



Runway Excursion (RE)

**Serious Incident Investigation
Preliminary Report and
Public Notice**

**Airbus A320-232, B-LCI,
Hong Kong International Airport
8 September 2025**

PLR-2025-03

1. Purposes

- (1) This preliminary report provides factual information established in the investigation's early evidence collection phase. Its purpose is to provide timely information to both the aviation industry and the general public.
- (2) This report is released in accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) and the requirements of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation – Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation (ICAO Annex 13).
- (3) The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA)'s understanding of the serious incident will be enhanced as the investigation progresses and potential new evidence becomes available. As such, no analysis or findings are included in this report.
- (4) Should safety recommendations be considered necessary during the course of the investigation, they will be promulgated to the parties concerned immediately before the final Investigation Report is published.
- (5) The Investigation Report will be released at the conclusion of the investigation, which will provide a comprehensive overview of the serious incident, its causes, and any recommendations to improve air safety.

2. General Details

2.1 Occurrence Details

Date and time:	8 September 2025, 1034 hours
Occurrence category:	Serious Incident
Primary occurrence type:	Runway Excursion (RE)
Location:	Hong Kong International Airport
Position:	22°18'41.14" N, 113°53'58.32" E

2.2 Pilot in Command Details

Licence details:	Airline Transport Pilot's Licence (Aeroplanes)
Medical certificate:	First Class
Type ratings:	A320/A321
Aeronautical experience:	18,985 hours
Command time on type (A320/A321)	5,501 hours

2.3 Aircraft Details

Manufacturer and model:	Airbus A320-232	
Registration:	Hong Kong, China, B-LCI	
Serial number:	MSN4445	
Year of Manufacture:	2010	
Number and type of engines:	Two IAE V2527-A5 turbo-fan engines	
Engine Serial Number:	LH: V11559 RH: V15322	
Operator:	Hong Kong Express Airways Limited	
Type of Operation:	Scheduled Public Transport of Passengers	
Certificate of Airworthiness	Certificate of Airworthiness - Transport Category (Passenger) Issued on 29 July 2025	
Departure:	Beijing Daxing International Airport (ZBAD)	
Destination:	Hong Kong International Airport (VHHH)	
Persons on board:	Crew – 6	Passengers – 131
Injuries:	Crew – 0	Passengers – 0
Aircraft damage:	Damage to the aircraft's landing gear, right engine and fuselage.	

Note: All times are Hong Kong local time that is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus eight hours.

3. Synopsis

- (1) The Airbus A320 type aircraft operated by Hong Kong Express Airways Limited was landing after a flight from Beijing (ZBAD) to Hong Kong (VHHH) on 8 September 2025. During the landing on Runway 07L at about 1034 hours, the aircraft veered off to the right, resulting in a runway excursion onto the grass area between Taxiways C6 and C7. The aircraft subsequently exited the grass area and returned to the runway under its own power, exited the runway and stopped on Taxiway Z. In the course of the runway excursion, the aircraft damaged three runway edge lights and two Movement Area Guidance Signs on the grass area. Damage to the aircraft's landing gear, right engine and fuselage was also incurred. The Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) conducted runway inspections and confirmed the runway condition was normal and no damaged aircraft parts were found.
- (2) The passengers and crew were eventually deplaned and the aircraft was towed to a maintenance area.

4. Instigation of Investigation

- (1) Hong Kong Express Airways Limited notified the Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA) via the AAIA electronic reporting system.
- (2) In accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) and the requirements of Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (ICAO Annex 13), this occurrence has been classified as a Serious Incident and the Chief Inspector of AAIA has instigated an investigation into its circumstances and causes. Safety lessons that can be drawn from the investigation of this occurrence may be beneficial in preventing future recurrence.
- (3) The Bureau d'enquêtes et d'analyses pour la sécurité de l'aviation civile (BEA), being the investigation authority representing the State of Design and the State of Manufacture, was notified and has nominated an Accredited Representative to participate in the AAIA investigation. The Civil Aviation Department (CAD), the authority representing the State of Registry and the State of the Operator was also notified.

5. Investigation Progress

- (1) The investigation team conducted interviews with the flight crew and cabin crew of the aircraft. Aircraft flight documents, flight data, cockpit voice recording, airport closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage, ATC and weather information were also collected.
- (2) The investigation team is conducting a detailed analysis of the data and information collected in order to determine the circumstances and causes of this serious incident in conjunction with identifying areas that need further investigation and/or lines of investigation to pursue.
- (3) The anticipated duration of this investigation is up to twelve months.

6. Public Notice

This Report also serves as a public notice under Section 10(1) of Cap. 448B. Any person who wishes to make representation as to the circumstances or causes of the serious incident should do so by letter, email, telephone, or facsimile to the Chief Inspector (Address: Air Accident Investigation Authority, Level G & 2, Facility Building, 1 Tung Fai Road, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong; Telephone: (+852) 2910 6079; Facsimile: (+852) 2910 6049 (local), (+852) 3912 4848 (international); or Email: ACCID@tlb.gov.hk within 14 days of this notice.

3 October 2025

K. C. MAN *Chief Inspector*

About the Air Accident Investigation Authority

The AAIA is an independent investigation authority formed under the Transport and Logistics Bureau (TLB) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.

The AAIA is established in compliance with the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) of ICAO Annex 13 requiring Contracting States to set up an independent investigation authority to ensure the independence and impartiality of the investigations.

The AAIA is responsible for the investigation of civil aircraft accidents and incidents in Hong Kong in accordance with Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) and the SARPs of ICAO Annex 13.

The sole objective of the investigation shall be the prevention of accidents and incidents. It is not the purpose of this activity to apportion blame or liability.

Air Accident Investigation Authority Information

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