

PRESS RELEASE

Arrival of the first Chinese pilot cadets at the ESMA Aviation Academy

The first group of 7 cadets from China United Airlines joined the ESMA Aviation Academy in Montpellier on January 8th 2010. Their training will take place at the Montpellier site and will enable them to join the China United Airlines team of pilots.

The cadets selected by ESMA last November will follow a theoretical and practical training approved by the French and Chinese aviation authorities. This training will enable them to obtain both a European license and a Chinese license delivered by the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

The Chinese cadets will fly on the latest generation of Diamond DA40 and DA42 as well as the new DA42 flight simulators purchased by ESMA in 2009.

After this first batch of cadets, ESMA will be well positioned for the training of a further larger group of 30 to 50 cadets from China United Airlines in 2010.

The welcome ceremony for these new cadets was held on January 11th 2009 at ESMA, in the presence of Mr YAO WEI HUI the CEO and the senior management of China United Airlines.

This batch of cadets will be the first of many from the various airlines and universities in China to participate in the training ESMA programme in 2010 and beyond.



CHINA UNITED AIRLINES is a Chinese airline subsidiary of Shanghai Airlines and of the China Aviation Supplies Import and Export Group Corporation (CASGC). Created in 1986, it operates regular and charter flights leaving from Beijing, its home base. China United Airlines owns a float of 7 aircrafts type Boeing 737 with a network of approximately 20 destinations.

Today the airline is in full expansion with new aircraft on order due for arrival at the start of 2010.

The ESMA Aviation Academy is the sole multi disciplinary school in France covering the 4 main sectors of aviation: airline pilot, maintenance engineer, cabin crew and airport careers. Partners of AIRBUS and ATR as well as EADS, ESMA is also developing its business development and consultancy projects within the aeronautical industry. ESMA employs over 130 people and trains over 2500 people per year. ESMA has its main site in MONTPELLIER and a 2nd site in PARIS (Val D'Europe), open since January 2009. ESMA has also created two affiliates in VIETNAM (Ho Chi Min City) and CHINA (Sanya).

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January 11th 2010, first theoretical ATPL course for China United Airlines cadets



January 11th 2010, Signature of the contract with China United Airlines

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