Hong Kong vACC

2019 Q3 Meeting Minutes

Location: Hong Kong vACC Discord Staff Meeting Room
Date: 12 OCT 2019
Attendees:

- Alfred Tang – ACCHKG1 & 3 (AT)1352z.   (Chair)

- Oscar Chui – ACCHKG 2 (OC)1352z.

- John Cheng – ACCHKG4 (JC) 1352Z.

- Kai Ko – ACCHKG7 (KK)1352z.

- Ken Kwok – Mentor (KW) 1352z

- Tim Wong – Consultant and Mentor (TW) 1352z

Absent with Apology:

- Bailey Brown – ACCHKG5 & 8 (BB).

- Michael Cheng – ACCHKG6 (MC).

Agenda Items

   I.   Summary of Q3 2019. (AT)

  II.   ATC Training. (AT & OC)

 III.   Letter of Agreement. (JC)

 IV.   Outstanding items from Q2 (team)

  V.   AFV discussion (team)

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
Marketing to look into ways to attract new controllers externally.	MC	Q4	In progress
Explore real-world meetup to enhance cohesion of the team	Team	Q4	In progress
Review LOA documents and begin discussion with neighbouring FIRs.	JC	Q4	Begin with ZGZU, then other FIRs.
Sectorisation diagram in SOP document, more clarity	JC and Team	Q4	In progress
Test AFV immediately after release to troubleshoot	AT & KK	14 OCT 2019	Expect to be completed on 14 OCT 2019. May need to follow up on any issue found.
Review sectorization frequency setup when a controller is covering multiple sectors	AT, OC & BB	21 OCT 2019	To start after 14 OCT 2019
Technical support for members on Discord	Team & mentors	21 OCT 2019	14-21 OCT 2019

Welcome

Motion: Open Hong Kong vACC Staff Meeting
AT Moved to start the meeting. Seconded by **OC**.

Meeting opened at time:1352z

AT Welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1352z.

1. Q3 General
   a. **AT** presented a summary per Q3 report presented to VATSEA on 3 October 2019:
   Training:
   ● *Training continues to be slower than that of the previous years, we only have 4 overall controller promotions. This is due to Alfred and some other staff members being very busy and slow in handling the large number of training requests. Additional help would be appreciated from the division to alleviate the problem.*
   Website:
   ● *The new version of the website is fully functioning on the domain "vatsim.hk", which has been in use for HKVACC between 2005 and 2014. With this domain transfer, the original hkvacc.org has retired in September.*
   Publications:
   ● *Bailey has been working with JS Hoo in VATSEA to define transmitter locations in preparation for the upcoming AFV (Audio for VATSIM) launch on 14 October 2019. Locations for all positions are defined and should be ready for the launch.*
   Administrative:
   ● *In preparation of the AFV launch, local mentors have been requested to provide online assistance in the evenings (local time) to both controllers and pilots from 14 October 2019 for about a week. We expect a certain number of recurring questions and concerns at the beginning and occasionally technically issues but should be no major concern, given the success from previous beta tests.*
   Events
   ● *6 July: Kai Tak Event*
   ● *27 July: Hong Kong and Taipei (VATROC)*
   ● *24 Aug: Hong Kong Real Ops*
   ● *7 Sept: Hong Kong to Dubai*
   ● *28 Sept: Hong Kong VFR*

2. Air Traffic Control Training
   a. **OC** voiced his concerned regarding the slow progress of training at the VACC. In particular, there are fewer requests for training this

summer than previously. That is the case for both local and overseas members.

b. **AT** asked whether the current training capacity can handle additional workload if more training requests are present. **OC** believes that the overall capacity can handle more training.

c. **OS** is more concerned with the flow of new S1 controllers. There have been fewer requests this summer than previous years. **OC** recommends **MC** to look into how to attract new controller to sign up.

d. **AT** recommends looking into more real-world meet-up to strengthen the cohesion of the group.

3. Letter of Agreement

a. **JC** agrees to review current LOAs with our neighboring FIRs. In particular, in the LOA with ZGZU, FOXTROIT waypoint and VHHX departure to BEKOL altitude restriction. Need to standardize altitude restrictions at handoff points for all departure airports.

4. Outstanding items from Q2

a. **JC** and team to review sectorization documents for Terminal Airspace. Current diagrams are messy to read and are difficult to understand.

5. Audio for VATSIM Discussion

a. Team reviewed installation of the updated clients and standalone clients. No issue has been reported so far. However, the team is uncertain whether additional issue will be found at a later stage.

b. OC suggested mentors should be available at release (14 OCT 2000z) to test the new voice codec. **AT** and **KK** will be come online to test AFV immediately after release to identify issues. It is not expected that many HK based members will be online.

c. **OC** voice concerns that frequencies are location based. Each has a designated range (~100nm). For example, when E_CTR is online, aircraft flying at SIERA may not be able to receive voice from E_CTR. Team to review after release and amend SOP documents to add procedures for setting up multiple frequencies when a position covers multiple sectors.

d. **OC, KW, TW** and **AT** will be available on demand on Discord to provide members assistance with AFV. Priority is to be given to local Cantonese-speaking pilots as there are many resources already for English speakers.

Close Hong Kong vACC Staff Meeting
AT Moved to close the meeting. 1509z Seconded by **OC**.