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From the Publisher's Desk

China's aviation gears for the 2008 Olympics

As the much-anticipated 29th Olympic Games draws near, China is increasingly preparing not only its capital but the entire country as well to play host to the grand historic event that will take place in Beijing in 2008. Part of this heightened preparation goes to the many sectors of the aviation industry. Both the airports and the air transport industry which will serve as the front liners of the land are doubling their efforts to make sure everything is ready and well taken care of.

In this issue of the China Civil Aviation Report, Beijing Capital International Airport's third runway and Tianjin Binhai International Airport were reported to have passed acceptance and will be ready in time for the Olympics. On the other hand, airports as well as carriers in China have put forth tight measures on safety and security in management and operation. Both domestic and international carriers such as Qantas have sent letters to China's aviation authorities seeking added flights and opening new routes to keep up with the growing demands of the upcoming event.

Also in this issue, China welcomes more ventures and open ties on bilateral cooperation with the rest of the world. With its increasing development on the aviation industry, China continues to foster rapport with the international community. Several examples of this include China's election for the second time as a Council Member State of ICAO, China's university training of aviation professionals from the South Pacific islands and the signing agreements and visitation with other countries. While most of the present developments seen in China's aviation are meant to focus on accommodating the volume of aircraft and serving better the expected influx of passengers and cargoes that will fill up Beijing in August, China continues to make ready not just for the Olympics but for the next bigger phase of Chinese aviation.

中国航空迎接2008奥运会

当引人注目的第二十九届奥运会即将到来之际，中国不仅在北京，而且在全国范围内积极备战即将在北京举办的2008年奥运会。许多航空业的各部门也投入到积极准备中。机场与航空运输业作为服务前沿，正在尽全力做好一切准备工作。

本期《民航报道》中，介绍了北京首都国际机场第三条跑道与天津滨海国际机场均已通过验收，并将及时投入奥运会期间的使用。另一方面，中国的机场与航空公司均已对航空安全与保安的管理与运行采取了严格的措施。包括澳大利亚快达（Qantas）航空公司在内的多家国内国际航空公司为满足为此盛会而出现的快速增长需求，均向中国民航总局提交了增加航班与开辟新航线的申请。

还有，中国乐于与世界各国建立与开放双边合作关系。随着其航空业的快速成长，中国与国际社会的关系将得到进一步和谐发展。例如：中国再次当选为国际民用航空组织理事国，中国为南太平洋岛国培养航空专业型人才，访问并与其他国家签署协议。现在中国航空发展很大程度上是为了更好地满足与服务明年八月在北京涌现出的大量飞机、旅客与货邮流量。中国不仅仅在为迎接奥运会而做准备，而是为了迎接即将到来的更大的中国航空业而持续努力着。



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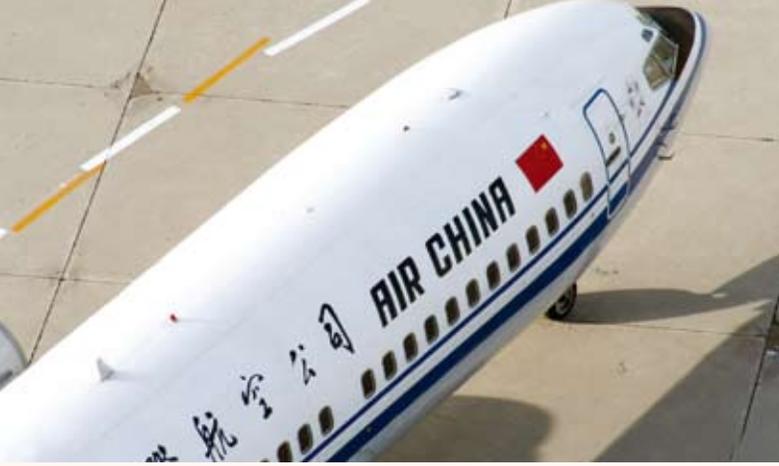
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Aviation Headlines

Beijing Airport's third runway passes inspection

首都国际机场第三条跑道已通过民航总局验收

Beijing Capital International Airport's newly constructed third runway has passed acceptance inspection of China's civil aviation authority and is ready for operation beginning October 29th.

Based on the findings of the examination group from the General Administration of the Civil Aviation of China (CAAC), the runway construction met the required standards. Yang Guoqing, deputy head of the CAAC, urged the airport to prepare emergency and transition plans and intensify workforce training to ensure safe operation of the new runway.

Apart from the runway, a 420,000 sq.m. terminal three building, an additional 100 aprons, a cargo zone and auxiliary facilities

-- which would enable the airport to accommodate 60 million passengers and handle 1.8 million tons of cargo each year -- are to be constructed.

The third runway -- in addition to the two existing runways and two terminals, which can handle a combined capacity of 35 million passengers a year -- will form part of BCIA's expansion project to help augment the airport's operation demand in the upcoming 29th Olympic Games, to be held in Beijing in 2008.

The monthly arrival of passengers at the airport during the Olympics is expected to reach 5.56 million. This is equivalent to the normal transport volume predicted for 2015.

BCIA's expansion project will help augment the airport's operation demand in the upcoming 29th Olympic Games.



In addition, says the controlling officer director of BCIA, Yang Fei, there will also be an increase in the arrival and departure capacity of the airport, from 80 flights to 115 flights per hour, when the third terminal goes into operation next February.

China Considers Cutting Back Aircraft Tax

中国民航总局：国内飞机进口购租税有望下调

With the emergent demand in bringing China in line with international aviation standards, the Chinese government is seriously considering decreases in aircraft import and leasing taxes.

According to Sha Hongjiang, vice director of the Planning and Development Department of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), "China's tax on the import and leasing

of aircraft is higher than most countries in Europe and the US. Many European countries, such as Germany and UK, levy no taxes on aircraft imports, so we are considering cutting the tax."

