

Foreword

Hong Kong experienced a remarkable increase in air traffic in 2005. The number of aircraft movements at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) was 263 506, a 11% growth over 2004. One of the outcomes of the continued traffic growth has been the increasing public concern on aircraft noise. Civil Aviation Department (CAD) fully understands the concern and is committed to address the aircraft noise problem in an environmentally responsive and economically responsible manner by adopting the "balanced Approach" developed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Pursuant to this approach, CAD continues to manage aircraft noise by four means, namely: (i) reduction of noise at source; (ii) keeping noise sensitive receivers away from airport by appropriate land-use planning and management measures; (iii) noise abatement operational procedures; and (iv) prohibiting the use of certain types of noisy aircraft.

We will maintain dialogue with the local communities and concerned District Councils on matters related to aircraft noise. Aircraft noise data and information on performance of noise mitigating measures have been regularly uploaded to our web page http://www.cad.gov.hk/english/ac_noise.html.

In our daily operations, we fully support all green measures in saving resources and reducing wastes. In particular, we will continue to implement measures for reducing electricity consumption at our operational centres and offices.

In this report, we have reviewed our performance in the year 2005 and have set our target for 2006. Readers are invited to give us their comments and feedback to help us improve further.

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