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Oxford Aviation Academy collaborates with Indian flight school to launch combined CPL refresher and B737 and A320 type rating training programs for the Indian market

Oxford Aviation Academy ("OAA"), in partnership with one of India's leading flight schools, has launched a training program designed specifically for the Indian market. The program, specifically developed for holders of Indian CPLs, will provide a training bridge from a CPL licence through to successfully completing a comprehensive type rating program.

The newly launched program will incorporate a short CPL and IR refresher course conducted in India at Yash Air followed by a comprehensive and extended entry level type rating program conducted by OAA in Europe. The type rating training will initially cover the Boeing 737 and Airbus 320 types.

After two years of minimal airline recruitment and large numbers of redundancies, the Indian pilot recruitment market is now open for business again. With an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 registered CPL holders available, airlines will have no shortage of pilots to choose from. Licence holders can expect a tough, highly competitive market where they will need to stand out from the crowd to secure employment.

Mike Humphreys of OAA commented: *"Recent recruitment campaigns in India have targeted type rated pilots and given the pilot supply dynamics in the Indian market, this is a trend which is likely to continue for some time. Securing employment will depend on whether applicants are able to differentiate themselves from the competition and we believe that this is best done through demonstrating training pedigree. This new program is designed to specifically achieve this."*

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About Oxford Aviation Academy

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



With locations in Beijing, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hong Kong, London (Gatwick), London (Heathrow), Manchester, Melbourne, Oslo, Oxford, Phoenix, Shannon, Stockholm and Tokyo, OAA provides integrated "Total Training Solutions" tailored to meet the particular needs of any airline customer worldwide.

OAA operates: 105 training aircraft, 64 simulators and 10 training centres delivering an innovative and comprehensive portfolio of aviation training courses.

Parc Aviation, OAA's resourcing division, is the global market leader in providing aviation personnel on lease to airlines, MROs, aircraft manufacturers and aircraft leasing organisations; currently providing 1,000 personnel on assignment to 50 organisations in 30 different countries.

OAA is owned by STAR Capital Partners and the GE Corporation. *Additional information can be found at www.oaa.com*

About Yash Air

Yash Air is one of India's largest and the most well established ab initio flight schools. Yash Air operates from 3 airfields in Indore and Mumbai and has an excellent track record of placing its cadets at some of India's largest airlines. Additional information can be found at www.yashair.com

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