Tariffs and value-added tax on aircraft imports ranged from 5.04 to 22.85 percent. Buyers must pay 5.04 percent of the price of an aircraft with deadweight of more than 25 tons and 22.85 percent below 25 tons.

Current taxes on aircraft leasing ranges from seven to ten percent, with aviation materials and components facing a 17 percent tax.

Sha did not disclosed further details on the tax cut plan when he made his remarks during the China Aviation Congress 2007, bearing the theme, "Bringing innovation to China's aviation industry," held on October 24 in Beijing, China.

CAAC to subsidize RMB 1B for development

国家每年10亿补贴支线航空

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) is allotting RMB 1 billion, around US\$ 133 million, for the development of regional aviation starting this year.

According to CAAC Minister Yang Yuanyuan of the RMB 1 billion, over RMB 600 million will be allotted for the development of medium and small airports, and over RMB 300 million

will be allocated for medium and small airlines.

Under the "Civil Aviation Medium and Small Airports Subsidy Management Regulation" issued by the CAAC, regional aviation, medium and small airports -- including regional airports and regional flight sectors within the province -- airlines with less than 600 kilometers in air routes, and all medium and small airports whose

passenger throughput are less than 5 million person times, qualify to apply for a subsidy.

Zhou Laizhen, Director of the Finance Department of the CAAC, said that they receive numerous applications yearly for this program. The amount of subsidy per approved application varies based on the CAAC's evaluation of the airport's or airline's present conditions.

Zhonghang Avionics founded in Beijing

中航航空电子有限公司在京成立

Zhonghang Avionics Company Ltd of AVIC 1 was founded in Beijing on September 25th.

The company's establishment marked the beginning of China's leap in avionics. China has now moved forward from developing equipment and subsystems to developing and integrating giant systems.

The company will facilitate the centralization of domestic advanced avionics technology and high quality resources, develop homemade civil large aircraft avionics system and equipment, improve international popularity and

explore the international market.

AVIC 1 integrated the group-affiliated avionics of three aircraft design institutes and the entire resources of five airborne avionics institutes to set up Zhonghang Avionics. This is in compliance with the strategy transferring policy of "specialization integration, capitalization operation, industrialization development."

The company, with its headquarters in Beijing, was established according to the requirements of modern enterprise, and has a registered capital of RMB 300 million.



AVIC 1 Zhonghang Avionics Company's founding ceremony marked the beginning of China's leap in avionics.

China Civil Aviation up in first three quarters of 2007

民航总局公布1至9月份航空运输生产统计情况

The entire air transport production industry of China shows strong signs of development from January to September of this year, based on statistical data gathered by the Statistic Department of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC).

According to CAAC statistics for the first three quarters of 2007, industry air transport production was up. Total traffic throughput reached 26.57 billion ton kilometers, and cargo and mail traffic reached 2.879 million tons, an increase of 18.3 percent and 13.9 percent on a year-on-year basis. The influx of passenger volume reached 138.612 million, higher by 16.2 percent compared to the same period last year.

Accordingly, a total transport throughput of 19.54224 billion ton

kilometers -- an 11.6 percent rise over last year -- was realized among the three large airline groups: China Southern, China Eastern and Air China. Among the newly established airlines, Spring Airlines, Lucky Air, East Star Airlines, China United Airlines, China Express Airlines, and Juneyao Airlines have all shown increases exceeding one-hundred percent of the total throughput on the first three quarter of this year compared to the same period last year.

The statistical data also confirms that during the first three quarters of this year alone, the flight passengers' load factor is at a considerably higher level with the entire civil aviation passenger load factor increasing about 76 percent, a two percent rise on a year-on-year basis, while the scheduled flights load factor

grew 66.5, a 0.6 percent rise, indicating a strong growth trend for both domestic and international flights.

From January to September of 2007, the entire air transport industry generated a profit of RMB 13.72 billion with the profit level of airlines, airports and service enterprises increasing on a year-to-year basis, adding to China's continued economic prosperity.



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CAAC Updates

China elected council member of ICAO

中国继续当选为国际民用航空组织一类理事国

China was again elected as a first category council member state of ICAO on September 22nd during its 36th Session, held in Montreal, Canada.

According to an official of the CAAC Representative Office in ICAO, 167 countries participated in the election. Aside from China, also elected as first category council member states were Germany, Italy, Japan, France, Australia, United States, Russia, Brazil, UK, and Canada.

The meeting, inaugurated on September 18th, covered such topics as aviation safety and security, air travel, environment protection, air transport policy, and various aviation economy, medicine and law issues.

The China delegation, headed by CAAC Vice Minister Yang Guoqing, attended the meeting.

The ICAO assembly is held every three years. At present, it has 36 council member states of which 11 are first category council members.

CAAC signs diseases prevention pact with ICAO

中国民航总局与ICAO共同合作防止传染病传播

With China's furthering commitment to safer flight, an international pact to prevent the spread of communicable diseases via air travel was signed between the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) and the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on October 22 in Xi'an, China.

The pact, entitled "Cooperative Arrangement for Preventing the Spread of Communicable Diseases through Air Travel," otherwise known as the CAPSCA Project, was signed by CAAC Deputy Head Yang Guoqing and ICAO President Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez during the 44th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation Asia and Pacific Region held in the northwestern Chinese city of Xi'an.

"I hoped to ensure passengers' clean and safe air travel through the agreement and CAAC's efforts," said Yang. He further stated that CAAC has selected two experienced aeronautical medical experts to join ICAO's panel of experts, which is charged to make evaluations about the precautionary measures on diseases taken by the airports in the Asia-Pacific region, including the Beijing Capital International Airport, Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport.

