



ESMA WELCOMES 40 NEW YOUNG PILOTS OF VIETNAM AIRLINES

Following the latest contract, signed on the 30th March 2009 in Hanoi with the national airline company of Vietnam , **VIETNAM AIRLINES**, a new group of 40 young pilots have joined the **ESMA Training Academy** on the 20th et 23rd May 2009. Their training, which will have a duration period of 18 months, will take place entirely on **ESMA's Montpellier site**, and will allow them at the conclusion of the training, to join the major role of being an airline pilot for **VIETNAM AIRLINES** on both ATR and AIRBUS aircraft.

This new group brings to 80 the total number of young Vietnamese pilots on ESMA's site. It is the largest ever contingent of trainees entrusted to a foreign training academy by **VIETNAM AIRLINES**, and shows the confidence that this airline company has in the exceptional quality of training produced at ESMA.

More than 160 Vietnamese pilots have already been fully trained at **ESMA**, and today are airline pilots for the national airline company of Vietnam

In order to assure their development, **ESMA** have since the end of 2007 put in place an ambitious **investment program**, with the purchasing of **10 new Diamond aircraft**. **Two new simulators DA42** have also been purchased, and were approved on the 24th March 2009. Today, they are in full operational condition.

The welcoming ceremony for the **VNA8** took place this morning at **ESMA**, with several Vietnamese guides from the **Flight Training Centre**, the FTO team, and the committee members of the Management Committee.



The VNA8 group



Vietnam Airlines and ESMA

We wish our 40 new Vietnamese trainees a pleasant stay at our training academy. Finally, in liaison with this contract, **ESMA** is currently in advanced talks with **Vietnam Airlines** for the addition of 40 new trainees before the end of this year, and with **Viet Fly Training** for an initial group of 25 trainees (theoretical training in Vietnam and practical training in France).