





HKIA Experience on Runway Surface Condition Assessment and Enhanced Global Reporting

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Overview of Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)







Where are we?



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Our coolest day in 2018 was just 6.8 °C (44 °F)



BUT.... Typhoon season affects our operations





- Rapid changing weather condition
- Reporting timeliness
- Assessment tools e.g. measuring gauge



Hong Kong Weather Phenomenon



Typhoon associated rainstorm and lightning





Difficulty to determine water depth under rapid changing weather

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HKIA Airport Lightning Warning

To reduce the risk of injury to airport staff working in exposed area



- Zone A (Passenger Apron & Cargo Apron) = 118 occurrences (longest duration 283mins)
- Zone B (Area outside Zone A) = 153 occurrences (longest duration 204 mins)





What about Infrastructure?





Standardized Runway Geometry





GROOVING

- Secondary contribution to facilitate drainage
- Reduce dynamic / viscous hydroplaning
- Provide Forced Water Escape from pavement surface under Aircraft Tyre
- Provide Higher Degree of Contact between pavement surface and Aircraft Tyre



Planned Maintenance

1. Runway Resurfacing ~ wearing course re-laid every 7-10 years as standard practice

2. Runway Friction Run ~ weekly







Building Blocks of the Regime

(A) Assessment Criteria

- Percentage coverage e.g. 26-50%, etc.
- Depth assessment e.g. Standing Water 3mm-15mm, etc.
- Rwy condition description
 e.g. Dry, Wet (less than 3mm), Slippery Wet, Standing Water, etc.
- Pilot braking action

Runway Condition Matrix



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Handling Procedure and Handshaking Protocol

Collaboration and Support.....

HKIA Flight Operations

NOTAM or ATIS

Is it timely?



sporadic downpour?

HKIA Airport Operations

- How frequent to report?
- Duration of 3mm "standing water"
- What if surface runoff created by sporadic downpour?





Building Blocks of the Regime

(B) Reporting

- Runway Condition Report (RCR)
- Standardized AIS (Aeronautical Information Services) syntax
- Enabled multi-platform dissemination

How to tackle timeliness?

- Rapid
 changing
 weather
 condition
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- Assessment tools e.g. measuring gauge





Are we all trained?

(C) Training: A list of 15 items required by ICAO, mostly covered under current Airfield Internal Training Syllabus



How's technology fitted in?



Roadway and Runway Weather Station

To name a few and still evolving.....



Non-invasive sensors



Runway Contaminant Depth System



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Questions







Thank you