Jointly initiated by the ICAO, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Air Transportation Association (IATA) and the Airports Council International (ACI) to answer the issues of aviation safety and security, the CAPSCA Project aims to reduce the risk of spreading avian influenza and similar communicable diseases via air travel.

CAAC, COSTIND establish Joint Promotion Commission

民用航空器适航联合推进委员会在京正式成立

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the Commission of Science Technology and Industry for National Defense (COSTIND) established the Civil Aircraft Airworthiness Joint Promotion Commission on September 26th.

Li Jian, vice minister of CAAC, and Jin Zhuanglong, vice director of COSTIND – both directors of the Joint Promotion Commission – attended the establishment conference in Beijing.

The two officials awarded the plates to the two technical support units, both affiliated with the Joint Promotion Commission: the Airworthiness Technology Research and Management Center and the Airworthiness Examination and Authorization Technology Research and Management Center.

The aims of the Civil Aircraft Airworthiness Joint Promotion Commission were: to strengthen development of the China civil aviation industry; to integrate and plan the construction of civil aircraft airworthiness examination, authorization and basic airworthiness validation capability; to vigorously develop an airworthiness science technology base and standard regulations research; to improve coordination between civil aviation airworthiness examination, authorization management and civil aviation industry research and production; to cultivate special airworthiness talents; to promote international cooperation and exchange; and to boost civil aircraft airworthiness work.

The main roles of the joint commission include: to organize and establish strategy, plan and policy for civil aircraft airworthiness development; to study and decide important issues on airworthiness, such as management, examination and authorization, standard, validation technology, basic skill construction, and special talents team construction; to promote international bilateral airworthiness; and to coordinate and solve the important problems of civil aircraft airworthiness.

According to CAAC Vice Minister Li Jian, current China civil aviation reform and development is at a new historic starting point. The period between now and 2020 will be the key for China to fulfill the historic stride transforming it from a big civil aviation country into a great civil aviation country. He also said that this period was an important time to establish a "new generation air transport system".

An office for the Civil Aircraft Airworthiness Joint Promotion was separately established by the Commission to act as its working organization. It will be incorporated in the third department of the system project of COSTIND and the Airworthiness Examination and Authorization Department of CAAC. There will also be two technical support units affiliated

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with the Commission: the COSTIND CAAC Airworthiness Technology Research and Management Center set up in the China Aero-Polytechnology Establishment, and the CAAC COSTIND Airworthiness Examination and Authorization Technology Research and Management Center based in the Civil Aviation University of China.

CAAC and COSTIND establishment conference on Airworthiness Joint Promotion Commission is determined to establish a "new generation air transport system" for China.



China, Pakistan sign control transfer agreement

中巴签订管制移交协议

On October 7, Xinjiang Air Traffic Management Bureau (ATMB) of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) and the Pakistan National Air Traffic Management signed a control transfer agreement in Urumqi.

According to the implementing RVSM work plan of ATMB, the signing of the control transfer agreement with Pakistan signifies that Xinjiang ATMB of CAAC has successfully concluded the signing of seven domestic and foreign control transfer agreements as well as the memorandum of understanding.

The director, Cao Qiong, and vice director, Zeng Zhaolin of Xinjiang ATMB of CAAC, signed the agreement, and later participated in an interview with the delegates from Pakistan.

They were also able to discuss the issues concerning the implementation of the reduced vertical separation minimum (RVSM) and further bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the aviation field.

CAFUC signs agreement with FIT

佛罗里达理工学院与中国飞院缔结成姊妹院校

The Civil Aviation Flight University of China (CAFUC) and the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) inked an agreement on October 10th to further academic tie-ups between the two as sister universities.

The FIT delegation led by its president, Dr. Catanese, and CAFUC President Zheng Xiaoyong signed an agreement to foster academic cooperation between the two institutions. Cheng Buke and Wu Xuyong, vice presidents of CAFUC; Dr. McCay, deputy vice president of FIT; and Dr. Barker, International Cooperation Department of FIT, witnessed the negotiation.

President Zheng Xiaoyong welcomed the FIT delegation arriving from Florida on November 8th and met with them to exchange opinions on common issues of concern. Zheng Xiaoyong said that CAFUC and FIT share common ideas on education. He wished to further increase common cooperation that would help them each overcome challenges.

Dr. Catanese gave an orientation of FIT and applauded CAFUC for its contribution on China civil aviation and for its many achievements. He expressed his intent to develop further cooperation with CAFUC.

As part of the agreement, CAFUC will select and send flight and mechanic students to FIT for study; select and send graduate students to FIT as assistants; and promote

an exchange of scholars between the two universities every academic year.

The agreement also indicated that since 1996, under the support of CAAC and Boeing, FIT and CAFUC have demonstrated extensive and effective education cooperation, signing a MOU to further promote education advancement, cultural exchange, and promoting the implementation of cooperation projects mutually recognized by both institutions.

The FIT delegation, with the CAFUC officials, visited the Civil Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Safety Research Base, Simulation Center, and Guanghan Branch.

CAFUC and FIT officials led by Presidents' Zheng Xiaoyong and Dr. Catanese post for photo during the signing of agreement to promote tie-ups between the two academic institutions.



Hong Kong, Shenzhen airports to establish bilateral cooperation

港深将成立联合专责小组 促进两地机场合作

Hong Kong and Shenzhen are planning to create a joint special group that will promote bilateral cooperation between its two airports.

Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen has expressed the need to promote two-way relations between the two airports of the Pearl River Delta area. He said that Hong Kong Chek Lap Kok International Airport is one of the busiest airports in the world, based on the traffic of passengers and cargoes. On the other hand, Shenzhen Airport handles more domestic flights than Hong Kong Airport. He further said that it is necessary to conduct a feasibility study and consider the economic benefit of building a railway that will connect the two airports.

