

Opportunities in Aerospace (Civil) Sector

Hong Kong is a **major regional aviation hub** linking China and the rest of Asia, Europe and the Americas. In 2007, the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) handled more than 47.8 million passengers and 3.74 million tons of air cargo, which confirmed Hong Kong's position as the world's fifth busiest international passenger airport and most active worldwide air cargo operation. HKIA currently serves more than 150 destinations including 40 Mainland Chinese cities. Five airlines – British Airways, Virgin-Atlantic Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, Qantas Airways and Air New Zealand operate more than 70 direct flights between Hong Kong and London each week.

To cope with the solid growth of air traffic, HKIA is considering building a new third runway and looking at the possibility of also using the nearby Zhuhai (north of Macau) airport, which it has the exclusive right to manage and operate for 20 years from August 2006. This long-term strategic planning enables Hong Kong to maintain its competitiveness and achieve sustainable growth by forming an integrated regional airport system for the Pearl River Delta region.

Due to Hong Kong's aircraft engineering and maintenance capability, UK Trade & Investment has identified Hong Kong as **one of the most promising Opportunity Markets** in the Aerospace sector.

Hong Kong's **Asian Aerospace Expo & Congress**, Asia's major aerospace event will be held between 7–10 September 2009.

To be led by the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC), UK's participants will showcase their products/service capabilities. UK Trade & Investment Hong Kong will offer support in a series of matching services, focus group forum, company visits and networking events.



Opportunities for UK companies:

- Aero-engine repair and maintenance;
- Base and line maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) of aircraft;
- Training on aircraft engineering;
- Aircraft conversion; and
- Private/Business jet aviation.

Further information on the Aerospace (civil) sector is available on www.uktradeinvest.gov.uk

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Proposed Activities and Events

Farnborough Airshow 2008 – HK delegation at 'Meet the Buyers' Event (www.farnborough.com)	14-20 July 2008
Zhuhai Airshow China 2008 (www.airshow.com.cn/en/index.html)	4-9 Nov 2008
Farnborough Aerospace Consortium visit to Hong Kong	March 2009
Asian Aerospace 2009 @ AsiaWorld Expo Hong Kong – UK delegation (www.asianaerospace.com)	7-10 Sept 2009