

Civil Aviation Department follows up on runway incident

A runway incident occurred at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday evening (November 13). An arriving flight landed on a runway as instructed by an Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO) while a business jet had yet to fully vacate the runway within the expected time. No one was injured and the operation of the airport was not affected by the incident.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Department (CAD) said, "At 7.47pm last night, a China Southern Airlines B738 airliner travelling from Zhejiang to Hong Kong landed at the North Runway (07L) as per the instruction of the ATCO, while the preceding business jet that had landed on the same runway had not vacated the runway completely. The pilot of the business jet had acknowledged the instruction of the ATCO to expedite vacating the runway. The runway is 3 800 metres long. According to the preliminary information, the two aircraft were more than 1 800m apart when the B738 airliner touched down."

The CAD has reported the incident to the Air Accident Investigation Authority and will continue to follow up on the incident in accordance with established procedures to prevent recurrence of similar incidents.