

First Hong Kong – Zhuhai Cross-boundary Helicopter Trial Flight
Successfully Conducted

[Hong Kong, 14 Aug 2019] The Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre (HKBAC), Asia's Premier Fixed-Base Operator (FBO), is delighted to announce the success of a cross-boundary helicopter trial flight today from Hong Kong to Zhuhai. This is the result of joint efforts among various parties including the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), Zhuhai Jinwan Airport, as well as the HKSAR Civil Aviation Department (CAD) and the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). Permission was obtained in the name of Heliservices Hong Kong Limited using a 6-seat MD 902 Explorer helicopter. The trial confirmed the feasibility of the flight path and the swift one-stop Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ) clearance between airports of Hong Kong and Zhuhai, paving the way for the development of possible, regular cross-boundary helicopter services between the cities/ airports and within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) in due course.

This inter-airport helicopter flight took only 30 minutes, significantly enhancing connectivity and convenience for business and other travelers in the GBA, and further optimizing the synergy in the region. Compared to land/ sea traffic which takes more than one hour, the cross-boundary helicopter service, as a point-to-point mode of transport, commands a clear advantage especially for time-conscious travelers accessing the four state-level special investment zones and other facilities in Zhuhai. Cross-boundary helicopter charter service also provides an alternative to business travelers who prefer swift transportation among GBA cities.

'We expect the demand for Hong Kong – Zhuhai cross-boundary helicopter service to rise as the GBA develops. We are also exploring the possibility of constructing relevant infrastructure to build capacity with relevant authorities including the Hong Kong SAR Government. In the long term, we hope to introduce consolidated high-end business commute by adopting the "business aircraft + helicopter" mode of innovative business aviation feeder service, extending Hong Kong's seamless aviation solutions to the GBA,' remarked Madonna Fung, General Manager of HKBAC.

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