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Chairman Report for the Year 2022-2023

Dear HAFFA Members,

Date: 18 April 2023

After three long years of battling the pandemic, Hong Kong is finally emerging from the tunnel and returning to a sense of normalcy. With Covid-19 measures scrapped and borders with the Mainland reopened, the city can breathe a sigh of relief. However, the road to recovery for businesses is with challenges. Many have already experienced a drastic fall in turnover, with reserves nearly depleted and manpower shortages hindering their recovery efforts. It's a daunting task to make a fast comeback, and Hong Kong still has a long way to go before regaining a solid footing on the road to recovery. Despite these obstacles, Financial Secretary Paul Chan remained optimistic about the future, as the Mainland's economy regains steam and restrictions on cross-boundary truck movements are lifted. Hong Kong is firmly back on the world map, and there is hope that positive improvements will be seen in the city's economic recovery later in the year. The Association has worked tirelessly to reflect Members' voices at Government-level consultation meetings as you can see our efforts being made in this annual report including sub-committee reports.

BREAKTHOUGHS – WE FOUGHT FOR MEMBERS SUCCESSFULLY!!

(1) Road to restore the transshipment of cargo (land-air and sea-air) on re-exporting the e-cigarettes products via Hong Kong

The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (the Ordinance) came into operation on 30 April 2022. The Ordinance did not allow transshipment of such cargo (land-air or sea-air) via Hong Kong. HAFFA received a large number of complaints from Members, reflected that the Ordinance has had a seriously detrimental effect on the business environment. The Association has written to the Chief Executive/Policy Bureau/LegCo on this matter five times, issued many press releases and conducted an industry questionnaire in January 2022. The results of the survey (data used by the Government in its papers) showed that the affected e-cigarette cargo is estimated at 330,000 tons per year, which translates to a loss to Hong Kong of approximately 10% of our annual export volume by air. Since the Ordinance came into effect in May 2022, the volume of air cargo exports has continued to plummet, with the cumulative decline close to 30%. In addition to factors such as the global economy, the sluggish epidemic situation, and the sharp reduction in cross-border land transport capacity, one of the main reasons for the export decline is the loss of e-cigarette product transshipment business from the Mainland. It also drove to the bad change of policy under which lithium batteries shipments can now be exported from some Mainland airports directly. The Ordinance has led to a serious decline in Hong Kong's overall air export volume, causing the forwarders, airlines, cargo terminals and Hong Kong International Airport to lose hundreds of thousands of tons of re-exports every year. This is bound to shake Hong Kong's status as a regional transshipment hub, and people's livelihoods have been dealt a huge blow.

HAFFA agrees with the original intention of the legislation to protect public health and establish a smoke-free Hong Kong, but at the same time we **strongly urge the government to allow the freight and logistics industry to restore the transshipment mode which is vital to the survival of the industry**. For the sake of alleviating government concerns, HAFFA submitted a proposal to the Government on secured cross-border land transportation to prevent illegal e-cigarette products from entering the black market through land transshipment. **Following numerous lobbying efforts made, we are gratifying that the Government is willing to take our views and confirms to relax the transshipment ban (land-air and sea-air) on re-exporting the e-cigarettes products via Hong Kong.** While awaiting the passage of the Bill by the LegCo, several meetings on the proposal of land-air e-cigarette transshipments have been conducted with the Customs and Excise Department with a hope that systems testings and trial can be carried out as soon as practical.

(2) Legislative Control of Cannabidiol (CBD)

CBD has been listed as a dangerous drug under the control of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (“DDO”) in Hong Kong commencing from 1 February 2023. Through the large-scale survey conducted in late-June 2022, HAFFA understands that one of the major concerns about legal control of CBD raised by Members is: what are the reasonable steps and due diligence to ensure themselves that the goods they are asked to handle do not consist of illegal commodities. To this end, the Association wrote to SB, in which the recommended steps for import and export shipments were listed. Positive reply from SB was received. In short, **the Bureau recognizes our recommended steps which is a good practice in cargo handling.**

HAFFA being the only Association was invited to meet with the officials of the SB and the Customs and Excise Department in December 2022 with a hope to address Members’ concern on CBD transshipment. After the meeting, SB proposed and HAFFA consolidated a list of practical questions for the FAQ on CBD. Members can download the [HAFFA FAQ document](#) with answers plus sample of disclaimer provided by SB for reference. Trust that it will help Members better understand the requirements under CBD to effectively comply with the law.

(3) Fulfill the mandatory requirement of CBTA (Competency-based Training and Assessment) for all DG related trainings

We have liaised with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (HKCAD) and IATA to channel members’ concerns & views, as well as made clarifications on a lot of issues. We took the lead and precise planning was made to organize the largest DG joint webinar on “DG Awareness with a Focus on CBTA” held on 11 Nov 2022, again with a high record of participation.

Moreover, **HAFFA has become the first and only trade association to receive accreditation from HKCAD to organize Dangerous Goods (DG) Awareness Self Study Examinations under CBTA.** Under the evolution from traditional learning to CBTA, HAFFA has long been the only training provider to produce a comprehensive HKCAD-approved DG Awareness Self-Study Manual. The manual contains case studies, self-study exercises, DG labels and illustrations, and is designed to save practitioners both time and costs as well as to enable pace-of-learning flexibility. **HAFFA remains committed to providing Members with the most cost-effective delivery of professional training,** enabling them to comply with HKCAD and/or IATA requirements. The association’s HKCAD accreditation is recognition of our continuing efforts to assist freight forwarders in remaining ahead of the curve when it comes to the evolution of industry training requirements.

(4) Land Boundary Control Points Goods Vehicles Throughput

In early 2022, due to increasing COVID-19 cases among the Hong Kong cross-border truck drivers, the Shenzhen Government Port of Entry and Exit Office has, since mid-February 2022, issued a series of tough measures on cross-border truck operations, resulting in severe shortage of truck/land capacity. As cross-border trucking is the lifeblood of Hong Kong’s airfreight industry, HAFFA kept voicing out Members’ concerns and providing recommendations to the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) and the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the HKSAR (中聯辦).

To help mitigate the situation at that time, HAFFA approached the Customs to request for the statistics of weekly cross-border truck movements by control points. Previously, the said data were lagging behind and were only made available 1 - 2 months later. Members, SME in particular, spent a lot of time to “get insights” from others, but the information might not be accurate. **We are gratifying that the Customs took our advice and responded to the Association positively. From June 2022 onwards, the Customs started to provide the provisional figures of land boundary control points goods vehicles throughput of previous 4 weeks on its [website](#).** This is certainly a breakthrough! These data are the light shining on the path, and Members can



make better predictions, formulate cargo operations plan (e.g. routing and transportation means) and connect with service providers to meet the business needs in the market.

(5) Forged ever closer relationship with GBA cities

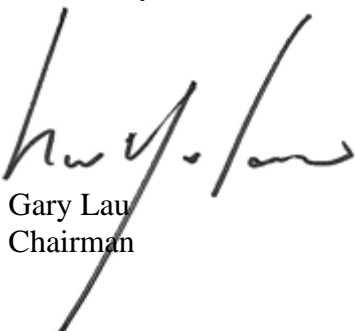
We also have a huge market on our doors step with the Greater Bay Area. President Xi stressed that Hong Kong has a key role to play in the success of the GBA. Moreover, under the 14th Five-Year Plan, our pillar sectors, especially as international aviation hub and maritime centre, will help create new areas of development. The revival of the Mainland's economy will give a strong boost to Hong Kong as our borders are fully opened and businesses are keen to grasp opportunities from the Mainland's "internal circulation" strategy. We are aware that both local and foreign investors have also expressed strong interest in capitalizing on the opportunities that the GBA presents. As such, invited by the Zhuhai Commerce Bureau (珠海商務局) and Macau Air Freight Forwarding (Logistics) Association (MAFFA), we led a 17-member delegation to Zhuhai and Macau on 29-30 March 2023. During the study tour, the delegates visited places such as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Logistics Park (粵港澳物流園), Zhuhai Airport International Intelligent Logistics Park (珠海空港國際智慧物流園) and Hezhou New Area (鶴洲新區) etc. It served as a good platform to gain a better understanding on the latest logistics development, relevant policies and customs facilitation measures.

