

Aviation Promotion Project Funding Scheme to accept applications from today

The Transport and Logistics Bureau today (January 29) announced the launch of the Aviation Promotion Project Funding Scheme under the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund (MATF), which is now open for applications.

"The aviation industry is an important pillar of Hong Kong's economy. The Government and the Airport Authority Hong Kong are forging ahead with the construction of the Three-Runway System project and the development of Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) into an Airport City, which will enhance the capacity and functionality of HKIA significantly and brighten the prospects of the future development of Hong Kong's aviation industry. The Government endeavours to enable more people to appreciate the vast opportunities in the aviation industry through the Scheme, thereby attracting new blood to join the industry and promoting the industry's sustainable development," a spokesman for the Transport and Logistics Bureau said.

The Scheme aims to fund local aviation-related organisations and academic institutions for organising activities to promote the aviation industry, raise public awareness and interest, and attract talent to join the industry. Activities mainly for business promotion or individual corporate recruitment will not be considered.

Eligible organisations must submit their applications at least three months before the commencement of the activities concerned. In general, the MATF Secretariat will submit the applications to the Tripartite Taskforce on Manpower Training (Aviation) for approval within two months from the receipt of the application forms and all necessary documents. Applications from locally registered non-profit organisations may receive a maximum of 100 per cent of the permissible expenditure, subject to a ceiling of \$250,000; while applications from other eligible organisations may receive a maximum of 50 per cent of the permissible expenditure, subject to a ceiling of \$125,000.

The Scheme accepts applications all year round. For details of the Scheme, please refer to the dedicated website. Interested organisations may contact the MATF Secretariat by one of the following means:

Telephone: 3509 7261

E-mail: matf@tlb.gov.hk

Website: www.tlb.gov.hk/matf/eng/aviation.html