

Aircraft Division

Annual Report – Session 2025 / 2026

Honorable Guests, Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good evening, and a very warm welcome to the 15th Annual General Meeting of the Aircraft Division of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE).

Industry Overview

The year 2025 was a challenging one for the Hong Kong aviation industry as it continued its recovery and sought to regain steady growth in passenger travel and freight volumes. According to Hong Kong International Airport press release data, compared with 2024, December 2025 recorded encouraging year-on-year increases of 7.1% in aircraft movements, 13.5% in passenger throughput and 3.6% in freight tonnage.

In 2026, despite flight reductions arising from the US–Iran conflict, Hong Kong aviation still achieved positive year-on-year growth across all three key performance indicators in January and February. These results demonstrate the overall resilience of our aviation sector amid global uncertainty.

Reflection on the Session

It is both an honor and a privilege to stand before you today as we reflect on the achievements of the past session and look ahead to the future of our esteemed Division.

Throughout the 2025/2026 session, the Aircraft Division has remained steadfast in its mission to promote engineering excellence, professional development, and industry service. Despite the challenges of a rapidly evolving global environment, the collective efforts of our members have strengthened Hong Kong's aviation engineering ecosystem and reinforced our role as a trusted professional voice in supporting sustainable and resilient aviation infrastructure.

Technical Visits

Between Q2 2025 and Q1 2026, the Aircraft Division successfully organized three technical visits, including:



- Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Co Ltd (17 May 2025)



- Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Ltd (12 July 2025)



- Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (17 January 2026)

I am also pleased to announce that a Technical Visit to the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) will be held on 15 May 2026. This is a newly added technical visit venue for the Division, and we sincerely thank AAIA for their strong support and for offering this valuable learning opportunity to our members.

Looking ahead, we are planning additional Technical Visits to aviation stakeholders within the Greater Bay Area in August, with details to be finalized. Please stay tuned for further announcements.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

During this session, the Aircraft Division devoted significant effort to organizing CPD Training Courses in response to growing demand from industry stakeholders.

In summary, we organized:

- 1 Hong Kong Airworthiness Course
- 3 Aviation Safety Investigation Courses
- 1 Aerospace AS9100 Lead Auditor Training Course

We were honored to collaborate with world-class professional partners, including Cranfield University and British Standards institution, to deliver these high-quality courses.

Key CPD Training Course Highlights:



- Aviation Safety Investigation Course – ASI 25/01 (6–10 May 2025)



- Aerospace Quality Management System Lead Auditor Training Course (8–12 September 2025)



- Aviation Safety Investigation Course – ASI 25/02 (10–14 November 2025)



- Aviation Safety Investigation Course – ASI 25/03 (17–21 November 2025)



- Hong Kong Airworthiness Course – RTC/2026/01 (5-16 January 2026)

The Division will continue to listen closely to the needs of the aviation community and remain committed to serving both our members and the industry.

Skills Development and Young Engineers

Beyond technical CPD, the Committee expanded its focus to include soft skills development and professional assessment preparation, particularly for younger members, to provide broader career exposure.

New initiatives included:



- Soft Skills Training: Pitching to Executives (16 January 2026)



- Professional Assessment Workshop for Aircraft Discipline (24 March 2026)

Technical Lectures and Outreach

During the session, the Aircraft Division partnered with the Royal Aeronautical Society Hong Kong Branch (RAeS) to co-organize one Aviation Quiz and three technical lectures covering topics such as:

- Moon Surface Materials
- Defying Gravity and Expectations
- Advancing Safety, Efficiency, and Durability

My sincere thanks go to RAeS and all event teams for their valuable contributions.

Youth Development

Youth development remains a cornerstone of Government and HKIE initiatives, and today's youth are undoubtedly the future of our profession.

The Aircraft Engineer Development Scheme (AEDS) currently supports 57 active local undergraduate students. These students are exploring aviation engineering careers while preparing for HKAR-66 maintenance licence modules, supported through structured lectures, tutorials, and technical visits to aircraft maintenance facilities.

Key activities included:



- AEDS Summer On-the-Job Training at HAECO



- HKAR-66 M-Modules Tutorial Classes

Appreciation

From tonight's dinner to our technical visits, CPD courses, lectures, and youth engagement programmes, all of these achievements are the result of the dedicated volunteer efforts of our Committee Members.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our Committee Members, Corporate Partners, guest speakers, and all fellow members for your unwavering support. Your expertise and commitment are the driving force behind the Division's success. I sincerely thank my reliable and hardworking Committee, as well as the many Hong Kong aviation stakeholders whose continued support we deeply value.

Closing and Transition

As we move forward, let us continue to embrace collaboration, professionalism, and excellence, ensuring that Hong Kong's aviation engineering sector remains competitive on a global stage.

After completing two highly successful sessions, during which the Division made its strongest contributions in support of the industry's post-COVID recovery, I am now

prepared to step down from Chairman position and hand over the leadership to the incoming Chairman and Committee with my very best wishes.

I am confident that the Aircraft Division will continue to deliver meaningful contributions to our members and the industry. It has been a true privilege to work alongside so many dedicated professional peers. Thank you all once again for your trust, support, and friendship.

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