

# HKIA sees a 12.8% year-on-year drop in passenger numbers for September



Hong Kong International Airport saw a decline in passenger volume in September this year

Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) announced that its passenger numbers declined by 12.8% year-on-year in September 2019.

In September, HKIA handled 4.9 million passengers and 33,390 air traffic movements. This represented a 1.0% year-on-year decline for air traffic movement.

According to HKIA, the key reason for the overall decrease in passenger volume in September is a decrease in visitor traffic. Despite this decline, Transfer / transit passenger traffic saw a 5% increase and the number of passengers travelling between Hong Kong and Japan grew by 4% when compared to the same period last year.

HKIA said the momentum of transfer passenger traffic continued during the the National Day “Golden Week” holidays from October 1 - 7. This year, SkyPier at HKIA handled a record-breaking of 15,455 cross-boundary ferry passengers on October 1, surpassing the daily record of 12,922 passengers set in 2015. Additionally, the daily sea-to-air and air-to-sea passenger numbers both broke new records, registering over 14,347 passengers on October 1 and 8,854 on October 7, respectively.