

CAD attaches great importance to aviation safety and actively follows up on issue relating to engine component failure of A350 aircraft

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) is highly concerned about the issue relating to the engine component failure of A350 aircraft. After receiving notification from Cathay Pacific Airways Limited (CPA) on September 2 that the engine component failure was discovered on an aircraft bound for Zurich earlier that day, the CAD has been maintaining close communication with CPA to provide regulatory advice. The CAD also met the management of CPA's engineering department yesterday (September 3) to gather the latest updates on the investigation and maintenance.

The CAD has been closely monitoring CPA's progress in following up the incident, including deploying CAD staff to conduct inspections of the engine concerned and to monitor on-site CPA's inspection of its A350 aircraft fleet. The CAD noted that CPA has made efforts to provide passengers with the most up-to-date information about the progress and status of affected flights from time to time through various channels, and has proactively carried out precautionary measures to ensure aviation safety while minimising the impact on passengers.

Meanwhile, in accordance with common international aviation practices, the CAD has taken the initiative to approach and notify relevant entities, including the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (which is the civil aviation authority of the State of Design of the aircraft), other related civil aviation authorities, as well as the manufacturers of the aircraft and engine concerned. The CAD will continue to maintain close communication with the relevant parties, and closely follow up on the investigation progress to ensure appropriate follow-up actions are taken promptly to safeguard aviation safety.