

Preliminary reports on Cathay Pacific Captain incapacitation released

The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) today (April 23) released Aircraft Serious Incident Preliminary Reports 2/2019 and 3/2019 on two incidents in which Captains were incapacitated from performing pilot flying duties due to physical discomfort during flights, leading to reversion to single pilot operation by the First Officers.

The occurrences involved two Cathay Pacific flights, namely a Boeing 777-367 aircraft (registration mark B-HNP) flying from Sapporo, Japan, to Hong Kong on January 26, 2019, and an Airbus A350-941 aircraft (registration mark B-LRR) flying from Perth, Australia, to Hong Kong on February 21, 2019.

A spokesperson for the AAIA said that the preliminary reports contain information relating to the respective serious incidents collected up to the time of issue, and must be regarded as tentative.

"The AAIA will continue to collect and study all relevant information in order to determine the circumstances and causes of the serious incidents. More in-depth investigation and analysis have to be conducted before any conclusion can be drawn," the spokesperson said.

The full Aircraft Serious Incident Preliminary Reports 2/2019 and 3/2019 are available for download from the AAIA webpage (www.thb.gov.hk/aaia/eng/investigation_reports/index.htm).