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Inaugural Dragonair MPL training commences with OAA

Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA) today celebrates the inauguration of Multi Crew Pilot Licence (MPL) training for Hong Kong-based international airline partner Dragonair. Working in partnership under the approval of the HKCAD, OAA and Dragonair have developed an innovative MPL programme which is the first of its kind to be launched in Hong Kong.

This exciting and significant development between OAA and Dragonair will provide not only another complementary means of supply of high quality professional pilots for the airline but will also enable Dragonair to fully evaluate the new MPL as a potential high volume training route through which many more of their cadet pilots could be trained in the future.

Following a joint OAA and Dragonair selection process in Hong Kong, the first course of 12 cadets have been selected to commence their ATPL Ground Training at the OAA Hong Kong training centre in October with a planned completion date and MPL issued by the HKCAD some 70 weeks later. Phases 1 and 2 of MPL training are scheduled to be completed at the OAA training centre in Melbourne after which the cadets will return to Hong Kong to complete Phase 3 with OAA. Phase 4 and aircraft base training will be completed in-house by the Dragonair training team.

The inauguration of Dragonair MPL training represents the third such training partnership of its kind for OAA adding to the two training programmes already in progress with European airline partners Flybe and easyJet.

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About Oxford Aviation Academy (OAA):

OAA is one of the World's leading independent providers of innovative aviation training and resourcing services. It is truly unique in its ability to offer a fully integrated global flight crew supply chain.

With locations across Europe, Asia-Pacific and Australia, OAA offers integrated "Total Training Solutions" tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 102 training aircraft, 64 simulators and 10 training centres delivering an innovative and comprehensive portfolio of aviation training courses.

OAA's 3 ab Initio airline pilot training schools are amongst the World's most respected and have trained over 26,000 professional pilots during the past 50 years.

OAA's 7 type training centres combine to offer approved flight crew, cabin crew and aircraft maintenance training on a range of aircraft types including Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier, BAE Systems and Embraer.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to the aviation industry, currently providing 1000 personnel on assignments to over 50 organisations in 30 countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation.

About Dragonair:

Dragonair, an affiliate member of **oneworld**, is a Hong Kong-based international airline, and a member of the Cathay Pacific Group. Established in 1985, the airline now operates a fleet of 15 A330-300s, six A321s and 11 A320s providing quality passenger and cargo services. The airline's network covers 33 destinations across the Asia-Pacific region, including 17 in Mainland China.

Dragonair operates over 400 flights a week to the Mainland, offering quality services to passengers around the region. The airline's expertise has been recognised in its winning the Best Airline – China category for six consecutive years in the respected Skytrax passenger survey. It has also been voted "Best Regional Airline – SE Asia" in the survey in 2008 and "World's Best Regional Airline" in both 2010 and 2011.

Dragonair aims to ensure that its passengers' in-flight experience is as enjoyable and as comfortable as possible. The influence of traditional Asian hospitality is felt on each Dragonair flight through the personal service and attention to detail provided by dedicated and professional cabin staff. The airline is committed to continuous improvements in service to provide its passengers with an even more pleasurable and comfortable flying experience.

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