

## **CHINA CONTINUES TO TRUST IN THE ESMA TO TRAIN ITS PILOTS**

10 new Chinese cadets, all from the prestigious Chinese aeronautical university, the Civil Aviation Flight University of China (CAFUC), begin their airline pilot training today at ESMA which will last 14 months.

Providing a dual accreditation by both the European authorities (JAA) and the Chinese authorities (CAAC), the training will be delivered entirely by ESMA at its Montpellier site.

The CAFUC, the largest aeronautical training institution in the world, is continuing its European partnership with ESMA which it chose for the quality of its teaching, the modernity of its training aids and the ideal flying conditions.

This is taking place within the framework of a partnership signed in November 2009 and brings the number of Chinese students trained at the Montpellier site to 48.

All accommodated at the aero-campus, these students will join the largest Chinese airlines at the end of their training.

The ESMA currently has more than 140 international student airline pilots of 11 different nationalities (Asia, India, Africa and Eastern Europe).

*The CAFUC is a leading aeronautical university in China and is known throughout the world. It represents the benchmark for aeronautical training and benefits from a unique experience. Specialising today in the training of airline pilots, air hostesses/stewards, air traffic controllers and aeronautical engineers, it is spread across 9 sites in China and operates a fleet of 236 aircraft and 35 flight simulators and carries out more than 200,000 flying hours each year.*

*The ESMA Aviation Academy occupies a unique position in training for the four major aviation occupations: Airline Pilot, Air Hostess/Steward, Maintenance Technician and airport ground staff. A strategic partner of Airbus, ATR and EADS, the ESMA is broadening its expertise through carrying out international consultation projects which have allowed it to create two subsidiaries in Vietnam and China. The school consists of 140 employees across its two main sites at Montpellier and Paris. More than 2,500 training courses are delivered annually by more than 100 highly qualified instructors. The ESMA operates a fleet of latest-generation aircraft and flight simulators and has carried out more than 22,000 flying hours in 2010. Its website [www.esma.fr](http://www.esma.fr) has registered more than 250,000 visits in 2010.*

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