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## Shanghai Krah Electronics / Mr. Chen vs. Singapore Airlines

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### Background

On 2 August 2006, the flight SQ815 of the Singapore Airlines took off from Shanghai Pudong International Airport to Singapore. When the aircraft was flying above Songjiang District, Shanghai, its engine went wrong, after circling for oil discharge the aircraft safely returned to Pudong Airport. Fortunately none of 291 passengers and 19 crew members was injured in the accident, but after the careful inspection the left engine turbine blade was found broken. In the meanwhile, Shanghai Pudong International Airport Hongqiao Branch was informed that five metal objects dropped above from the sky of Sijing Town, Songjiang District, which led to damages to a warehouse of a Shanghai electronics company as well as a car of Mr. Chen.

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### Processing Procedure

Our lawyers were entrusted by Singapore Airlines to handle this matter after they were informed that the five metal objects were most likely to be the fragments of the engine. We, on behalf of Singapore Airlines, contacted East China Regional Administration and gave a comprehensive report of this accident to them for their full understanding. At the same time, we also obtained the contact information of the victims from Public Security Bureau of Pudong Airport and Sijing Police Station. Afterwards, we, together with Singapore Airlines and related adjustment company, went to the scene of the accident for investigation. After the investigation report was issued, we accompanied relevant staffs of Singapore Airlines to go to Songjiang District again to make compensation to Mr. Chen for the damage of his car and express our great appreciation to the Shanghai electronics company who did not make a claim against Singapore Airlines.

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## Result of Disposition

Thanks to our timely action, East China Regional Administration of CAAC reached an understanding with Singapore Airlines while Shanghai Krah Electronics as well as Mr. Chen Yong-Yu has accepted our apology and compensation. Therefore, this accident has been satisfactorily settled.

## Implication

Aviation accidents always raise widespread public concern and consequently it is of great importance to handle the accidents in a moderate way. In case of the occurrence of such accident, seeking assistance from lawyers is the first resort because attorneys are capable of not only bettering coordination between airlines and corresponding parties, but also offering necessary legal services as well as solving compensation issues.

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