Besides, a strategic partnership framework agreement (MOU) between HAFFA and Zhuhai Transport Group (ZTG) was signed during the delegation. ZTG, a wholly stated own group of companies, is responsible for the building and operations of the transport infrastructure including logistics parks in Zhuhai. **The purpose of the MOU is to support each other in developing related subject and cooperation will be carried out to benefit HAFFA Members with special focus on better usage of the HK-Zhuhai-Macau bridge and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Logistics Park (park information was distributed to Members via HAFFA News dated 4 APR 2023),** to enhance the cargo development of the western Pearl River Delta and to accelerate the development of modern logistics system in the GBA.

Trust our Members would maintain close communications with their carriers and shippers, and keep themselves up-to-date on the market situation through HAFFA News, news and business reports. The best way we can move forward is by supporting one another in unity and sharing our insights so as to protect businesses, protect jobs and help people put the pandemic behind us. It is now time for us to work together to innovate, strive hard and stay united in our goal to grow our economy and re-establish this great city as the world's most competitive business and regional logistics hub.

Last but not least, HAFFA presented our views to the authorities and forged ever closer relationships, in particular with TLB, CAD, AAHK, TDC, Customs, IATA, FIATA and FAPAA. We hope to continue work together in UNITY preventing, mitigating and resolving the issues will be key to maintaining trust – with Government, shippers, carriers, CTOs and all stakeholders to make new contributions to the sustained development of the international freight forwarding industry in Hong Kong, in the Asia Pacific Region and indeed throughout the world. I would like to express my pride and appreciation for the strong support we have received from you and every HAFFA Member, the most devoted HAFFA Committee Members, the secretariat staff, our Government and industry partners.

Yours truly,



Gary Lau
Chairman

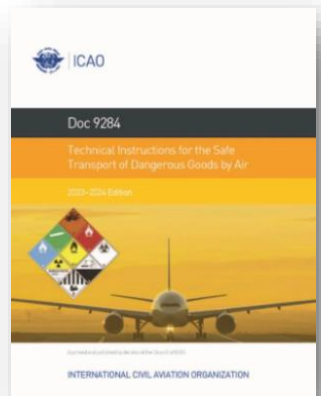
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I. Liaise with Civil Aviation Department (CAD), Carrier Liaison Group (CLG) and Cargo Terminal Operators (CTOs)

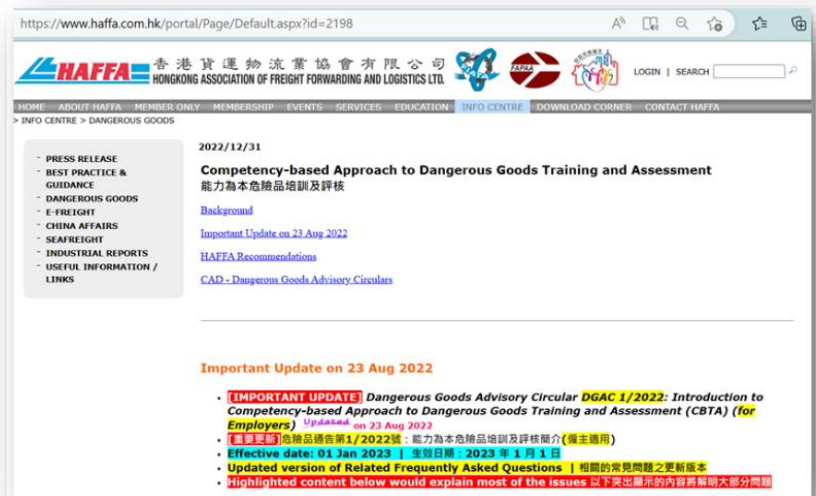
A. Competency-based Training and Assessment (CBTA) for Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has updated the requirements of DG training and assessment for employees of shippers, freight forwarders, aircraft operators and handling agents from the categorization approach to the competency-based approach, with a view to producing a competent workforce by providing focused training. These changes have been given legal effect in laws and become mandatory from 1 January 2023. Since the announcement made by the CAD in 2021, HAFFA had been keeping in view the development of the new requirement.



Following CAD published a circular on CBTA requirement in June 2022, it came to our attention that some Members may not understand the content of the circular well. As such, the Association consolidated views and questions brought out by Members and submitted to CAD for practical advice. A meeting with CAD was conducted in early August 2022 to address those issues. Through the meeting, CAD provided clarification and answered outstanding questions raised by Members. In response to HAFFA request, CAD reviewed and refined the FAQs of DG CBTA to make it easier to understand. Besides, CAD also accepted our invitation to conduct a CBTA webinar and to give most updated requirements of the ICAO TI in year 2023-2024 to the freight logistics industry on 11 November 2022.

To facilitate Members in accessing the relevant information, a dedicated [webpage](#) was set up, which contains the HAFFA recommendations, relevant CAD's circulars, FAQ, important updates etc.



In addition, HAFFA was **the first and only trade association** to receive accreditation from the CAD to organize DG Awareness Self Study Examinations under the framework of CBTA. This accreditation is recognition of our continuing efforts to assist freight forwarders in remaining ahead of the curve when it comes to the evolution of industry training requirements. Members may refer to the details in the Training Subcommittee Report.

B. Joint Webinar on “DG Awareness with a Focus on CBTA (Competency-based Approach to Dangerous Goods Training and Assessment)”

In view of latest changes in the requirements of shipping dangerous goods (DG) by air and the Competency-based Approach to Dangerous Goods Training and Assessment (CBTA) effective from 01 January 2023, HAFFA, in collaboration with the CLG-Dangerous Goods Working Group (DGWG), Civil Aviation Department (CAD), the Hong Kong Shippers' Council (HKSC) and the Transport and Logistics Training Board – Vocational Training Council (VTC-TLTB), timely organized a free webinar on 11 November 2022.



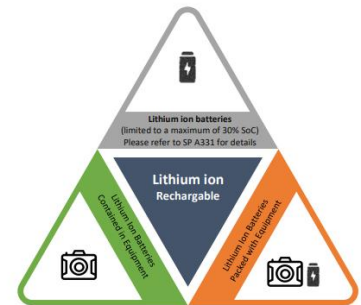
Thanks for industry's enthusiastic support, **the webinar was attended by almost 400 participants and was concluded after a fruitful “Question and Answer” session.** Trust that the webinar has raised the awareness of the industry, thereby enhancing safety in air cargo transport and maintain a good reputation of the Hong Kong air cargo industry.