A fast ferry servicing Hong Kong and Shenzhen link the airports together. It is expected that building a railway could further improve bilateral connection between the two.

Tsang expressed that Shenzhen strongly supported the suggestion on the collaboration of both airports. The two cities' governments would establish a joint special group to conduct further research, with the Hong Kong Airport Authority providing support for the special group's research.

The Hong Kong SAR government expects to come up with the initial detailed work plan at the beginning of next year.

Alashan League, Inner Mongolia Ximeng Group ink agreement

阿拉善盟携手西蒙集团建设三座小型民用机场

An agreement between Alashan League and the Inner Mongolia Ximeng Group was signed on October 15 as part of a mutual accord to establish three small civil aviation airports in three banner governments' locations in the Alashan League.

The agreement aims to promote the active participation of the Inner Mongolia Ximeng Group in the improvement of Alashan League civil aviation transport industry and in the development of its resources.

The Inner Mongolia Ximeng Group committed to invest in the establishment of three small civil aviation airports, to be located in the Alashan Left Banner, Alashan Right Banner, and Ejina Banner. The group also committed to set up an airline and air transport network link inside the League.

Vice President Yu Dehui of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region attended the signing ceremony.

44th DGCA Held in Xi'an

第44届亚太地区民航局长会议在西安顺利召开

The conference theme, "Sustainable practices for safety and security management systems," served as a unique forum for the Directors General of Civil Aviation in Asia-Pacific Regions to discuss significant issues on aviation safety and security, sustainability and efficiency of civil aviation and other topics of common interests relevant to the region's aviation industry.

The conference, presided over by the Council of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), is a senior-level forum on civil aviation held regularly in the Asia Pacific region with the purpose of providing a platform for chiefs of civil aviation authorities of Asia Pacific countries wherein they can discuss important issues and other matters relating to civil aviation. The conference meetings provide an arena where top senior officials of different countries can share experiences and discuss relevant situations, review dynamic conditions, and enhance their contacts. It serves as a venue where they can confirm the list of their action items and at the same time promote harmony, mutual cooperation and development of all regional countries' civil aviation.

The Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation Asia and Pacific Region are held in turn all over the Asia Pacific region by host countries. Since its inception in 1960, it has been held 43 times. In 1991, the 27th Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation Asia and Pacific Region was held in China. Now, 16 years later, the conference has returned.

CAUC trains South Pacific aviation professionals

中国首次为南太平洋岛国培养航空专业型人才

The Civil Aviation University of China (CAUC) trained seven aviation officials and technicians from the South Pacific island nations of Fiji and Tonga from September 17th to 26th.

The trainees received free instructions in cargo and passenger transportation and ground services in the CAUC in the North China city of Tianjin.

The ten-day program is part of the commitment made a year ago by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to provide training for 2,000 government officials and technical staff from the Pacific island countries and aid them in capacity building.

During his official visit to Fiji last April, Wen also pledged three billion yuan (397 million U.S. dollars) in preferential loans at a high-level economic forum. This is to encourage Chinese investment, lessen the burden of debt and bring about other policies favorable to Pacific island countries.

An affiliate of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the CAUC has been sanctioned by China's aviation authority to train air traffic controllers, air transport agents and other aviation industry staff. The International Air Transport Association (IATA) also authorized the university to conduct training in air and dangerous goods transport.

RVSM working meeting held in Chengdu

西南地区RVSM工作会在成都召开

The Southwest Region Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Working Meeting was held on October 12 in Chengdu, with over 40 leaders and delegates attending.

Officials and representatives came from the Southwest Regional Administration of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), its related Supervision Offices, Tibet Regional Administration, Southwest Regional Air Traffic Management Bureau (ATMB), and several airlines.

The meeting objectives were: improving rapport and creating harmonious relationships between the various offices involved, exchanging preparation ideas for the proper implementation of RVSM in the Southwest region, resolving perennial problems, and ensuring the successful implementation of RVSM in the region. The meeting was presided over by Zhang Ruiqing, vice director of the Southwest Regional ATMB.

Gao Yi, Director of Southwest Regional ATMB and vice leader of the "Leading Group of Implementing RVSM" of the Southwest Regional Administration of CAAC, delivered a speech in which he expressed appreciation for the efforts made by the different offices in recent months and, at the same time, introduced the upcoming goals for the RVSM implementation in the Southwest region.

The meeting provided an avenue for the attendees to report on both developments and problems encountered with regard to the implementation of RVSM, while 13 units, including the Southwest Branch Company of Air China, Yunnan Branch Company of China Eastern Airlines, West Air, and Guanghan Flight College presented reports on their preparation.

The CAAC Regional Administration and its Supervision Offices provided recommendations and pertinent solutions to cope with the predicaments of RVSM implementation faced by each unit in China's Southwest region.

Weather observation project passes acceptance

西南地区航空气象自动观测系统联网项目通过验收

The Southwest Area Aviation Weather Automatic Observation System Network Project passed the acceptance examination on September 28.

The project links the aviation weather automatic observation center of six airports in Southwest China – Chengdu, Lhasa, Kunming, Guiyang, Chongqing, Jiuzhai Huanglong -- to process real-time weather situations in connecting airports.

Established by the Southwest Regional Air Traffic Management Bureau of the Civil Aviation Administration of China, the project aims to address flight delays caused by weather changes, increase the efficiency of its air traffic management service operation system and ensure the flight safety of airlines.

The implementation of the project has satisfied the service requirements of its clients, such as the air traffic management departments, civil aviation weather departments, and airlines and airports in the Southwest region.

XAIZ posted USD1.192 billion on import/export

著名企业投资设厂 厦门航空工业区发展迅速

The Xiamen Aviation Industrial Zone (XAIZ) is showing strong signs of growth over the first three quarters of 2007.

