

## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **ESMA Aviation Academy WELCOMES THE GREATEST UNIVERSITY OF CHINESE CIVIL AVIATION ON JANUARY 25<sup>th</sup> AND 26<sup>th</sup> 2010 IN MONTPELLIER**

On 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010, in Montpellier, the ESMA Aviation Academy had the privilege of hosting a visit from the top management of the Civil Aviation Flight University of China (CAFUC), led by the Vice President Mr Guan Lixin.

This visit follows the signing in 2009 of a 5 year cooperation agreement between Mr Zheng Xiaoyong, CAFUC President and Mr Jean Durand, ESMA Aviation Academy, and in the presence of Mr Li Hai, President of the China Aviation Supplies Holding Company (CASC); at an official ceremony held in Guanchen (Sichuan Province, China). This agreement is a joint venture enabling the training of Chinese pilot cadets under European regulation, and strengthens our position in the highly competitive Chinese market.

The agreement between the two aeronautics schools focuses on the training of CAFUC students by ESMA for the following careers:

- Airline Pilots
- Flight Attendants
- Maintenance Technicians

CAFUC, the greatest aeronautics training institution in the world, selected ESMA as a partner in Europe because of the quality of its training, its modern educational tools and for the multidisciplinary nature of its activities in the training and consulting areas.

This partnership with CAFUC also strengthens the bond between Montpellier and Chengdu, twinned cities for the last 25 years.

There will be additional investment in 2010 in the ESMA Aviation Academy with the acquisition of new aircraft and the recruitment of qualified flight and ground instructors.

This collaboration follows ESMA's agreement with China United Airlines, signed in November 2009, whose first cadets arrived at the ESMA Aviation Academy on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010 to begin the 14 month training.

The first CAFUC cadets are expected in Montpellier in March 2010.

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## Civil Aviation Flight University of China

The **CAFUC** is a leading aeronautics school in China and is recognized worldwide. It is the reference for the aeronautics training and its experience is unique. Today, specializing in the training of airline pilots, flight attendants, air traffic controllers and aeronautics engineers, it occupies 9 sites in China and owns a fleet of 236 aircraft, 35 flight simulators and achieves more than 200 000 flight hours annually.

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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