The presentation materials are available at HAFFA website:

<https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=157>

C. Best Practice 020 - Best Practice for Consigning Lithium Cells / Batteries in Hong Kong

HAFFA and the CLG-DGWW remain at the forefront to introduce DG Best Practice to the Hong Kong air cargo industry in response to the latest changes in lithium batteries under the 64th Edition IATA DGR (2023) (with effect from 01 January 2023), and the increasing local/global dangerous goods safety concern. We worked together with the airlines to provide an updated version of the Best Practice (BP) with operational guidance for Members and the industry. The number of the BP is changed from “BP019” to “BP020” to avoid confusion in the market. That means, “[Best Practice BP020](#)” has replaced “BP019” with effect from 01 January 2023.

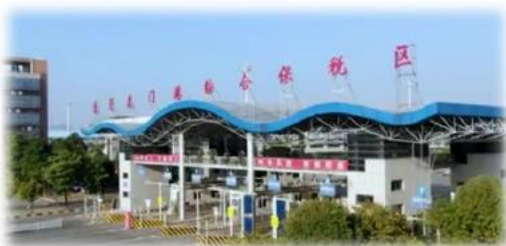


The best practice is jointly issued by HAFFA and the CLG-DGWW for industry reference only. Shippers and freight forwarders shall always follow the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations, requirement of the HKCAD [and](#) the requirement of individual carriers for the air carriage of shipments containing lithium batteries at all times.

II. Liaise with Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK)

A. HKIA Logistics Park (HKIALP) and Sea-air Intermodal Transshipment Initiative

In order to stimulate incremental cargo volume via HKIA, the AAHK takes forward the sea-air intermodal transshipment initiative with a view to enhancing the HKIA’s connectivity and expanding its catchment of upstream cargo sources in the Greater Bay Area (GBA), which are currently less accessible by land-air transport. Under the initiative, export cargo from these upstream ports, such as Dongguan, could directly reach the airside of HKIA by sea for loading onto aircraft.



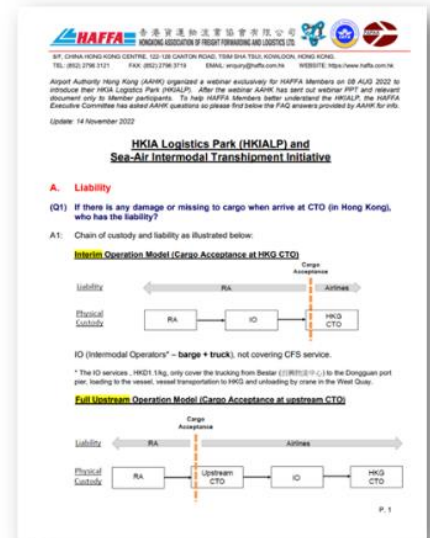
Dongguan Port Bonded Zone



Bestar Block 1

Following AAHK presented the concept back in 2020, the Executive Committee made in-depth discussions on the matter, raise concerns, and identified technical issues that would need to be resolved. And many questions were submitted to AAHK. In response to HAFFA's request, AAHK organized a webinar and seminar on 08 August 2022 and 02 February 2023 respectively to introduce the operational model under the initiative.

The Association also appreciated AAHK to provide concrete advice and relevant information (e.g. charging scheme). In order to help Members better understand the project, HAFFA gave its best endeavour to categorize those questions and answers from AAHK, and produced a living FAQ document. Interested Members may click into *[After login]* [this topical webpage](#) to download the FAQ document for reference.



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Report on the 48th FAPAA ECM and AGM Meetings

(Highlight extracted from the FAPAA Press Release)

With over 30 delegates from 14 countries, FAPAA (Federation of Asia-Pacific Air cargo Associations) held its 48th Executive Council Meeting (ECM) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 15-16 July 2022 in Penang, Malaysia at the Shangri-La Hotel. In view of the compulsory quarantine requirement for inbound travelers in Hong Kong at that time, HAFFA delegates representing Hong Kong joined the meetings via Zoom platform.



FAPAA 48th ECM & AGM
14th - 15th July 2022
Penang, Malaysia

On the Friday and Saturday meetings, fruitful discussions in both the ECM and AGM sessions occurred. Items such as country reports included a country overview, with a very important topic of Education/Training included. Airfreight matters were discussed on all levels and every region/country Association gave their views on the past year and possible challenges that face members in the upcoming 12 months, an interesting topic on the IATA single industry programme was discussed and all were in favour of this, rather than the 8 different resolutions in place now.



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HAFFA delegates, taking charge of FAPAA's financial matters, gave a detailed verbal report on the following and answered questions raised by the participants at the meeting:

- Income & Expenditure Report & Balance Sheet, 2021
- Budget 2022 Update - report on any major variances to date
- Budget 2023

Next Meeting

The next FAPAA ECM and AGM will take place in Bali, Indonesia, to be hosted by the Indonesia Logistics and Freight Forwarders Association (ILFA) on 8-10 June 2023.



The strength of FAPAA, a nearly four-decade-old regional association, lies in the sharing of information and the application of that understanding and knowledge within our own businesses. This enables the respective memberships and their customers to interact and transact business under a more unified and standardized approach within the region.

To compound our good future, we are fortunate to be able to continue strengthening our relationships with many countries stakeholders at the FAPAA meeting. The continued success of FAPAA is dependent on every link in the chain being strong, working together unified in purpose and goals, with the very aim to strive towards enhancing the business environment for and uplifting the standards of our industry.

<https://www.fapaa.org/>

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FIATA World Congress, 12 - 16 September 2022 in Busan, Republic of Korea

(Report and photos extracted from the FIATA Press Release and FIATA Review)

For almost 100 years, FIATA has been convening industry leaders and innovators in logistics at its flagship FIATA World Congress (FWC). This annual event, which takes place between September and October, brings together 1,000 to 1,500 participants from the logistics, transport, and cargo industries, as well as observers from other sectors and a significant number of institutional attendees.

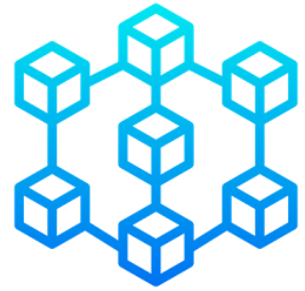
The FWC 2022 in Busan, Republic of Korea, which was delayed by two years due to the pandemic, marked a huge achievement in the next FIATA chapter after the Reset Programme, initiated in 2019 shortly after the FWC in Cape Town. In this chapter FIATA has made the most significant achievement of its history with the roll-out of the paperless FIATA Bill of Lading.



The press conference of 15 September 2022 in Busan noted the importance of FIATA in policy development and the furthering of the digital field within the sector. FIATA, in the second Congress Press Conference on 16 September 2022, also announced that a total of 15 software providers have now been onboarded with FIATA for the implementation process of the eFBL.

In the aftermath of the launch, FIATA has made significant steps forward, having been approached by a major international bank, Arab Bank (Switzerland) Ltd, who worked with FIATA on the future of trade flows, proving the interoperability of the eFBL, using blockchain technology to unleash global connectivity between

freight-forwarders, logistics providers, software companies and financial institutions. Arab Bank, together with FIATA, CargoX and edoxOnline have launched a Proof of Concept (POC) which tested the transfer of an eFBL between two customers of the bank, using different eFBL platforms, with the Bank as an intermediary, providing a secured environment to transfer the document together with the title of the goods. The eFBL, represented as an NFT (non-fungible token) will be transferred from the eWallet of the seller to the eWallet of the buyer, triggering the payment automatically.



The FWC 2022 has also been an opportunity to reaffirm, consolidate and strengthen its mandate to the FIATA HQs advocacy efforts calling for a level playing field, and to reform and ensure regulatory coherence to address the maritime crisis. This is done by means of a resolution passed by the Extended Board, which reflects a wide representation of the FIATA Membership with respect to geographical structure and notes the importance of international forwarding as per FIATA Statutes Art. 5.4.1.