Based on statistics provided by the Xiamen Customs, from January to September alone, enterprises in the XAIZ have handled a total export/import volume of USD 1.192 billion of bonded maintenance aviation material, creating a historic high for XAIZ.

The data also confirms that during the first three quarters, there were a total of 151 movements of aircraft flying in and out of the XAIZ, and aircraft finishing maintenance and retrofit were being accomplished in an average of four days.

In addition, the XAIZ has developed remarkably in recent years, attracting some world-famous names in aviation enterprises – such as Boeing, GE Engine Services (Xiamen) Co. Ltd., Honeywell TAECO Aerospace (Xiamen) Co. Ltd., Goodrich TAECO Aeronautical Systems (Xiamen) Co. Ltd. – to invest and establish their respective workshops in the XAIZ.

More recently, it attracted three additional major projects, such as aircraft engine maintenance, TAECO aircraft parts design and manufacture, and aircraft landing gear maintenance, during the 11th China International Fair for Investment and Trade held on September 8 in Xiamen.



CAAC delegation visits Brazil

王昌顺副局长率中国民航代表团访问巴西

CAAC Vice Minister Wang Changshun led the civil aviation delegation of China as they visited the South American state of Brazil.

From September 13 to 22, 2007, the Chinese delegation visited the Embraer ERJ170/190 aircraft production line, and viewed Brazil's management of its general aviation, regional aviation and business aviation.

Wang Changshun conducted separate interviews of Brazil Civil Aviation Authority Vice Director Josef Barat and Embraer Executive Vice President Mauro Kern. The two expressed their intent to further strengthen bilateral cooperation with China in civil aviation.



CAAC, Sweden minister meet

王昌顺副局长会见瑞典企业、能源和交通大臣

Wang Changshun, vice minister of the CAAC, received the delegation from Sweden led by Ms. Asa Tostensson, minister for communications of the Sweden Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications, on October 11th.

The meeting opened a discussion about the strengthening of bilateral air transport relationship and cooperation in the developing civil aviation technology area.

Swedish Minister Asa Tostensson discussed bilateral air transport relationship and cooperation with CAAC Vice Minister Wang Changshun.



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Tianjin Binhai International Airport expansion passes acceptance

天津滨海机场跑道延长 于本月10日正式启用

The expansion and retrofitting project of the Tianjin Binhai International Airport extended runway passed acceptance examination and was officially inaugurated on October 10th.

The expansion project, started in August 2005, includes a new terminal building and a flight area runway. The flight area expanding project was completed by the end of August. In September, it passed the acceptance examination and airworthiness examination. After the approval by the civil aviation authorities, the runway formally began its operation on the

morning of October 10th.

Because of the expansion, Tianjin airport has a greater capacity. From the former Airport's runway of 3,200 meters long and 50 meters wide, grade 4E, the expansion project increased to 3,600 meters long and 75 meters wide, grade 4F.

It will allow the landings and takeoffs of various civil aircraft, including the largest civil jetliner such as the A380. The hardware facilities of the flight area of Tianjin Airport now carry the scale of a large hub airport.

Tianjin Airport is considered to be one of the main landing airports for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and the first alternative airport for Beijing Capital Airport. When the runway extension project is completed, accepted and operated, Tianjin can undertake rapid split flow or offer alternative landing for Beijing Airport's large and superlarge aircraft. It should improve the general flight service capability of the Beijing and Tianjin areas during the Olympic Games.

Xinjiang issues privilege policies

新疆机场集团推出优惠政策鼓励开辟国际航线

A number of privilege policies recently issued by Xinjiang Airport Group proved favorable to both domestic and international flight carriers landing and taking off from Urumqi International Airport.

The policies were intended to draw domestic and foreign airlines to open new international air routes and encourage existing ones to expand their services at Urumqi International Airport.

These privilege policies include: free landing and takeoff fee for the duration of the first half of the year and a 50 percent discount on the landing and takeoff fee in the second half of the first year. Qualified airlines include all domestic and international airlines

with open routes to Central Asia whose flight times are less than five hours. The normal fee will then apply in the succeeding years.

Furthermore, for all domestic and international airlines with newly opened routes to Europe, Japan, Korea, Southeast Asian countries and whose flight time exceeds five hours, the charges for the entire first year will be totally waived and a 50-percent privilege discount will be applied in the second year. The standard fee will apply in the third and successive years. In addition, Urumqi International Airport will give a 20-percent privilege discount on the landing and takeoff fee to any of its existing airlines that open additional

flight routes.

Xinjiang is also likely to award several privileges to freight flights to persuade new airlines to boost operation at the Urumqi airport.

By the end of 2005, a total of 46 international and regional air routes had opened in Xinjiang.



Urumqi Airport offers privilege policies to encourage airlines to open more flights.

China Eastern, Pratt & Whitney form venture in Shanghai

普惠公司与东航合资建设发动机维修基地奠基

An aircraft engine maintenance venture has been formed between China Eastern Airlines Corporation Ltd and US-based Pratt & Whitney Corporation in Shanghai.

The alliance, named the Shanghai Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Engine Maintenance Co Ltd., has a total investment of US\$ 99 million with China Eastern taking a 51 percent share.



The Shanghai Pratt & Whitney venture is expected to play a vital role in developing China's engine MRO industry.

The Shanghai Pratt & Whitney facility, located in Qingpu, west of Shanghai, will offer maintenance, repair and overhaul services on CFM56 series engines, which are used on numerous current commercial aircrafts. The MRO facility covers an area of 23,000 sq. m., making it the largest aircraft service center in the Asia-Pacific region.

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China Eastern, (Continued from page 8)

Stephen N. Finger, president of Pratt & Whitney, pledged to bring state-of-the-art engine service to Shanghai, aiming to serve not only China Eastern Airlines but also other customers in the Asia-Pacific region.

