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Dear Sir,

Application for Permission to Fly Radio Control Model Gliders in Country Parks

We are a non-profit organization registered under the Society Ordinance in Hong Kong with over 60 members. Our goals are to promote the sport and science of radio control soaring of model gliders, and to host r/c soaring competitions locally and internationally. We are writing to apply for your permission to our members flying radio controlled model gliders at various country parks in Hong Kong. In this regard we understand that the Government including your department has already allowed members of the Hong Kong Paragliders Association (see <http://www.glink.net.hk/~hkpa/>) to conduct paragliding activities at these places.

Our model gliders have wing span between 1 meter to 4 meters, which are much smaller than those paragliders which carry human payload. Our gliders have no engine and don't make any noise when they soar majestically on rising air currents generated as wind hitting the mountain slope. Like paragliding, the sport of r/c soaring is environmentally clean, safe and graceful! In fact, the sport is very popular worldwide and Hong Kong is picking up fast. Our society, the only one of this kind in Hong Kong, is very active in promoting the sport. We are planning to invite the officials from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the Government to access the potential of our sport for supports in the development for recreation and tourism purposes.

Due to the nature of the sport of r/c soaring, our flying grounds are those mountain slopes and cliffs very much similar to the paraglider pilots riding on. The best soaring sites in Hong Kong are those east-facing slopes in Ma On Shan near Ngong Ping, Fei Ngo Shan Range, Shek O Peak and Clearwater Bay, most of them are within the boundaries of Country Parks under your Department's authority. We understand that permission must be granted by your Department in order for us to fly legally within the County Parks. Since our club has a large number of members and we organize group activities including competitions for our members and oversea visitors, it is very difficult if not possible for our members to individually apply permission in order to fly model sailplanes in the Country Parks, we are therefore asking your Department the possibility of granting our club a permanent or at least yearly permission for all of our members and guests. We would be pleased to supply you any information as needed for the processing of this application.

Yours truly,

Stanley Chan
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