The resolution seeks reforms that provide regulatory clarity on antitrust laws governing the shipping industry. Regulators globally need to monitor the extent of data sharing and coordinated activity in alliances and consortia and ensure they are confined to port-to-port activities, so that competition arrangements for vertically integrated carriers do not pervade sectors where they are not intended to apply. The effect of regulation needs to be monitored periodically via a set of key performance indicators acceptable to all actors of the maritime supply chain to determine if it remains fit for purpose. FIATA also seeks a regulatory framework early on, about the transparency of charges and to ensure equitable cost sharing in the efforts of the maritime industry to become carbon neutral.

This effort is timely as the EU Consortia Block Exemption Regulation review is underway and the clarity provided by FIATA's Presidency and Extended Board will guide FIATA's global response and support to regional initiatives.



Karina Pérez Pérez, representing CIFFA, the regional winner from FIATA's Region Americas, won the global YLP Award in 2022.

The FWC 2022 also marked the announcement of the 2022 Young Logistics Professional Award Regional winners, with an award ceremony taking place at the Closing Ceremony. On the final night of the Congress, Friday 16 September 2022, FIATA and TT Club jointly announced that Karina Perez, the regional winner of Region Americas, representing the Canadian International Freight Forwarders Association, CIFFA, has been awarded the title of Young Logistics Professional of 2022. It was the first time that the Congress saw a full-day programme for young logisticians, with a dedicated programme allowing young professionals to hear from experts, educators and mentors in the logistics sector. This was an important endeavour for FIATA, who continually strives to shine a light on the next generation and attract a young audience to the freight forwarding community.

Next Congress

The next FIATA World Congress will take place in Brussels, Belgium, from 3-6 October 2023. FWC 2023 website: <https://2023fiata.com/>



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Meeting with Zhuhai Commerce Bureau

Zhuhai Trade Services Centre under the Zhuhai Commerce Bureau (珠海商務局珠海市貿易服務中心) and Zhuhai Transport Group (珠海交通集團) paid a visit to HAFFA and met with the principal officers on 24 February 2023. At the meeting, the Zhuhai guests introduced the Guangdong Hong Kong Macao Logistics Park (粵港澳物流園) which is a newly established logistics park located in Zhuhai near Hongwan Port (洪灣港). The first phase of the project will be operational in June this year, with phase two scheduled to come online in 2024, and their positioning is to focus on increasing cargo volume.



Among others, Zhuhai Trade Services Centre advised that Zhuhai Government is aggressively reviewing its supportive policies to attract Hong Kong forwarders to expand business in Zhuhai. In response to their request, HAFFA submitted a long list of suggestions on the incentive policies needed, including subsidies, tax concessions, rental concessions as well as streamlining customs clearance and companies establishment in the Mainland.

Study Tour to Zhuhai and Macau

Following the meeting as mentioned above, invited by the Zhuhai Commerce Bureau (珠海商務局) and Macau Air Freight Forwarding (Logistics) Association (MAFFA), the HAFFA Chairman led a 17-member delegation to Zhuhai and Macau on 29-30 March 2023. During the study tour, the delegates visited places such as the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Logistics Park (粵港澳物流園), Zhuhai Airport International Intelligent Logistics Park (珠海空港國際智慧物流園), Zhuhai Airport (珠海機場) and the Macau International Airport Cargo Terminal etc. It served as a good platform for the delegates to gain a better understanding on the latest logistics development, relevant policies and customs facilitation measures in both places.



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貿易單一窗口
Trade Single Window

Trade Single Window 貿易單一窗口 (TSW)

Trade Single Window (TSW), to be implemented in 3 phases, is a one-stop electronic platform for registered users to lodge import and export trade documents with the HKSAR Government online. HAFFA was invited by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau (CEDB) to join the TSW User Consultation Group since 2018 to provide advice to the Government on the implementation of the TSW. Latest progress update as set out below:

PHASE 1 – 14 Trade Documents (Launched)

Positive feedback was received from the trade. The overall usage rate of Phase 1, covering **14 types of trade documents**, has exceeded 90% and for some documents, reached and maintained at 100% in 2022. The TSW Office will continue to boost the take-up rate of the TSW further and based on users' feedback, suitably introduce enhancements to the TSW system.

PHASE 2 – Another 28 Trade Documents (To be launched from mid-2023 by batches)

Development of Phase 2, adding another **28 types of trade documents**, has been in full swing. The target is to launch the services progressively starting from mid-2023. In addition to expanding the services to be provided by TSW, Phase 2 will also bring about new functions and features that make the TSW even more user-friendly and convenient to use. The Government is working on launching a range of promotion, publicity and training in 2023.

PHASE 3 – Pre-shipment Submission of Manifest/Cargo Reports and ACI (Advance Cargo Information)

After securing funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in June 2022, the Government embarked on a three-month tender invitation exercise for the development of the IT system for Phase 3 which was closed on 23 December 2022. As stated in the Chief Executive's Policy Measures last year, the Government targets to complete the tendering process and award the contract for Phase 3 in 2023.

The objective is to launch the services of Phase 3 by batch starting from early 2026 and fully roll out the TSW system in late 2027. Given the sheer scale and complexity of Phase 3, the Government is working on a very ambitious and tight schedule. They will work closely with the industry in developing a system that the trade will find useful, overcoming challenges at the design and implementation stages, and ensuring a smooth transition from existing systems to the new one.

Members are highly encouraged to register as a TSW user **FREE of charge** to lodge the trade documents with the Government and verify the validity of an electronic licence/permit online. For details, please visit: <https://www2.tradesinglewindow.hk> or contact the Office of Trade Single Window Operation of the Customs and Excise Department at Tel: 2117 3348 or by e-mail to enquiry@tradesinglewindow.hk.

LEGAL MATTERS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: AE CARGO SERVICES LTD – Mr. Ronnie Leung

Vice Chairlady: TRIMANSON EXPRESS LTD – Ms. Janet Ng

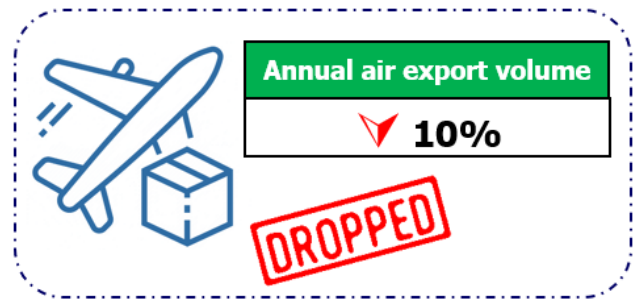
Member: ACE PROTRANS FORWARDING LTD

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021

The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance 2021 (the Ordinance) came into operation on 30 April 2022. The Ordinance stipulates that no person shall import alternative smoking products (i.e. electronic cigarettes, heated tobacco products and herbal cigarettes). Although air transshipment cargo and transit cargo which remains on board aircraft and vessels is exempted, the Ordinance does not allow transshipment of cargo via Hong Kong (requiring processing to be imported into Hong Kong by land and then transshipped overseas). The value of this re-export cargo is very high estimated to exceed CNY120 billion.



