

Hong Kong's status as international aviation hub attracts French company Elior Group SA to set up Asia headquarters (with photos)

A leading France-based professional aeronautic services company, Elior Group SA, announced today (March 21) its intention to strengthen presence in Hong Kong. It had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony with the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK), as an important step in expanding its business in Asia. Witnessed by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, the MoU was signed by the Acting Chief Executive Officer of AAHK, Mrs Vivian Cheung, and the Group Chairman and CEO of Elior Group SA, Mr Daniel Derichebourg, on February 19.

As mentioned in the 2025-26 Budget delivered by the Financial Secretary, under the co-ordination of InvestHK, the AAHK had signed an MoU with a leading overseas professional aeronautic services company to explore the possibility of providing professional services such as aircraft dismantling, parts recycling and related training in Hong Kong, thereby developing Hong Kong into the first aircraft parts processing and trading centre in Asia. The company is Elior Group SA, which is part of Derichebourg SA, a leading business in Europe.

Elior Group SA's intention to expand its presence in Hong Kong highlights the city's dynamic business environment and immense growth potential across sectors, including its growing aviation centre of excellence.

â€‹The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, said, "Under the 'one country, two systems' arrangement, Hong Kong has a high degree of internationalisation, a favourable business environment, a strategic location, a robust legal framework, and a low tax regime. The city has always been a prime location for foreign investment and international conglomerates. Hong Kong will continue to play its unique role of connecting the Mainland and the world to attract more companies from around the world to set up in the city, aiming to enhance Hong Kong's status as an international trade and investment hub."

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Ms Mable Chan, said, "The National 14th Five-Year Plan has recognised Hong Kong's position as an international aviation hub. Leveraging on Hong Kong's unique advantages under the principle of 'one country, two systems', and with our globally connected aviation network and world-class airport infrastructure, Hong Kong is capable of assuming a more important role in the area of aviation, proactively contributing to the high-quality development and high-level opening-up of our country. I am pleased to see that Elior Group SA and the AAHK are exploring

the possibility of introducing aircraft parts handling and trading services in Hong Kong, thereby enriching Hong Kong's position as an international aviation hub and supporting the aviation development of our country as well as the Asian region as a whole."

The Director-General of Investment Promotion at InvestHK, Ms Alpha Lau, said, "InvestHK has always been committed to attracting foreign direct investment and enabling international investors in developing their businesses in Hong Kong. We are pleased to assist Elior Group SA in setting up an Asian headquarters and expanding its presence here. The signing of this MoU is a testament to global businesses confidence in the Hong Kong market, reaffirming that Hong Kong is the ideal destination for companies to establish or expand their operations in the region."

Mr Derichebourg said, "Elior Group SA operates a wide range of businesses across 11 countries, covering a variety of industries including aviation, construction and food contracting services. We are grateful for the support provided by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and InvestHK. We look forward to further developing and exploring new opportunities in Hong Kong, and from here expand across Asia."

