BLUE SKIES OPENS TECNAM-BASED FLIGHT TRAINING ACADEMY

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Tecnam partnership with Blue Skies Aviation Solutions marks the launch of a newly formed Approved Training Organization in Sri Lanka. To build a world-class pilot training capability from the ground up, Blue Skies Aviation has selected an all-Tecnam fleet, acquiring three P-Mentors and one P2006T NG. Purpose-built to deliver structured professional pilot training for students across the South Asian Region, the new Blue Skies Aviation Academy will commence operations with an initial intake of 15 student pilots. Supported by a planned four intakes per year, the academy is scaled to achieve an annual training capacity of up to 60 students.

The approved training scope covers Private Pilot License (PPL), Commercial Pilot License (CPL), and Visual/Instrument Flight Rules (VFR/IFR) training. By standardizing on the Tecnam P-Mentor and the twin-engine P2006T NG, the academy provides a complete, seamless progression pathway from ab-initio to advanced pilot qualifications based on a common aircraft philosophy and

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modern glass-cockpit avionics.

Don Asitha Manage, Accountable Manager and Managing Director of Blue Skies Aviation Solutions, commented: ″The launch of our Approved Training Organization marks an important milestone for Blue Skies Aviation Solutions as we invest in building a state-of-the-art pilot training capability in Sri Lanka. By partnering with Tecnam and standardizing our fleet around purpose-built training aircraft, we are establishing a strong foundation focused on safety, training quality, and regulatory compliance from day one. This initial intake represents the first phase of a scalable training model designed to support the long-term development of professional pilots aligned with international standards."

Walter Da Costa, Tecnam Chief Sales Officer, stated: ″We are honored to be the aircraft of choice for Blue Skies Aviation Solutions as they bring this visionary new academy to Sri Lanka. Starting a new ATO requires a flawless foundation, and the combination of the P-Mentor and the P2006T NG is exactly that. It is the most modern, efficient, and profitable training fleet available on the market today. We are excited to support Blue Skies Aviation in their mission to elevate professional pilot training in the South Asian region and look forward to seeing their cadets take to the skies in our aircraft."

The partnership with Tecnam provides Blue Skies Aviation with a modern training platform that directly enhances operational efficiency. The fuel-efficient design and lower life-cycle maintenance costs of the P-Mentor and P2006T NG deliver a highly competitive cost per flight hour, supporting sustainable economics during the start-up phase. Furthermore, the EASA CS-23 certification and widespread global adoption of Tecnam aircraft facilitate regulatory acceptance and future international positioning for the ATO.

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