After the Legislative Council (LegCo) passed the Ordinance in October 2021, HAFFA received a large number of complaints from Members and other industry stakeholders, reflecting that the Ordinance has had a seriously detrimental effect on the business environment. The Association has written to the Chief Executive/Policy Bureau/LegCo on this matter five times and conducted an industry questionnaire in January 2022. The results of the survey showed that the affected e-cigarette cargo is estimated at 330,000 tons per year, which translates to a loss to Hong Kong of approximately 10% of our annual export volume by air.



Since the Ordinance came into effect on 30 April 2022, the volume of air cargo exports has continued to plummet, with the cumulative decline close to 30%. In addition to factors such as the global economy, the sluggish epidemic situation, and the sharp reduction in cross-border land transport capacity, one of the main reasons for the decline is the loss of e-cigarette product transshipment business from the Mainland. Most of the e-cigarette goods originally exported through Hong Kong airport are now be exported overseas through Macau or South Korea. It also drove to the change of policy under which lithium batteries shipments can now be exported from some Mainland airports directly.

The Ordinance has led to a serious decline in Hong Kong's overall air export volume, causing the industry, airlines, cargo terminals and Hong Kong International Airport to lose hundreds of thousands of tons of re-exports every year. This is bound to shake Hong Kong's status as a regional transshipment hub, and people's livelihoods have been dealt a huge blow.

HAFFA agrees with the original intention of the legislation to protect public health and establish a smoke-free Hong Kong, but at the same time we strongly urge the government to allow the freight and logistics industry to restore the transshipment mode which is vital to the survival of the industry.

For the sake of alleviating government concerns, HAFFA submitted a proposal to the Government on secured cross-border land transportation to prevent illegal e-cigarette products from entering the black market through land transshipment. Following numerous lobbying efforts made, we are gratifying that the Government is willing to take our views and confirms to relax the transshipment ban (land-air and sea-air) on re-exporting the e-cigarettes products via Hong Kong.

e-cigarette goods



While awaiting the passage of the Bill by the LegCo, several meetings on the proposal of land-air e-cigarette transshipments have been conducted with the Customs and Excise Department with a hope that systems testing and trial can be carried out as soon as practical. We shall report to Members should there be any essential update.

LOGISTICS POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: COMBINED LOGISTICS (HONG KONG) LTD – Mr. Chandler So
Vice Chairman: DIMERCO AIR FORWARDERS (HK) LTD – Mr. Eddie Law
Members: DHL GLOBAL FORWARDING (HONG KONG) LTD
SEA-AIR LOGISTICS (HONG KONG) LTD

Legislative Control of Cannabidiol (CBD)

CBD has been listed as a dangerous drug under the control of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 134, Laws of Hong Kong) (“DDO”) in Hong Kong commencing from 1 February 2023. Under which, possession and consumption of CBD in contravention of DDO in Hong Kong will be subject to a maximum penalty of seven years’ imprisonment and a fine of \$1 million. Trafficking and illicit manufacturing of CBD are liable to a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million. Details on the control of CBD are available at the [webpage](#) of the Narcotics Division of Security Bureau.



Through the large-scale survey conducted in late-June 2022, HAFFA understands that one of the major concerns about legal control of CBD raised by Members is: what are the reasonable steps and due diligence to ensure or satisfy themselves that the goods they are asked to handle do not consist of illegal commodities or are covered by valid licence/permit. To this end, the Association wrote to SB, in which the recommended steps for import and export shipments were listed, and SB was asked if these steps can be regarded as “reasonable” steps”. Positive reply from SB was received. In short, **the Bureau recognizes our recommended steps which is a good practice in cargo handling.**



HAFFA being **the only Association** was invited to meet with the officials of the SB and Customs and Excise Department in December 2022 with a hope to address Members’ concern on CBD transshipment. After the meeting, SB proposed and HAFFA consolidated a list of practical questions for the FAQ on CBD. Members can download the [HAFFA FAQ document](#) with answers and SAMPLE of disclaimer provided by SB for reference. Trust that it will help you better understand the requirements under CBD so as to effectively comply with the law. Members can consider taking HAFFA’s recommended steps (please see question 10 and 11 of the FAQ) in order to protect your company from unintentional committal of the offences.



MEMBERSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: DIMERCO AIR FORWARDERS (HK) LTD – Mr. Eddie Law
Vice Chairman: NAF NORTHERN OCEAN FREIGHT LIMITED - Mr. Raymond Wong
Members: AE CARGO SERVICES LIMITED
CHEVALIER AOC FREIGHT EXPRESS HOLDINGS LIMITED
CHINA FREIGHT (HONG KONG) LTD
COMBINED LOGISTICS (HONG KONG) LIMITED
RCS LOGISTICS LIMITED
TRIMANSON EXPRESS LTD
WEN-PARKER LOGISTICS (H.K.) COMPANY LTD

A. Membership

HAFFA admitted **New Ordinary Member** during the year of 2022-2023 (*Apr 2022 - Mar 2023*), its name is listed below (Congratulations again!!):

1. Angie Express Limited

HAFFA admitted **New Associate Member** during the year of 2022-2023 (*Apr 2022 - Mar 2023*), its name is listed below (Congratulations again!!):

1. Metcold Supply Network Management Limited

During the year of 2022-2023 (*Apr 2022 - Mar 2023*) the following members ceased to be a member of HAFFA:

1. Calpac Logistics Limited
2. Max-Dart Technology Logistic Company Limited
3. Starlink Freight System (China) Limited
4. Starlink Logistics (Hong Kong) Co., Limited

The total HAFFA membership now stands at 323.

B. FIATA Licencee

FIATA Documents [*including FIATA Multimodal Transport Bill of Lading (FBL) “as Carrier”, FIATA Multimodal Transport Waybill (FWB) & Forwarders Certificate of Receipt (FCR)*] in Hong Kong:

During the year of 2022-2023 the following members ceased to be FIATA Licencee:

1. Sinpex Connection Logistics Limited (055)

The total number of Members authorized to issue FIATA Documents now stands at 55.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

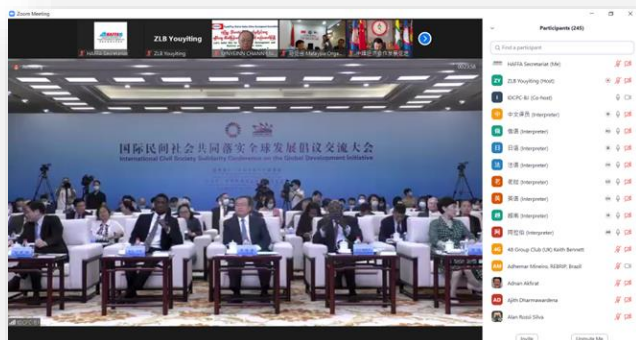
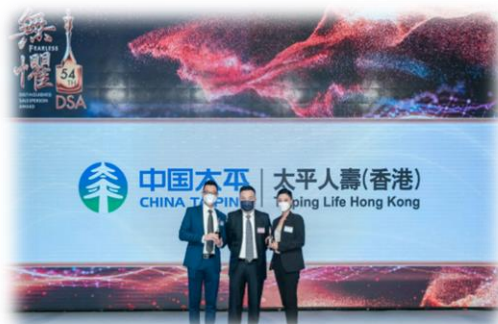
Chairman: JET-SPEED AIR CARGO FORWARDERS (HK) LTD – Mr. Gary Lau
Vice Chairman: COMBINED LOGISTICS (HONG KONG) LTD – Mr. Chandler So
Member: AE CARGO SERVICES LTD