"We are pleased to cooperate with China Eastern Airlines not only because of their reputation but also for their large and growing fleet," he said during the October 18th ceremony.

Li Yangmin, vice president of China Eastern Airlines, said that the maintenance period could be shortened and cost advantages will be gained compared with sending engines abroad for repairs. "The center will also play a vital role in developing China's engine MRO industry," Li further stated.

The Shanghai Pratt & Whitney MRO facility is projected to have an annual maintenance capacity of 200 to 300 engines, and is scheduled to take in its first engine next year.

Beijing's East area tower construction passes acceptance

首都机场东区塔台建筑安装工程通过验收

The East Area Tower construction project successfully passed acceptance examination on September 28th.

The tower construction project, which supports the Capital Airport expansion project, qualified in the acceptance examination of the China aviation authority on its design, supervision, construction and use. Accordingly, the general quality of the construction is high. Installation of, and adjustments to, the tower equipment were finished by the end of September and the system auto check was completed on October 10.

The east area tower will be ready for use at the same time with the east runway beginning at the end of October.

The East Area Tower successfully passed acceptance examination and will be ready for action during the 2008 Olympic.



STARCO builds new hangar in Pudong

上海科技宇航浦东机场大型维修机库奠基开工

STARCO held a groundbreaking ceremony on October 8 to formally begin construction of a new hangar complex at Shanghai Pudong International Airport.

STARCO is a joint venture of Eastern Airlines, one of the country's three big airways, and Singapore Technologies Aerospace.

The ceremony was attended by China Eastern Airlines Group President Li Fenghua, ST Aerospace Chairman Tan Guong Ching, CEA Vice President and STARCO Chairman Li Yangmin,

ST Aerospace President and STARCO Deputy Chairman TAY Kok Khiang, respected leaders of the China Aviation Administration Commission and representatives of the Shanghai Government.

The new hangar at STARCO Pudong International Airport is expected to be 160 meters long, 105 meters wide, and 43 meters high, with a 14,200 sq. m. five-slot hangar maintenance workshop, and an apron occupying an area of 16000 sq. m. It can accommodate two B747-400 jets and three narrow-body aircrafts

simultaneously for overhaul work.

The new hangar is scheduled to begin operation in the middle of 2009.



An artist rendering of the facility.

Kunpeng Airlines commences flight services

鲲鹏航空有限公司获颁航空承运人运行合格证

Kunpeng Airlines begins its regional jet air services in China beginning this September. The airline is the product of a joint venture agreement between Shenzhen Airlines and United States' Mesa Air Group signed last December.

According to Mesa Air Group Chairman and CEO Jonathan Ornstein, they are delighted that just nine months after entering into a historic joint-venture agreement with Shenzhen Airlines, the first two aircraft are now flying.

"This new jet service marks an important milestone in the growth and development of regional aviation in China. We wish to offer our special thanks to everyone at China's civil aviation authority, the CAAC, and the FAA here in the U.S. who has supported Shenzhen Airlines and Mesa in bringing our shared vision to reality," Ornstein said.

Kunpeng Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer Mike Ferwerda said the issuance of the Air Carrier Operating Certificate to Kunpeng Airlines in September and beginning revenue service is a remarkable joint-venture achievement. "The success of the project has been accomplished through a cultural blending of Mesa and Shenzhen operational groups that one would only hope to imagine, let alone see, come to complete fruition. I am honored to be a guest in China and humbled to be a participant in this truly magnificent joint venture undertaking," he further stated.

The Airlines runs regional air services within China with a fleet of modern Bombardier CRJ-200, 50-seat regional jets. Accordingly, the first two aircraft,

based in Xi'an, will each fly six scheduled revenue services a day serving Taiyuan, Tianjin, Yichang, Hohhot, Nanchang, Hefei and Zhengzhou. Kunpeng Airlines expects to have 20 aircraft in service by the summer of 2008, in time for the Beijing Olympic Games. The company also plans to grow to more than 100 planes within five years, comprising 50-, 70- and 90-seat regional jet aircraft.



Kunpeng Airlines commences its jet air services in China after issuance of its Air Carrier Operating Certificate.

China Cargo Airlines' second 747-400ERF arrives in Shanghai

中国货运航空顺利引进第2架B747-400ERF货机

China Cargo Airlines' second 747-400ERF freighter successfully arrived at Shanghai Pudong International Airport from Seattle, USA.

On the following day, the freighter numbered B-2426 made its premier voyage from Shanghai, Chicago and Dallas.

At present, the China Cargo Airlines fleet includes six MD-11, two B747-400, one wet leased B747-200 and two wet leased A300 aircrafts. Based on the approved fleet plan at the end of August, from 2009 to 2013, China Cargo Airlines will successively introduce 10 B777F freighters and gradually replace the current 6 MD-11. The airline is expected to develop a freighter fleet with ten B777F, two B747-400 and five A300 aircrafts.



China Cargo Airlines welcomes back the safe arrival of its second 747-400ERF freighter from Seattle, USA.

Beijing to build second airport in 2010

民航总局计划2010年建设北京第二座民用机场

Yang Yuanyuan, Minister of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), has confirmed that Beijing will begin construction of a second airport by 2010.

The second airport, to be built in the southern part of China's capital, is intended for domestic services only, while Beijing's Capital International Airport will continue its services as China's leading international aviation hub.

The Plan Department of CAAC disclosed that the review and selection

of the site is already underway. A research group was formed by the CAAC to oversee the initial plan of the proposed airport construction project.



Beijing will begin construction of a second airport by 2010 intended for domestic flight services.

Qantas expected to launch new flight service

快达航空公司明年将开通上海直飞墨尔本航线

Beginning next March, Australian flag carrier Qantas will offer semi-weekly, non-stop flights between Melbourne and Shanghai, according to the company's Beijing office.

