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HAFFA and Hactl Jointly Announce
Hong Kong Air Cargo & Logistics Football Tournament

Five-month Sporting Celebration of the HKIA Three-Runway System Opening

(Hong Kong, 2 December 2024) The Hong Kong Association of Freight Forwarding and Logistics (HAFFA) and Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited (Hactl) have jointly announced the 2024-2025 Hong Kong Air Cargo & Logistics Football Tournament, the largest sporting competition ever organized amongst the HKSAR's airport and logistics community and held in celebration of the historic opening of the HKIA's three-runway system. The initiative has received strong support, with six government bodies joining hands with the air cargo and logistics community to stage the industry-unifying event.

Representing the organizers, HAFFA Chairman Mr. Gary Lau Chairman and Hactl Chief Executive Mr. Wilson Kwong officiated at a Grand Opening ceremony of the five-month tournament, which will run from November 2024 to April 2025, at the Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground on November 30. Guests of Honour at the ceremony were Mr. Lam Sai Hung, Secretary for Transport & Logistics, and the Hon. Frankie Yick, member of the Legislative Council for the Transport constituency, which was attended by a special VIP Ms. Louise Ho, Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

Thanking guests, sponsors, supporting organizations and competing teams at the ceremony, Mr. Lau commented: "Not only is this event a football tournament, but also a celebration of the official launch of the three-runway system at HKIA which will increase annual air cargo volume to ten million tonnes, strengthening Hong Kong's status as an international aviation hub and injecting new impetus into the industry. Our heartfelt thanks go to the lead sponsor, the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK), and our platinum sponsors, Asia Airfreight Terminal (AAT) and Cathay Cargo Terminal. Their tremendous support has been instrumental in making this event a great success."

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Mr. Kwong, meanwhile, highlighted the connection between one of the world's most popular sports and the industry: "Football is an inclusive sport which connects people of all ages and backgrounds. Hong Kong's air freight logistics industry is much like a football team, with each player performing at their best in their respective positions and cooperating together – a unity and concerted efforts which have helped make HKIA the world's busiest freight airport for so many years."

The Grand Opening Ceremony included a parade by the competing teams, followed by speeches and group photographs, and after which a friendly match between the Hong Kong Legends and Hong Kong Air Logistics Invitational teams was played.

Eight teams will contest the round-robin tournament. Teams representing HAFFA and Hactl, the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK), the Asia Airfreight Terminal (AAT), Aviation Security Company Limited (AVSECO), Cathay Cargo Terminal, the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) and the Hong Kong Logistics Association (HKLA). Further details on the tournament's rules, participating clubs, sponsors and supporting organizations can be found at

https://sites.google.com/view/hkaircargofootballtournament/.

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About HAFFA

HAFFA established since 1966 is the First freight forwarder association which promotes, protects and develops the carriage of goods in Hong Kong. Now with over 300 corporate members, HAFFA is responsible for setting industry standards as well as providing educational courses which enhance the professional standards of freight forwarders and logistics services providers. The Association has the largest membership base, representing a significant percentage of air freight, sea freight, and contract logistics in Hong Kong.

About Hactl

Hactl is Hong Kong's largest independent air cargo terminal operator. Its highly-automated SuperTerminal 1 base has an annual capacity of 3.5 million tonnes. Since Hactl's launch in 1976, its constant investment and innovation have made a major contribution to the development of Hong Kong International Airport to become the world's busiest air cargo hub.

Hactl complies with every relevant industry standard, including ISAGO (world's first), WHO GDP (Hong Kong's first), and all four IATA CEIV certifications (pharmaceuticals, fresh, live animals and lithium batteries). Hactl's 2,300 highly-experienced and comprehensively trained staff, award-winning COSAC-Plus air cargo management system, impressive facilities and commercial neutrality make it the trusted ground handling partner for over 100 airlines and 1,000 freight forwarders.

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