I) Key Events with Various Government Departments and Trade Bodies

Date	HAFFA	Event	Organizer(s) / Visitor(s)
29/04/2022	HAFFA Members	K11 ATELIER 11 Skies Tour Visit	New World Development Company Ltd 新世界發展
12/05/2022	HAFFA Members	K11 ATELIER 11 Skies Tour Visit	New World Development Company Ltd 新世界發展
12/06/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman), Mr. Chandler So (Vice Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	Ta Kung Pao - 120th Anniversary 《大公報》創刊120周年	Ta Kung Pao 大公報
07/07/2022	Mr. Ronnie Leung (Vice Chairman)	HKPC Digital DIY Grand Launching Ceremony 生產力局「數碼不求人」平台啟動禮	Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) 香港生產力促進局
13/07/2022	HAFFA Members	K11 ATELIER 11 Skies Opening Ceremony & Private Preview	New World Development Company Ltd 新世界發展
13/07/2022	Mr. Ronnie Leung (Vice Chairman)	Business GOVirtual Expo & Conference 2022 Opening Ceremony	Baobab Tree
15-16/07/2022	Ms. Janet Ng (Hon. Secretary & Int'l Org Liaison Sub-committee Chairlady) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat) as HAFFA Delegates representing Hong Kong	48th FAPAA Executive Council Meeting (ECM) and Annual General Meeting (AGM), Penang, Malaysia + Online Meeting	FAPAA (please refer to the Annual Report under FAPAA Sub-committee)



Date	HAFFA	Event	Organizer(s) / Visitor(s)
27/07/2022	Mr. Chandler So (Vice Chairman)	"AAT COOLPORT" Ribbon-Cutting Opening Ceremony	Asia Airfreight Terminal (AAT) 亞洲空運中心
29/07/2022	Mr. Ronnie Leung (Vice Chairman) and Mr. Steven Mak (Airfreight Sub-committee Chairman)	"AAT COOLPORT" Facility Tour	Asia Airfreight Terminal (AAT) 亞洲空運中心
04/08/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman) and Executive Committee Members	View Exchange Meeting with Liaison Office of the Central People's Government (LOCPG)	LOCPG 中聯辦
12/08/2022	Mr. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	International Civil Society Solidarity Conference on Global Development Initiative	China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE) 中國民間組織國際交流促進會
21/08/2022	HAFFA as Organizer	Travelling to Sha Chau 夏遊沙洲島	HAFFA (please refer to the Annual Report under Recreation & Sports Sub-committee)
24/08/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman) as Judge representing HAFFA	HKMA SME Club 54th Distinguished Salesperson Award (DSA) Programme (Awards Presentation Ceremony) 第五十四屆傑出推銷員獎	The Hong Kong Management Association (HKMA) 香港管理專業協會
29/08/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	Policy Address Consultation Session (International Aviation and Maritime Hub) 2022年《施政報告》諮詢會 (國際航運中心和國際航空樞紐)	Chief Executive 特首
31/08-01/09/2022	HAFFA as Supporting Organization; Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat) as Delegate representing HAFFA	Belt and Road Summit 2022 2022一帶一路高峰論壇	Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) 香港貿易發展局



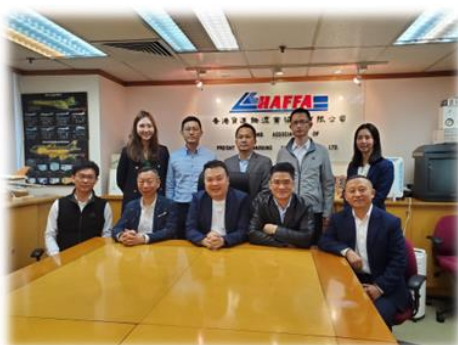
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03/09/2022	HAFFA as Organizer	Mid-Autumn Festival Elderly Visit 愛心中秋齊送暖	HAFFA (please refer to the Annual Report under Recreation & Sports Sub-committee)
13/09/2022	Mr. Steven Mak (Airfreight Sub-committee Chairman)	香港海關「跨境運輸業顧客聯絡小組」委任證書頒發儀式	Customs and Excise Department 香港海關
14/09/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	香港海關「道路貨物資料系統用戶聯絡小組」及「便利轉運貨物清關業界諮詢小組」委任證書頒發儀式	Customs and Excise Department 香港海關
28/09/2022	Mr. Chandler So (Vice Chairman)	僱員再培訓局僱主研討會 - 「後疫情時代 人才發展策略」	Employees Retraining Board (ERB) 僱員再培訓局
29/09/2022	Ms. Janet Ng (Hon. Secretary) as Guest Speaker representing HAFFA	Career Talk by HAFFA 就業講座	HAFFA and Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Poly U) 香港理工大學
22/10/2022	Mr. Chandler So (Vice Chairman)	僱員再培訓局30周年典禮暨年度頒獎禮	Employees Retraining Board (ERB) 僱員再培訓局
09/11/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	CPSL Pharma Handling Centre Opening Ceremony	Cathay Pacific Services Limited 國泰航空貨運站
11/11/2022	HAFFA as Organizer	DG Awareness Seminar with a Focus on CBTA (Competency-based Approach to Dangerous Goods Training and Assessment) 「危險品認知和能力為本危險品培訓及評核」網上研討會	HAFFA, Carrier Liaison Group (CLG) 航空公司貨運聯絡小組, The HK Shippers' Council (HKSC) 香港付貨人委員會 and the Transport and Logistics Training Board – Vocational Training Council (VTC) 職業訓練局物流貨運業訓練委員會 (please refer to the Annual Report under Airfreight Sub-committee)



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11/11/2022	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	Meeting with Mr. Leung Chun-ying, GBM, GBS, JP – Discussion on the integration of Hong Kong freight and logistics companies into the development of GBA	Mr. Leung Chun-ying, GBM, GBS, JP, Vice Chairman National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference 全國政協副主席梁振英先生
22-23/11/2022	HAFFA as Supporting Organization; Alice Lui (Secretariat) as Conference Delegates representing HAFFA	Asian Logistics, Maritime and Aviation Conference (ALMAC) 亞洲物流航運及空運會議	Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) 香港貿易發展局
28/11/2022	Mr. Chandler So (Vice Chairman) as Panelist representing HAFFA	LOGTECH Expo 2022 (Foresight - Logistics Technologies Towards the Future) 物流科技博覽 (行業前瞻 - 物流科技向未來)	Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) 運輸及房屋局 Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) 香港生產力促進局
01/12/2022	Ms. Janet Ng (Hon. Secretary and Int'l Organizations Liaison Sub-committee Chairlady) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat) as HAFFA Delegates representing Hong Kong	FIATA/FAPAA Meeting for closer collaboration	International Federation of Freight Forwarders Association (FIATA) 國際貨運代理協會聯合會 and Federation of Asia Pacific Aircargo Association (FAPAA) 亞太區航空貨運業聯會
05/12/2022	Mr. Ronnie Leung (Vice Chairman)	Exclusive Dialogue with French Logistics Industry Players	Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) 香港貿易發展局 and Hong Kong-France Business Council
08/12/2022	HAFFA as Organizer HAFFA Executive Committee and Members	The 22nd HAFFA Annual Luncheon for the Senior Executives (2022) 2022 高管年度午餐會	HAFFA



