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**Increased Night Slots for BA flights including Gulfstream G650;
8 to 10am and 7 to 9pm – High Chance for Slots**

Despite Hong Kong being one of the busiest airports in Asia and that runway slots are constrained before the third runway system is up and running, the Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre (HKBAC) is pleased to announce that, with the support of the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) and the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and following concerted, strenuous exploration by all parties concerned fully utilizing all capacities, more slotting options are now available for General Aviation/Business Aviation (GA/BA) customers.

Not only has the number of GA/BA-exclusive night slots increased from 5 to 7, Gulfstream G650, a popular ultra-long range business jet for which Hong Kong has one of the highest concentration in the world, is also allowed to fly during night period (2200 to 0659LT), with the noise information to be updated to the noise model database by Federal Aviation Administration to reflect the latest flight noise impact. The measures recognize the importance of business aviation to Hong Kong's economic and aviation development. This is definitely a welcoming development underlining Hong Kong's position as an aviation hub of Asia.

Separately, based on operational experience over the past few months, GA/BA flights should have a higher chance to fly between 8 to 10 in the morning and 7 to 9 in the evening local time on weekdays. Though not an absolute undertaking, such an understanding would help lend certainty to flight planning and administration on the part of business travellers, operators and flight planners.

We shall continue to do our very best to meet the needs of our customers and to help safeguard Hong Kong's reputation as the preferred stop for GA/BA flights.