recorded in the appropriate accounting period; and</td>
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<td>We identified the recognition of revenue from airport and security charges and franchise and licence operations as a key audit matter because of its significance to the consolidated financial statements and because the determination of airport and security charges involves complex information technology systems.</td>
<td>• re-performing the calculation of royalties received and receivable with reference to turnover reports submitted by the franchisees and licensees and the bases of calculation thereof as set out in the signed franchise/licence agreements, on a sample basis, and assessing whether the royalties had been recorded and accounted for in the appropriate accounting period.</td>
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## Assessing project provisions for capital works projects

Refer to note 26(b)(ii) to the consolidated financial statements and notes 28(g)(vi) and 28(s) for the relevant accounting policies

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| The Authority undertakes a number of capital works projects at Hong Kong International Airport. These projects may take several years to complete and the contractual arrangements can be complex. The Authority establishes project provisions for the estimated amounts which will be required to settle claims from contractors which may arise due to time delays, additional costs or other unforeseen circumstances. The assessment of the required project provisions involves the exercise of significant management judgement which can be inherently uncertain because the amounts eventually payable may be different from the recorded project provisions. We identified assessing project provisions for capital works projects as a key audit matter because the assessment of project claims and the determination of project provisions involves the exercise of significant management judgement and estimation which can be inherently uncertain. | Our audit procedures to assess project provisions for capital works projects included the following:  
- assessing the design and implementation of management’s key internal controls over the assessment of project claims;  
- inspecting the minutes of the relevant Board sub-committees responsible for overseeing the progress of capital works projects and discussing with management the project status, including the costs incurred to date, the remaining critical milestones and contract claims, and assessing the financial implications for the group;  
- obtaining the project claim status report as at the reporting date, comparing the claims amount recorded in this report with claim submissions from contractors, discussing with the Project Accounting and Control Team of Finance Division and the projects departments the projects’ current status and the project provisions made, on a sample basis, and challenging the assumptions and critical judgements made by management which impacted their estimation of project provisions by comparing these assumptions, on a sample basis, with key contract terms and correspondence with the contractors;  
- performing a retrospective review, on a sample basis, of capital works projects completed or claims finalised during the current year by comparing the actual settlement of costs during the current year, including project claims, with estimates made as at 31 March 2018 to assess the reliability of management’s assessment process and evaluating significant variances identified; and  
- in respect of projects which were undergoing dispute resolution procedures, holding discussions with management and the Authority’s internal legal counsel to assess the Authority’s legal obligations and financial exposure in connection with these claims. |
INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR’S REPORT THEREON

The Board Members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all the information included in the annual report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board Members are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Airport Authority Ordinance and for such internal control as the Board Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board Members are responsible for assessing the group’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board Members either intend to liquidate the group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board Members are assisted by the Audit Committee and Finance Committee in discharging their responsibilities for overseeing the group’s financial reporting process.

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 32 of the Airport Authority Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

• Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
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AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

• Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group’s internal control.

• Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board Members.

• Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board Members’ use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group to cease to continue as a going concern.

• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

• Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee and Finance Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee and Finance Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee and Finance Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor’s report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor’s report is Yue Tat Wai.

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