The new service will include the use of two-class Airbus A330 aircraft, departing Shanghai for Melbourne on Mondays and Fridays, and returning from Melbourne to Shanghai on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

"With booming trade and tourism between China and Australia, Qantas had been steadily developing its China operations since the Shanghai service started in 2004," said John Borghetti, executive general manager of Qantas. He further said that, beginning in March 2008, Qantas will offer 10 air services a week to China – five between Sydney and Shanghai, three between Sydney and Beijing and the additional two new services to and from Melbourne.

It is expected that Qantas' flights to Beijing will increase in the coming 2008 Olympic Games.

Qantas to add flights for the Olympics

首家外航向中国民航华北局申请北京奥运航班

Qantas Airways has sent an application on October 16th to the North China Regional Administration of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) to request additional flights for the 29th Beijing Olympic Games.

Based on the CAAC, the Australian flag carrier was the first foreign airline to formally apply for additional flights with China's civil aviation authority for the upcoming 2008 Olympics after a letter sent by Xia Zhixun, general manager of China Region of Qantas Airways, was received by Huang Dengke, Director of North China Regional Administration of CAAC.

Once approved, the existing air route flight quantity would be increased to 7 flights a week beginning August 4-24 next year to serve the Olympic Games officials, athletes and passengers traveling between Australia and China throughout the event.

Shuangliu International Airport's Fifth apron approved

成都双流国际机场将投资上亿元建设新停机坪

The Sichuan Provincial Development and Reform Commission officially approved the feasibility report of the fifth apron of the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport this October.

The proposed construction of the fifth apron is a result of the increasing passenger traffic demand, availability of aircraft parking, and provision for infrastructure service for air transport.

The planned apron will be near the test running apron at the south end of the runway of Shuangliu Airport. A total area of 154,024 sq. m. will be allotted for the apron construction with a surface area of 152,917 sq. m. designed to hold the taxi weight of B747-400 aircraft. There will be nine design positions for aircraft, seven positions for B747-400 and two positions for A380.

This will add over 850,000 square meters of aircraft parking area and about 70 aircraft parking positions to the entire Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport.

The proposed construction will include water supply, power, firefighting, and fuel. The construction of the fifth apron is expected to begin simultaneously with the second runway and new terminal building by the end of this year. The proposed construction will reach a total investment of RMB 109.6 million.

Dunhuang Airport opens international flight

敦煌机场将建成临时航空口岸 迎接国际航班

In order to serve the increasing volume of tourists coming from abroad, Dunhuang Airport is upgrading its existing airport to an international hub.

Established in 1982, Dunhuang Airport welcomes its first international flight from Japan this October, making it the second international airport in the entire Gansu province next to Zhongchuan Airport.

Subsequent to the opening of the Dunhuang temporary airport, the three international air routes for chartered flights will begin with Japan-Dunhuang to be operated by China Southern Airlines, followed by Air China for the Korea-Dunhuang flight routes, and the Hong Kong-Dunhuang air route, to be opened by Hainan Airlines.

Dunhuang Airport upgrades to International hub to better serve the increasing volume of tourist coming from abroad.



SAC-AVIC 1 Dash 8-Q400 delivered to Bombardier

沈飞集团冲8-Q400型飞机首架前机身成功交付

Shenyang Aircraft Corporation of China Aviation Industry Corporation (AVIC 1) delivered its manufactured Dash 8-Q400 aircraft large component, front body, to Canada's Bombardier on October 15th.

This is the first phase of the Q400 cooperation program between Shenyang Aircraft Corporation of AVIC 1 and Canada's Bombardier after a mutual agreement between the two companies was officially signed on July 18 of last year.

The manufacture of the Dash 8-Q400 aircraft main body is a large subcontract

project between AVIC 1's Shenyang Aircraft Corporation and Bombardier, the third largest civil aircraft manufacturer in the world.

The first phase of the program includes the production of 240 aircraft units of the Dash 8-Q400 body, including its key components, such as the front body, rear body and tail section.

In addition to the first phase of the program, Bombardier announced in July that it will be shifting its production of Dash 8 Q400 fuselages, doors and

empennage to AVIC 1's Shenyang Aircraft Corporation (SAC). SAC is expected to deliver aft and forward Q400 fuselages to Bombardier beginning in 2008.



Dash 8-Q400 aircraft large component, front body is being prepared to be delivered to Bombardier as part of its first phase of Q400 cooperation program with Shenyang Aircraft.

Wuxi Shuofang Airport's new terminal building completed

无锡硕放机场新航站楼启用

Wuxi Shuofang Airport's new terminal building was officially completed and put into operation on September 28th.

CAAC Minister Yang Yuanyuan, Jiangsu Province Party Committee Secretary Li Yuanchao and Jiangsu Governor Liang Baohua attended the completion ceremony.

The Wuxi Shuofang Airport, on the base of the former Shuofang Military Airport, opened in 2003. It began its civil flights in February 2004 and, since then, the airport has shown rapid development.

Last year the airport accomplished its temporary port opening, with a passenger volume reaching 920,000. It has established an air routes network linking 20 cities and regions with over 150 flights every week.

The expansion and retrofit of the new terminal area of Wuxi Shuofang Airport started in June 2006. It now includes various public service facilities, such as a new terminal building complete with landscape, passenger express transport system, bus station, road, fuel depot and information system. It can handle a capacity of 3 million passengers.

Feasibility report of Sha County Civil Airport approved

福建三明沙县民用机场可研报告获国家发改委批准

On September 27th, the National Development and Reform Commission approved the feasibility report for the Sha County Civil Airport in Sanming, China.

The feasibility report includes a civil airport construction project scheduled to be completed by 2020 that will be able to accommodate a passenger throughput of 430,000 person times and an annual cargo/mail throughput of 6,400 tons.

