



€53M WORTH CONTRACT - ESTABLISHMENT OF BAA TRAINING CHINA

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Avia Solutions Group and Henan Civil Aviation Development and Investment Company (HNCA) signed a Joint Venture agreement, which marks the start of establishment of new entity BAA Training China. Being a part of Avia Solutions Group, BAA Training together with HNCA will operate a commercial aircraft aviation-training center in Zhengzhou city, Henan province (China) in order to become a prime choice aviation-training provider for China based airlines.

BAA Training is delivering its 20 years of experience in pilot and cabin crew training services and solutions together with its IT, sales, marketing, quality control solutions to Chinese aviation market. According to the agreement, the training center will operate under a franchise license and will be located in strategically chosen location at Zhengzhou Airport Economic Zone (ZAEZ) as it is just within several minutes' drive from Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport (CGO).

BAA Training China center with planned investments for more than 60 million USD (53 million EUR) will be equipped with new state-of-the-art training devices and 6 full flight simulators

including Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 family aircraft types to provide a full scope of pilot, cabin crew and ground handling aviation training. It is planned that the first full flight simulator will be ready for training in second half of 2020. Training center is expected to supply up to 40.000 hours per year in full flight simulator for current and new pilots. Total capacity of training center will be 4000 pilots per year. Company planning to serve more than 30.000 hours of theoretical training courses per year as well. BAA Training delivering training services all around the globe pays a great attention ensuring pilots' comfort during training time, therefore it is planned to equip brand new BAA Training China training centre with a luxury relax lounge with a library, massage seats and various entertainment.

As the experts forecast the strong need of commercial airline pilots, BAA Training and HNCA have a mutual agreement to contribute to the aviation community preparing high quality aviation professionals. According to the CAAC the country's civil aviation, the industry in China is experiencing sustained growth: the annual flying time has soared to 10.5 million hours up from 6.19 million hours over the past five years. As the Boeing and Airbus predict up to 325,000 pilots will be needed between today and 2037 in the Middle East and the Asia Pacific regions. While China's fleet alone is expected to more than double reaching 18% share of the world's fleet.

"This is a next step in our diligent pursuit towards strategic goal to have 50 FFS network by 2025 and to become a leading, independent from FFS manufacturers, full-scope aviation training service provider for global aviation industry. We just recently opened our new location with capacity of 4 full flight simulators in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and we are planning to step into Italy and Spain with our own simulators and training programs by the end 2021", says Gediminas Ziemelis, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Avia Solutions Group

"Combining the specific BAA Training know-how in aviation training built through 20 years of experience, with Avia Solutions Group aviation business solutions and expertise, and working closely with Civil Aviation Administration of China – BAA Training China not only will identify and understand but also fulfill China aviation training needs with the highest quality solutions", comments Egle Vaitkeviciute CEO at BAA Training.

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