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Air Accident Investigation Authority

Loss of Control - Inflight (LOC-I)

**Accident Investigation
Preliminary Report and
Public Notice**

**BGD Base 3 Paraglider
Shek O, Hong Kong
9 December 2025**

PLR-2026-01

1. Purpose

- (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).
- (3) The Air Accident Investigation Authority (AAIA)'s understanding of the accident 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 a 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 accident, its causes, and any recommendations to improve air safety.

2. General Details

2.1. Occurrence Details

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| Date and time: | 9 December 2025 at around 1410 hours ¹ |
| Occurrence category: | Accident |
| Primary occurrence type: | Loss of Control – Inflight (LOC-I) |
| Location: | Shek O, Hong Kong |
| Position: | The take-off field of Shek O paragliding activities area, Hong Kong |

2.2. Pilot Details

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| Flying experience: | To be advised |
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2.3. Aircraft Details

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| Manufacturer and model: | BGD Base 3 Paraglider | |
| Year of Manufacture: | To be advised | |
| Type of Operation: | Private | |
| Departure: | Takeoff field of Shek O paragliding activities area, Hong Kong | |
| Destination: | To be advised | |
| Persons on board: | Pilot – 1 | Passenger – 0 |
| Fatalities: | 1 | |
| Injuries: | 0 | |
| Aircraft damage: | Nil. | |

¹ All times are in Hong Kong Local Time, which is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus eight hours.

3. Synopsis

- (1) A paraglider pilot went to the take-off field of the paragliding activities area in the Shek O Country Park alone on 9 December 2025.
- (2) At about 14:08 hours (hrs), hikers observed that the pilot was preparing for paragliding activities and untangling the suspension lines of a paraglider. The paraglider was partially inflated by the wind but was still on the ground. The pilot did not wear a helmet or strap in his harness.
- (3) Some 40 seconds later, there was a sudden strong gust of wind which further inflated the paraglider and lifted it and the pilot off the ground. His left hand was holding the right riser while his right hand was grasping the left one, facing the back of the paraglider. About 10 seconds after airborne, the left riser slipped from his grasp, and the paraglider began to collapse. Several seconds later, he sustained a fall onto the hillside with the paraglider. The hikers immediately notified the Police of the occurrence.
- (4) At around 15:19 hrs, the pilot was airlifted by a Government Flying Service helicopter to the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital for emergency treatment. His death was confirmed at 15:47 hrs on the same afternoon.

4. Instigation of Investigation

- (1) Upon receiving news of the occurrence, the AAIA contacted the Police for further details and validated the information.
- (2) In accordance with the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B), this occurrence has been classified as an Accident and the Chief Inspector of AAIA has instigated an investigation into its circumstances and contributing factors. Safety lessons that can be drawn from the investigation of this occurrence may be beneficial in preventing future recurrence.

5. Investigation Progress

- (1) To date, the AAIA has:
 - completed an inspection of the pilot's paraglider, equipment, and accessories;

- downloaded the flight data from his variometer;
- collected witness videos capturing the handling of the paraglider by the pilot on ground and the flight; and
- collected the user manual of the paraglider.

(2) As the investigation progresses, AAIA will:

- analyse the collected witness videos and the downloaded flight data;
- collect and analyse the meteorological information related to the flight; and
- review the pilot's autopsy report.

(3) The detailed analysis of the videos, data, and information collected will enable the investigation team to determine the circumstances, causes and contributing factors of this accident. It will also aid in identifying areas that need further investigation and/or lines of investigation to be pursued.

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 accident 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.

7 January 2026

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).

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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