Date	HAFFA	Event	Organizer(s) / Visitor(s)
29/12/2022	Greater China Affairs Sub-committee	港珠物流合作線上交流視訊會議	珠海市商務局 and The Hong Kong Shippers' Council (HKSC) 香港付貨人委員會
04/01/2023	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	The 2023-2024 Budget (Transport & Logistics) Consultation Session 二零二三至二四年度《財政預算案》諮詢會	Financial Secretary 財政司司長
14/01/2023	HAFFA as Organizer	Lunar New Year (CNY) Elderly Visit 和氣吉祥樂共融新春關愛活動	HAFFA (please refer to the Annual Report under Recreation & Sports Sub-committee)
27/01/2023	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	Home and Youth Affairs Bureau Spring Reception 2023 民政及青年事務局新春酒會	Home and Youth Affairs Bureau 民政及青年事務局
02/02/2023	Mr. Sydney Chan (Executive Committee Member and Seafreight Sub-committee Chairman)	International Customs Day 2023	Customs and Excise Department 香港海關
20/02/2023	Mr. Stephen Law (Executive Committee Member and Greater China Affairs Sub-committee Chairman)	2023天津(香港)投資環境推介會	天津市人民政府
24/02/2023	HAFFA Principal Officers	Meeting with Zhuhai Commerce Bureau 珠海市商務局	Zhuhai Commerce Bureau 珠海市商務局 (please refer to the Annual Report under Greater China Affairs Sub-committee)
28/02/2023	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman)	中聯辦癸卯年新春晚宴	Liaison Office of the Central People's Government 中聯辦



Date	HAFFA	Event	Organizer(s) / Visitor(s)
01/03/2023	Mr. Gary Lau (Chairman) and Ms. Alice Lui (Secretariat)	Meeting with Guangzhou Nansha Promotion Centre of Nansha-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation 南沙港澳合作促進中心	Guangzhou Nansha Promotion Centre of Nansha-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation 南沙港澳合作促進中心
03/03/2023	HAFFA Members	Briefing Session on "HKeToll" dedicated to HAFFA Members	Transport Department 運輸署
04/03/2023	Mr. Joey Cheung (Executive Committee Member) as Keynote Speaker	Cross-border e-Commerce Seminar 「跨境電子商務」研討會	Bay Area Hong Kong Centre 大灣區香港中心
09/03/2023	HAFFA Executive Committee Members	Networking Lunch Meeting between HAFFA and MAFFA [Macau Air Freight Forwarding (Logistics) Association]	MAFFA
09/03/2023	Ms. Janet Ng (Hon. Secretary) as Delegate representing HAFFA	珠海鶴洲新區現代物流高品質發展合作交流會	珠海物流與採購商會
11/03/2023	HAFFA as Sponsor	Lunch Banquet for the Elderly 啟德耆樂遊	Life Commitment Charity Club Limited (HKL3C) 香港樂心會
29-30/03/2023	HAFFA Executive Committee as Delegates	HAFFA Study Tour to Zhuhai and Macau 香港貨運物流業協會珠海及澳門考察團	Zhuhai Commerce Bureau 珠海市商務局 and MAFFA澳門空運暨物流業協會



II) Media and Others

Throughout the year 2022-2023, HAFFA was interviewed by the media on various issues. With the help of the Chairman and Executive Committee Members, the PR Sub-committee endeavor to entertain many press enquiries on a record breaking level. In making comments, we adopt a factual, objective approach with the interest of HAFFA members being our first priority.

Date	Title
2023/03/31	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 【時事多面睇】碼頭轉型 (TVB)
2023/02/09	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 【煙癮集】復甦的曙光 (香港電台)
2023/02/01	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 【時事全方位】香港海運今非昔比? (Now TV)
2023/01/03	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - HK companies expect revival in exports, retail sales, tourism in 2023 with border reopening (Global Times)
2022/11/28	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 當局擬放寬另類吸煙產品海陸空轉運限制 (香港電台)
2022/11/28	News Report with HAFFA Chairman's Quote - 政府擬放寬另類煙轉口限制 (東方日報)
2022/11/26	News Report with HAFFA Chairman's Quote - 港空運出口貨量累挫30% 物流業擇放寬轉運電子煙 (東方日報)
2022/10/18	News Report with HAFFA Chairman's Quote - Hong Kong may reverse ban on some types of re-export of e-cigarettes and other heated tobacco products (South China Morning Post)
2022/09/26	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - A lift for belly capacity on the way after Hong Kong lifts hotel quarantine rule (The Loadstar)
2022/09/15	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - Hong Kong e-cigarette ban reduces air export volumes 10% (Air Cargo World)
2022/09/02	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 港商：做好超級聯繫人 把握大商機 (大公報)
2022/08/04	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 物流業界：部分貨船已繞開台灣相關範圍 或增運輸成本 (有線電視)
2022/07/11	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 【健康碼】政府研仿內地推健康碼 物流業界代表料有正面作用惟需微調 (經濟日報)
2022/06/29	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - Hong Kong's role as an international shipping center buoyed by mainland firms and capital: Industry leader (Global Times)
2022/04/29	Media Interview with HAFFA Chairman - 海陸空運輸癱瘓 貨堆如山 兩年來最慘 (星島日報)

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RECREATION AND SPORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman: NAF NORTHERN OCEAN FREIGHT LIMITED - Mr. Raymond Wong
Vice Chairlady: EASYWAY AIR FREIGHT LTD – Ms. Vikie Tsang
Member: CHINA FREIGHT (HONG KONG) LTD
WEN-PARKER LOGISTICS (H.K.) COMPANY LTD

1. HAFFA United Football Club

Soccer is considered one of the most popular sports in the world, in cooperation with SANTOS Soccer Training School, HAFFA United Football Club has successfully held training classes on a regular basis with the enthusiastic support from all participating players. In addition to training skills, friendly matches will be held occasionally. Deep appreciation is also given to Vinflair Logistics Limited (HAFFA member), HACTL and Standard Chartered Bank Hong Kong Limited, for the sponsorship of uniforms and the activities under the Football Club.

Besides, the HAFFA United Football Club has officially registered with the Hong Kong Police Force as a Society under the Societies Ordinance in March 2023.

Members are welcome to view the digital photo album below to share the memories of those wonderful and happy moments: <https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=1918>



2. HAFFA: Travelling to Sha Chau 夏遊沙洲島, 21 Aug 2022

HAFFA organized a travel tour to Sha Chau on 21 August 2022, along the route, Members and all participants explored Hong Kong unique coastal ecosystem, walked in the marine parks, and deepen friendships and family relationships throughout the trip!

Members are welcome to view the digital photo album below to share the memories of those wonderful and happy moments: <https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=2154>



3. HAFFA Charity activities

1. Mid-Autumn Festival Elderly Visit 愛心中秋齊送暖, 03 Sep 2022

HAFFA organized a visit to the elderly in need on 03 September 2022 in Sham Shui Po by giving out fortune bags to them. This event is in cooperation with Life Commitment Charity Club Limited (HKL3C).

HKL3C established in 2007, takes the principle of “Act to Live, Spread the Love” and it has become the listed charitable institutions since 2012. The HKL3C is based in Sham Shui Po and focuses on the elderly services. They get in touch with elderly living alone and double-aging family, offering supportive services to them so that the elderly could grow old peacefully with proper care and live with dignity.

With the tremendous and enthusiastic support from Members, the Mid-Autumn Festival Elderly Visit was successfully held and the final donation amount received is HK\$172,000 and the number of Mid-Autumn Festival Mooncake Charity Sale is sold over 120 boxes. Apart from that impressive donation amount, what's even more incredible was the contribution of the volunteers (from Members' colleagues, families/friends) to pack, deliver and give out the fortune bags in such a hot day! Members are welcome to view the donor list, sponsorship list and voluntary list at <https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=2175>



II. CNY Elderly Visit 和氣吉祥樂共融新春關愛活動, 14 Jan 2023

Further to the great success of the Mid-Autumn Festival Elderly Visit, we organized another visit to the elderly in need on 14 January 2023. This event is again in cooperation with Life Commitment Charity Club Limited (HKL3C) to help and care for the Elderly in Sham Shui Po by giving out CNY fortune bags to them.

