

# Civil aviation authorities of Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao sign Joint Operation Management Co-operation Arrangement and Amendment to MOU on Closer Co-operation on Airworthiness Certification (with photo)

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), the Civil Aviation Department of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (CAD) and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Macao Special Administrative Region (AACM) today (November 22) signed a Co-operation Arrangement on Joint Operation Management (Co-operation Arrangement) and an Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding on Closer Co-operation on Airworthiness Certification (Amendment to MOU) in Macao with the aim of expanding co-operation in the areas of operational and airworthiness certification among the three parties, and further promoting aviation safety and operational efficiency in the three places. The Co-operation Arrangement and the Amendment to MOU were signed by the Deputy Administrator of the CAAC, Ms Liang Nan; the Director-General of the CAD, Mr Victor Liu; and the President of the AACM, Mr Stanley Pun.

Seizing the opportunities of the National 14th Five-Year Plan and the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the civil aviation authorities of the three places have been working closely over the years and have signed a number of co-operative agreements covering airworthiness certification and maintenance management. Building on this solid foundation, the three parties further enhanced the collaboration by establishing a platform for operational management co-operation through the Co-operation Arrangement, to facilitate safety information exchanges and optimise the operational certification process.

As for the Amendment to MOU, the MOU was signed in 2018 to enhance co-operation following the Co-operation Arrangements on Mutual Acceptance of Certificates of Airworthiness, Approvals of Design Change and Repair Design, and Parts Manufacturer Approvals signed by the three authorities since 2009. This Amendment to MOU will further extend the scope of co-operation to cover mutual acceptance of Type Certificates, unmanned aircraft airworthiness management, and aviation fuel and chemical management, which in turn enhances aviation safety and environmental protection.

The Director-General of the CAD, Mr Victor Liu, said, "The signing of the Co-operation Arrangement and Amendment to MOU can deepen the level of co-operation among the three authorities and promote the development of the aviation industry in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It can

also facilitate Hong Kong to seize the important opportunities brought by the National 14th Five-Year Plan and consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international aviation hub."

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The above-mentioned Co-operation Arrangement and Amendment to MOU are instrumental in optimising management procedures and safety oversight, thereby supporting the sustainable development of the aviation industry across the three places. It also marks another significant milestone in the ongoing comprehensive co-operation between the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao in the aviation sector.