The main construction plan will include a category 4C flight area with a runway measuring a total of 2,800 meters long and 45 meters wide, a terminal building with a total area of 6,000 sq. m., an 800 sq. m. air traffic management operation building, 1,150 sq. m. freight warehouse and operation building, and an automobile park that will cover an area of 5,200 sq. m. Service facilities including communication, power, water supply, and fuel will also be established.

The total project cost of approximately RMB 490 million will be invested jointly by CAAC, Fujian Province, and Sanming City.

Shenzhen Airlines, IATA sign MOU

深圳航空与国际航空运输协会签署合作备忘录

Shenzhen Airlines and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on October 8th to develop mutual cooperation and a close partnership between the two parties.

Shenzhen Airlines President Li Kun and IATA Director General and CEO Giovanni Bisignani finalized the MOU.

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Accordingly, this is the first time for the IATA to develop a partnership and bilateral cooperation with a Chinese airline through a MOU. As a result, Shenzhen Airlines became a mutual partner of the IATA in Asia.

The MOU will help promote better development of Shenzhen Airlines, even in the Asia Pacific area, through the IATA.

The MOU provision comprises the establishment of: a bilateral senior leaders scheduled visitation mechanism, a cooperation working group, a scheduled meeting system and a bilateral operating staff scheduled exchange learning system, promoting connection, and implementation of cooperation.

Huaxia, Guizhou Group sign accord

贵航与华夏将联合组建支线航空维修基地

Huaxia Airlines signed an agreement with the Guizhou Group of the China Aviation Industry Corporation I (AVIC I) on October 10th to set up the largest regional airline maintenance base in the west China region.

The venture between China's first regional airline operator, Huaxia Airlines, and the military aviation research and manufacturing Guizhou Group of AVIC1, has agreed to invest jointly 80 million yuan or 10.7 million U.S. dollars. The agreement will set up the new firm at the Huangguoshu International Airport in Guiyang, the capital of Guizhou Province.

According to Huaxia airlines Vice General Manager Shen Binglong, the lack of feeder aircraft maintenance bases has become a bottleneck for developing China's fledgling feeder aviation industry.

"There are some 80 aircraft flying on branchlines in China and nearly half of them fly on routes linking mountainous regions in west China, where ground transports are not convenient. However, China only had several aircraft maintenance bases in metropolitan areas like Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou," Shen added.

Guizhou AVIC I Board Chairperson and General Manager Tan Weidong mentioned that it was the first time the factory has entered the general aviation field since it was founded more than 40 years ago. The company is qualified to maintain and manufacture commercial aircraft.

The deal is still waiting for the final approval from the Civil Aviation Administration of China. The two companies expect its release by the end of the year.

Chaoshan Civil Airport construction project approved

潮汕民用机场正式获批建设 总投资超过37亿

The National Development and Reform Commission dispatched on September 26th a document approving the establishment of the new Chaoshan Civil Airport.

The planned airport will serve as a medium-size domestic airport with a flight area of 4E grade standard. The initial plan of the airport is a 4D grade standard that could satisfy the landing and takeoff of B767 aircrafts. The main construction will include a 2800-meters-long and 45-meters-wide runway, a terminal building occupying 50000 sq. m., and a 160000 sq. m. apron.

The location of the airport will be at the cross area between Paotai Town and Denggang Town, both in Jiedong County, Jieyang City. The site is 20 kilometers or so apart from the downtown areas of three Chaoshan cities (Shantou, Chaozhou, and Jieyang). The airport service area will include the east Guangdong area occupying over 30000 square kilometers.

The total project investment will reach RMB 3.764 billion, of which airport main construction is RMB 3.053 billion, the China Southern Airlines base project is RMB 431 million, the air traffic management project is RMB 205 million, and the fueling project is RMB 75 million.

After completion of Chaoshan Airport in 2020, the existing Shantou Waisha Airport will cease its operation for civil aviation.

United Eagle Airlines receives safety audit

鹰联航空接受民航总局安全审计

The first private airline in China, the United Eagle Airlines, officially received the aviation safety audit of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) on September 25th.

The Northeast Regional Administration of the CAAC, under the authority of the CAAC and in cooperation with the Southwest Regional Administration of the CAAC, organized the safety audit inspection on United Eagle Airlines.

The safety audit comprises nine aspects, including management audits on: general safety, flight operation, cabin safety, maintenance, flight affairs, passenger traffic, cargo transport, dangerous goods transport, and aviation health.

Li Shuwen, director of the audit group and vice director of the Northeast Regional

Administration of the CAAC, emphasized the purpose of the inspection. He said that the safety audit was conducted: to fully learn the safety operation situation of the unit being audited; to check on related established policies and the organization management system; to implement the working process of airlines for maintaining safe operation while conforming to laws, rules, regulations and related requirements; to urge and guide the unit being audited; to establish and perfect the safety management system and long-term effective mechanism and improve the safety operation level.

Li further stated that the audit will determine the weak links of safety surveillance, improve the civil aviation regulations and standards, and improve the surveillance and management level.

United Eagles Airlines President Li Haiying expressed that, based on the result of the audit, the airline will then be able to improve its company safety system and all aspects of its operation.



United Eagle Airlines continues to pledge improvement on safety and operation after passing the aviation safety audit of CAAC.

163 SDR handled in September

2007年9月份SDR千时率概况

The Flight Standard Department of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) reportedly collected, analyzed and handled 163 aircraft Service Difficulty Reports (SDR) sent by airlines in September of this year.

Based on statistics of the SDR system provided by the CAAC, of the total SDRs sent, 102 SDRs were related to aircraft system/structure malfunction and 61 SDRs were attributed to other causes, such as bird strike, ground collision, weather or other incidents.



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