LOONG AIR MARKS MILESTONE WITH FIRST CAE A320 SIMULATOR READY-FOR-TRAINING AT NEW HANGZHOU TRAINING CENTRE

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CAE announced that Loong Air's first CAE-built A320 full-flight simulator is now ready-for-training at the airline's newly constructed training facility in Hangzhou, China. This milestone marks a significant step in Loong Air's strategy to expand and enhance its pilot training capabilities.The CAE A320 simulator is the first device installed in Loong Air's new facility, setting the foundation for a modern training environment. By leveraging CAE's advanced solutions, Loong Air enhances operational efficiency and accelerates pilot readiness. CAE will provide Loong Air with three Airbus A320 full-flight simulators and three flight training devices, with options for additional simulators in the future. Two additional FFSs are scheduled to be ready-for-training in 2026.

Alexandre Prévost, President, Civil Aviation, CAE commented: "We are thrilled to welcome Loong Air as a new customer to CAE. As they grow their fleet and pilot base, we look forward to

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supporting their vision with advanced training solutions that deliver immersive experiences and prepare their pilots for the moments that matter. This partnership highlights CAE's commitment to innovation and to helping airlines in China meet the evolving demands of modern aviation."

Liu Qihong, Chairman of Loong Air stated: "Partnering with CAE, a global leader in aviation training, is a significant step for Loong Air as we expand our capabilities. The installation of our first CAE-built A320 full-flight simulator reflects our commitment to providing world-class training for our pilots. CAE's reputation for excellence and innovation gives us confidence that we are equipping our crews with the highest standards of safety and operational performance."

Loong Air currently operates a fleet of 74 A320 family aircraft and employs more than 800 pilots. The new CAE simulators feature the CAE Prodigy visual system, delivering exceptional image quality and an immersive training environment that enhances realism and pilot engagement.

This partnership strengthens CAE's footprint in Asia-Pacific, a region where demand for skilled pilots is projected to surge. According to CAE's 2025 Aviation Talent Forecast, more than 98,000 new commercial pilots will be needed in this market over the next decade. By supporting Loong Air's long-term training strategy with advanced solutions, CAE is helping address this growing demand while strengthening its role as a trusted partner in the region.

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