

Hong Kong giving away free air tickets to bring travellers

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Hong Kong : Hong Kong's airport authority plans to give away 500,000 airline tickets, worth HKD 2 billion (USD 254.8 million) for free.

"The airport authority will finalise the arrangement with airline companies. Once the government announces it will remove all Covid-19 restrictions for inbound travellers, we'll roll out the advertising campaigns for the free air tickets," Dane Cheng, executive director of the Hong Kong Tourism Board said.

Cheng explained that the free tickets were purchased to support Hong Kong's airlines amid the Covid-19 slump. He said that the airport authority will be distributing them to inbound and outbound travellers in 2023.

The Special Administrative Region (SAR) eliminated its long-held quarantine requirement for international visitors and downgraded its pre-travel testing requirements from negative PCR tests to negative rapid antigen tests.

However, travellers are still required to take post-arrival PCR tests on days 2, 4 and 6 of their visit, and take a rapid antigen test every day of the first week following their arrival.