

HK Express' Stance on the Construction of the 3rd Runway

HK Express welcomes the Executive Council's approval of the construction of the 3rd runway. The 3rd runway is much-needed, and is very much in the economic interest of Hong Kong and of the travelling public.

However, HK Express notes that Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) has proposed to partially fund the construction of the 3rd runway by increasing the landing fees and by introducing an airport construction fee. HK Express has reservation on the imposition of the additional charges. Andrew Cowen, Deputy CEO of Hong Express, has concern that increased landing fees and the introduction of an airport construction fee will affect the Guests of HK Express.

"HK Express' low fares give more people the opportunity to fly, and to do so more often. We work really, really hard to lower the cost of travel, but when airport fees and charges increase, this simply pushes up the final price. Depending on how you look at it, our Guests already pay about HK\$220 in departure tax, other airport charges, and pro-rated landing fees. If there are additional charges on top of the existing fees, more and more of our Guests will end up paying more to use the airport than they do to actually fly with us. This doesn't sound quite right, or how it should be", he said.

Together with the Board of Airline Representatives in Hong Kong, HK Express believes that the construction of 3rd runway can be financed by the Airport Authority through its own means without the need to increase charges to the travelling public and airline users. HK Express hopes that the Airport Authority will continue to engage with the airline community and the travelling public on funding, and on airport fees and charges.

HK Express is currently on the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) registry until June 23, 2016.

About HK Express

HK Express is Hong Kong's one-and-only dedicated low-fare airline. By focusing on safety, low-fares and best-in-class on-time performance, HK Express is revolutionizing air travel in Hong Kong and Asia. HK Express flies to 19 popular destinations throughout Asia, including Da Nang in Vietnam (commencing 1 April); Wuxi in China (commencing 10 April), Jeju in Korea(27 June) and Siem Reap in Cambodia (commencing 1 October).

HK Express 就興建第三條跑道發表立場

HK Express 對於行政會議通過興建第三條跑道的決定表示支持。第三條跑道對業界而言尤為重要，亦有助推動香港經濟發展及旅遊業。

然而，HK Express 注意到報導稱機管局可能藉由增加著陸費及徵收機場建設費來募集建設第三條跑道的部分費用。HK Express 認為增收這些費用並無必要。HK Express 行政副總裁 Andrew Cowen 對機管局向航空公司增收的費用感到憂慮，並相信若實拖著陸費及停泊費，定會對選乘廉航的旅客量帶來負面影響。

Andrew Cowen 表示：「HK Express 一直盡一切努力減低成本，為旅客提供優惠票價，令大眾有更多機會出遊。若機管局增收費用，航空公司亦會面臨加價壓力。從旅客角度而言，現時他們已須支付港幣 211 元的離境稅、其他機場費用、著陸費及停泊費。與我們相宜的票價相比，費用增加後，旅客所付的大部分費用將用作建設機場設施多於機票價格本身。我們認為票價的結構不應如此，並期望與機場管理局積極磋商。」

HK Express 與香港航空公司代表協會一致認為，建設第三條跑道的費用可由機管局通過其自有途徑籌集，無需向航空公司和旅客增加額外費用。同時，HK Express 希望機管局在資金募集以及調整機場相關收費時繼續將航空公司和旅客的利益予以優先考慮。

至 2016 年 6 月 23 日，HK Express 持有國際航空運輸協會運行安全審計 (IOSA) 認證。

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關於 HK Express

HK Express 是唯一一家建基於香港的低成本航空公司。憑藉穩定的安全性、相宜的票價和業內領先的航班準時率，HK Express 的出現為香港及亞洲地區的航空市場帶來全新氣象。HK Express 航點覆蓋 19 個亞洲城市，包括即將推出四條新航線 - 越南峴港 (於 4 月 1 日啟航)、中國無錫 (於 4 月 10 日啟航)，韓國濟州 (於 6 月 27 日啟航)，以及柬埔寨暹粒 (於 10 月 1 日啟航)。HK Express 致力於為每一位旅客提供舒適便捷的航班服務，擴大廉遊亞洲的版圖。