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**Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre celebrates 20 years of operation
and contribution to Hong Kong as an international aviation hub**

**20th Anniversary Cocktail Party and Gala Dinner held to mark past achievement
and future opportunities**

[21 October 2018 – Hong Kong] The Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre (HKBAC), Asia’s Premier Fixed-Base Operator (FBO), celebrated on 19 Oct its 20th Anniversary by holding a Cocktail Party at its Hangar 1 and a Gala Dinner at The Peninsula Hong Kong with clients, industry operators and partners, thanking all for believing in the business aviation vision, and for feedback and support throughout the years.

It was a full-house on both occasions, with distinguished guests from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, the airport authorities from Hong Kong and Zhuhai, as well as friends from the aviation industry, including Dr Raymond So, Under Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Simon Li, Director General of Civil Aviation, Ms Anita Fung, Board Member, Airport Authority Hong Kong, Ms Cissy Chan, Executive Director (Commercial), Airport Authority Hong Kong, Mr Raymond Kwok, Chairman & Managing Director of Sun Hung Kai Properties and Sir Michael Kadoorie, Director of HKBAC.

In his address, Dr Raymond So praised HKBAC for winning world acclaims. He said “As an international aviation hub, it will not be complete for the Hong Kong International Airport to go without a world-class business aviation centre. Business aviation and general aviation serve the niche market and satisfy the unique needs of high-end or business travelers, facilitated by the world-class and one stop service of HKBAC. The Government acknowledges that HKBAC is playing the extended role in Hong Kong’s success as an international aviation hub.” He continued, “With the High Speed Rail Hong Kong section opened and the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge to be opened, together with HKBAC, we will look forward to connecting even more travelers from within the region to the Hong Kong International Airport.”

Ninety percent of flights handled by the HKBAC are business flights. At least 65 of the top 100 Hong Kong listed companies in Hong Kong utilize business aviation. From a few hundred flights handled per annum since its inception in 1998, HKBAC has grown to serve an annual total of nearly seven thousand flights in recent years. Business aviation covers more cities than commercial aviation and has become the necessary, value-adding complement in the overall aviation chain offering flexibility and convenience, besides connectivity.

Mr Raymond Kwok, major shareholder, noted HKBAC's encouraging growth and thanked the Transport and Housing Bureau, Civil Aviation Department and Hong Kong Airport Authority for facilitating business aviation activities. He said, "HKBAC stands not just for itself but also Hong Kong as a whole. Business aviation is an important, albeit small, contributor to Hong Kong helping to draw entrepreneurs, corporate leaders and business executives from all over the world to fuel our economy. "

Sir Michael Kadoorie, aviation advocate and also a major shareholder of HKBAC, said, "Hong Kong's strength is its ability to connect with the rest of the world. HKBAC is the connectivity for Hong Kong." He quoted stories about the development of Hong Kong's first international airport in the 1930's and the first Cross Harbour Tunnel in the 1960's to underline his point. "Hong Kong can't afford to let opportunities pass us by. We should continue to explore the possibility of cross-boundary helicopter service, which will facilitate more travelers to arrive and depart Hong Kong quickly and efficiently, as part of our Greater Bay Area initiative," he continued.

HKBAC, as the only business aviation support facility in Hong Kong for those who own, operate or charter business aircraft, provides round-the-clock, professional and seamless business aviation service committed to safety and style and, has been continuously upgrading its facilities and service over the past two decades. In particular, the first-of-its-kind co-located Customs and Immigration Clearance, cozy customer lounge and crew lounge are very much welcomed by clients. Its fuel hydrant and other maintenance and engineering services also make visiting Hong Kong efficient, convenient and enjoyable.

For HKBAC's 20 years' Time Channel, please click the following link <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1EjExAXwyR57dZFveU6dKhT9MLgqEn>



Ready for toasting on stage (from left to right) are Mr David Tong, Deputy Chairman of HKBAC, Ms Madonna Fung, General Manager of HKBAC, Mr Philip Kadoorie, Director of Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons Limited, Sir Michael Kadoorie, Director of HKBAC, Dr Raymond So, Under Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Simon Li, Director General of Civil Aviation, Mr Raymond Kwok, Chairman & Managing Director of Sun Hung Kai Properties, Mr Allen Fung, Chairman of HKBAC and Ms Cissy Chan, Executive Director (Commercial) of Airport Authority Hong Kong.



Over 150 guests from the aviation sector having 20th anniversary party at Hangar 1, where HKBAC's first office out of containers were located in 1998.

Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre Limited

The Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre (HKBAC) is a premier executive aviation support facility for business aircraft. Located at the Chek Lap Kok International Airport, HKBAC is the most convenient arrival and departure point for destinations in Mainland China, other parts of Asia and beyond.

Opened in 1998, HKBAC provides the full range of professional aircraft technical support, ground maintenance, as well as passenger and crew services. The team is trained to serve customers of different nationalities and cultures, and to provide highly personalized flight handling.

HKBAC has been voted the Best Asian FBO in Professional Pilot's PRASE survey for an unprecedented 11 consecutive years (2008-2018).

For details, please visit <https://www.hkbac.com/>.

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