

Reach for the skies

For anyone who has ever dreamt of captaining a passenger jet, the chance to fulfil that dream has finally arrived. So buckle up for the flight of a lifetime

The aircraft swoops in low over the residential buildings of East Kowloon. It banks and turns over the rooftops of the city, missing windows by mere metres, flying between the buildings, almost touching the tops of the trees. Snippets of life – flower pots on a roof, a child cycling on the street and laundry flapping in the wind – open up in front of our eyes.

Finally, the runway of Kai Tak can be seen, extending out into Victoria Harbour. I draw on all my skills to land, battling the crosswinds and making last-minute adjustments to the flight path.

For landing at Kai Tak is one of the toughest jobs a pilot will ever have to do.

Finally the plane touches down. I breathe a satisfied sigh, unbuckle my seatbelt, exit the cockpit and head out to say goodbye to my relieved but happy passengers.

Except this time, there are no passengers. And I'm not a real pilot at all. I am just one of thousands of people who have a chance to relive the spectacular landing at Kai Tak – as the captain of the world's most popular airliner, the Boeing 737.

I experienced it all in the complete safety offered by one of the world's most advanced flight simulators, situated at MegaBox.

There are two simulators at MegaBox, operated by Flight Experience, the latest addition to the mall. Both simulators are open to anyone who has ever dreamt of captaining one of the world's greatest passenger jets and landing at Kai Tak, or indeed thousands of airports around the world.

Taking a flight in the simulator is a special experience. You enter through a cockpit door and on to the flight deck. Sitting beside you is your co-pilot, an actual commercial jet pilot who talks you through the flight. As you begin communication with air traffic control and taxi out on to the runway, the full view outside of the window and the ultra-realistic cockpit and controls will leave you in no doubt that you are actually flying a huge passenger airliner. What could be more fun?





Above: The crew at Flight Experience ensure the best service and make each and every flight an unforgettable one.
 Right: the landing involved skimming over the rooftops of residential blocks in the old Kowloon City.
 上：「飛行體驗」的機組人員提供完善的服務，務求每位參與者都有難忘的駕駛體驗。
 右：飛機往昔在九龍城的住宅樓頂上掠過。

The simulators are so big that only a mall with MegaBox's capacity is able to accommodate the two huge machines and infrastructure needed to run them. They are an almost exact replica of those that real pilots of Boeing 737 jets train to fly on, are fully enclosed and boast realistic 180 degree views and complete computer controlled avionic control systems.

Although the simulators can be flown by anyone aged 8 and older, regardless of their level of experience, they really come into their own when hired for a corporate day or afternoon out. Nothing could better reward a great job or pull a team of staff together better than this original and adventurous gift.

Flight Experience is not only about fun for your colleagues, it also offers an effective way to build leadership, stress management and teamwork.

Participants are guided through an exciting training course with the assistance of pilots and a skilled behavioural trainer offering a fantastic interactive experience.

A typical corporate event at Flight Experience incorporates the flight itself and a variety of other activities, including the chance to meet and chat with a pilot about the inner secrets of the aviation industry

Adding a bit of competition to the day is the 'Be

the Judge' option, where colleagues can judge each other to see who was the best pilot at the end of the day.

Flight Experience also offers catering for lunch and dinner, adding the perfect finishing touches to a corporate event.

In addition to takeoffs and landings, the simulators provide the ability to fly around thousands of the world's best known monuments, from Big Ben to the Sydney Opera House. For Hongkongers, a flight through Victoria Harbour is a must.

"Flight Experience is about making dreams come true, and many people's dream is to be able to fly a real jet. Now, at MegaBox, their dreams can be realised," says Alessandro Gadotti, managing director of Flight Experience, China.

"Flight Experience is a place of ingenuity, where people had to find creative and effective solutions to complex problems. As a city, Hong Kong is very much Flight Experience in this way, so the experience is perfect for the city."

For anyone who has dreamt of pinning a pair of wings to their jacket and reaching for the skies, a sure way to fulfil it is to buckle up for the trip of a lifetime.

So get flying now with a visit to:
www.flightexperience.com.hk or call 2359 0000





Above: The runway at Kai Tak stretches out into the harbour
Right: Customers at Flight Experience can choose from an array of souvenirs so they never forget their flight.
上：向外延伸至海港的前啟德機場跑道。右：各體驗飛行樂趣的顧客隨後可購買精美紀念品，以作留念。

飛行夢想剎那成真

我盯著窗外，飛機正在東九龍的住宅大廈上方低飛，與下面大廈的天台只有數米的距離。住宅窗外的植物及掛曬的衣物，以及孩子在街上玩耍的情景亦一目了然。啟德機場在密集的住宅後方出現，跑道延伸至維多利亞港。我控制著方向盤，留意著側風，作最後的調校，準備將飛機降落跑道。在啟德機場降落確是對機師技術的一大考驗。

飛機最後安全降落，我亦鬆一口氣，解開安全帶，離開駕駛艙，準備與後面歡呼拍掌的乘客道別。

不過這次後面沒有乘客，我亦非真正的飛機師。這次得以一試駕駛全球數量最多的航機 波音737客機，領略在啟德機場降落的難得體驗，全因MegaBox成功引入國際知名的「飛行體驗」，令我成為數千位能親身於飛行模擬器內體驗飛行樂趣的幸運兒。

「飛行體驗」於網羅不少全球頂尖品牌的MegaBox開設全新旗艦店。兩個飛行模擬器均參照波音737客機來建造，無論是富經驗的機師或新手，都可以嘗試起飛、降落，以及於全球主要城市之間飛來往返的樂趣。兩個飛行模擬器體積龐大，加上需要大型輔助裝置來確保機件可以順暢運行，只有MegaBox可提供足夠的店舖面積容納其裝置。

模擬飛行是難得的體驗。參加者先通過艙門進入模擬駕駛艙，坐在閣下旁邊的是擁有實際商業客機飛行經驗的副機長，他將協助你完成是次飛行旅程。當你開始與飛行控制塔通話，並將飛機駛進跑道準備起飛的時

候，180度的實景加上與真實無異偌大的機艙及控制顯示板，營造了無可媲美的駕駛環境和經驗。

不管你有沒有駕駛經驗，只要滿八歲便可一嘗擔任機師滋味。無論是機構聯歡，或只是與三五知己歡度一個下午，「飛行體驗」都能提供前所未有的歡樂。

玩樂之餘，與同事一同參加「飛行體驗」，亦有助提升領導才能、加強團隊精神及減低緊張的工作情緒。參加者可從經驗豐富的機師及行為教練身上學到所需的飛行經驗。作為機構聯誼活動，「飛行體驗」除提供模擬駕駛之外，參加者亦可與機師交流駕駛飛機及於航空業工作的心得，又或加入競賽元素，與參與模擬駕駛的同事比試飛行技術。此外，「飛行體驗」亦提供午餐或晚餐，令機構聯誼活動盡善盡美。

除於著名的維多利亞港低飛降落之外，「飛行體驗」亦提供於其他世界著名城市起飛及降落的選擇，參加者將可飛越倫敦大笨鐘及悉尼歌劇院等著名地標。

中國「飛行體驗」執行董事Alessandro Gadotti表示：「飛行是夢想的體驗，駕駛珍寶客機是不少人的夢想。「飛行體驗」標誌著精巧的設計，並以最有效的方法來解決最複雜的難題，香港作為創意盈溢的城市，最能夠代表「飛行體驗」的精神。」

若果你兒時已有於空中翱翔的幻想，請即登入 www.flightexperience.com.hk或致電2359 0000一嘗駕駛飛機的樂趣。