With the tremendous and enthusiastic support from Members again, the Lunar New year (CNY) Elderly Visit was successfully held and the final donation amount received is HK \$155,000. All volunteers (from Members' colleagues, families/friends) joined our event for a fabulous time of serving the community and gathering by packing, delivering and giving out the fortune bags. We are very encouraged to receive a lot of good feedbacks as they see us as a strong and united forwarders community! Members are welcome to view the donor list, sponsorship list and voluntary list at <https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=2265>



III. 啟德耆樂遊, 11 Mar 2023

Since Federal Cruise Banquet Centre (FCBC) at Kai Tak Cruise Terminal would be closed by end of March 2023 due to renovation, HAFFA had previously paid the deposit of Annual Dinner 2020 to the FCBC which had to be used by March 2023, but it is not feasible for HAFFA to organize the annual dinner in such a short notice. In that regards, HAFFA decided to partner with Life Commitment Charity Club (HKL3C) to sponsor 9 tables of charity lunch for the Elderly in Sham Shui Po on 11 Mar 2023 using such deposit. We are grateful to see all the happy faces of the Elderly enjoying the meal on that day!

After deducting all costs, all the remaining balance of the Mid-Autumn Festival Elderly Visit, the Lunar New year (CNY) Elderly Visit and the Elderly Kai Tak Tour cum Charity Lunch are donated to HKL3C for the coming charity events.





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IV. *Share For Good* 愛互送

In view of the development of COVID-19 epidemic situation in Hong Kong over the past few years, there have been tremendous need from vulnerable individuals. Share for Good is Hong Kong's first city-wide crowd donation platform, initiated by New World Development, and launched in collaboration with Yan Chai Hospital and logistics companies. Share for Good instantly matches donors with the urgent needs of local communities online and, through 60 participating NGOs, facilitates safe and efficient delivery of supplies to all those in need.

Thank you for the support of Members, HK\$140,000 in total is raised and donated. Members are welcome to view the donor list at: <https://www.haffa.com.hk/portal/Page/Default.aspx?id=2127>

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Implementation of Electronic Booking Confirmation Note 電子訂艙單 (eBCN)

Hong Kong Container Terminal Operators Association (HKCTOA) announced on 26 January 2022 that as part of the digitalization roadmap of the Port of Hong Kong and to complete the entire paperless process, members of HKCTOA and OnePort would launch the Electronic Booking Confirmation Note (eBCN) service to transform the export cargo workflow to paperless. This would enable industry users to receive and forward the export booking confirmation note electronically, and serve the key purpose to improve efficiency of documents and information exchange for export containers among liners, exporters, truckers, terminals and outside depots.



Before the rollout of eBCN, HAFFA Executive Committee met with OnePort to better understand its operational flow, cost and transitional arrangement, as well as to provide pragmatic comments on its implementation. In response to HAFFA's questions, OnePort explained that the eBCN platform service launched on 1 September 2022 is a basic version which is at no charge (free) to the community. The basic version provides a full suite of all essential functions enabling users to complete empty pick-up and laden drop-off at the Kwai Tsing terminals. In case users would like to adopt system-to-system API connection to achieve real automation, they are welcome to discuss with OnePort separately for this kind of commercial arrangement. OnePort will continue to consult the industry for additional value-added functions of which a chargeable option can be provided to the users in future.

More information about the implementation of eBCN is available at [HAFFA's topical webpage](#).

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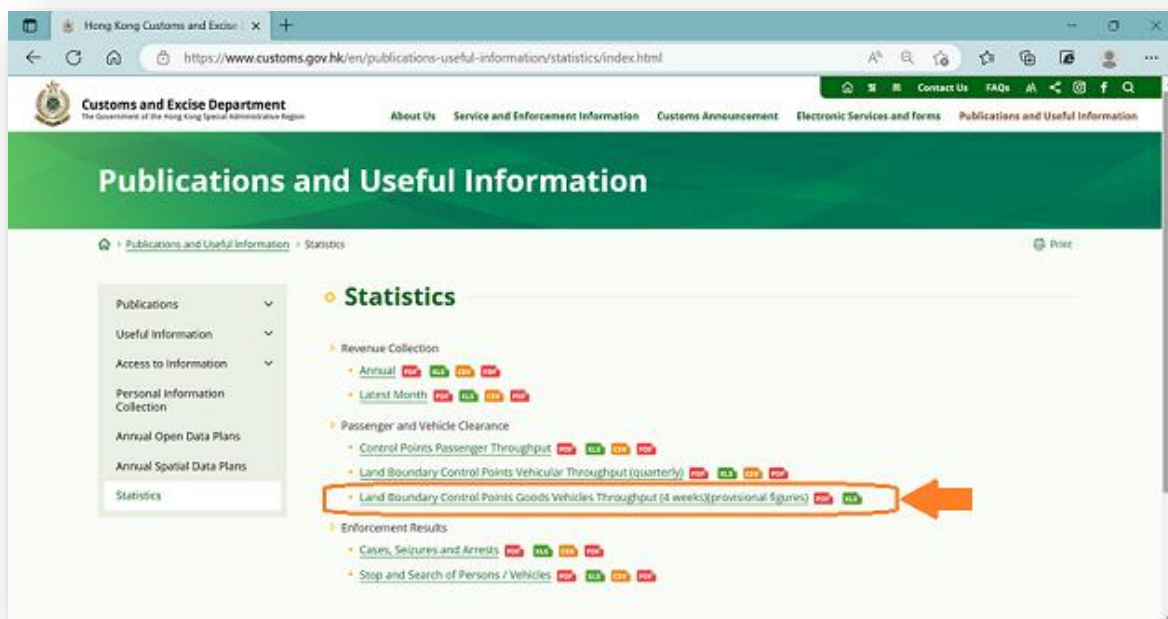
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[Successfully fought for Members] Land Boundary Control Points Goods Vehicles Throughput

In early 2022, due to increasing COVID-19 cases among the Hong Kong cross-border truck drivers, the Shenzhen Government Port of Entry and Exit Office has, since mid-February 2022, issued a series of tough measures on cross-border truck operations, resulting in severe shortage of truck/land capacity. As cross-border trucking is the lifeblood of Hong Kong's airfreight industry, HAFFA kept voicing out Members' concerns and providing recommendations to the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR (中聯辦).

To help mitigate the situation at that time, as per the suggestion made by the SME Development Sub-committee, HAFFA approached the Customs and Excise Department to request for the statistics of weekly cross-border truck movements by control points. Previously, the said data were lagging behind and were only made available 1 or 2 months later. Members, SME in particular, spent a lot of time to "get insights" from others, but the information might not be accurate.

We are gratifying that the Customs took our advice and responded to the Association positively. With effect from 10 June 2022, the Customs started to provide the provisional figures of land boundary control points goods vehicles throughput of previous 4 weeks on its [website](https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/publications-useful-information/statistics/index.html). This is certainly a breakthrough! These data are the light shining on the path, and Members can make better predictions, formulate cargo operations plan (e.g. routing and transportation means) and connect with service providers to meet the business needs in the market.



The above statistics have also been uploaded onto HAFFA website under "Member Only" >> "Statistics"
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