

The rising of drones: the new page of tech and life?

“Flying objects” everywhere!

Drones, also known as Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVS), are becoming more popular and widely used over the span of one mere decade. With the drastic development of technology, it is not surprising for all of us to see those “flying objects” in the sky, be it in the countryside or even near the skyscrapers in Hong Kong. You must be wondering why the trend of drones would come in this way, becoming popular in a flash. Let’s read on to know more about them!



Needless to say, drones are most likely used for capturing high-quality beautiful aerial footage above the ground as some places cannot be captured on our own even when we are high up on a hill. Some may think that this gives them a sense of satisfaction by controlling the drones to take pictures of the breathtaking views while some may think that it is relaxing to explore around. However, in recent years, diverse types of drones are available, from lower to higher prices. Some are of multi-functions and some are manufactured by prestigious tech companies. This trend definitely catches everyone off guard. Recently, a gaming firm has cooperated with a company inventing drones to provide an entertaining use of drones by connecting drones to gaming programmes. In pursuit of having more fun in the dull daily life, many people flock to buy this amazing drone. When VR glasses are worn, it feels as if you were a bird flying in the sky, viewing the scenery with no limitation. By controlling the drone yourself with an app on smartphone, you are able to go wherever you want. I know you must be driven by curiosity and want to give it a try, not merely to explore the nature, but also the other side of Hong Kong that cannot be seen in our daily life.

The downsides of drones

Without a shadow of doubt, people tend to buy refined drones to keep abreast with the latest technology to make the “impossible” possible in their daily life. However, when it comes to reality, the safety and privacy issues of using drones are still sparking some concerns. It is believed that the issue would become more pervasive if we do not raise our awareness. In terms of safety, drones flying in the sky may affect us and be a hazard to aircraft as some owners want to capture the fascinating scenes of airplanes setting off. In this situation, drones are flown close to airports and this may undoubtedly affect the preset journey of the airlines.

Apart from the effects on aircrafts, there may also be some negative effects brought to the community in Hong Kong. It is noteworthy that some people just want to give it a try and they may buy the most affordable one. Nevertheless, the crux of the matter is that most of these drones are of

low quality so technical problems may occur easily. Worse yet, they may get out of control when flying in the sky. This undeniably would cause an accident that not only damages the buildings, but also causes injuries of people surroundings, especially when they are flown in a “concrete jungle” with large crowds and populations like Hong Kong.

Talking about privacy, drones are also used for surveillance. It may be a good way to maintain security in the community but on the flip side some may use drones to commit crime. Being threatened by the captured images or videos, the victims are on tenterhooks every single day. Their every little behaviour or movement is captured and so they may be worried and anxious that those records would be spread online. Therefore, we should look into the issue and ensure our privacy is not intruded.

Further application of drones in society

There is no wonder that drones would be widely adopted in different business and government organizations in different prospects, including military, commercial, transportation, carrying medical supply and even providing rescue work. With only a few taps on the remote control or simply an app on smartphones, time, efforts and energy can be saved, which is beneficial to different types of business. Besides, productivity and efficiency would admittedly be increased.

Nowadays, with the rising trend of drones, whether it brings positive or negative impacts to our life depends on how we think about it. Think twice before using it.
