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IFALPA, China ALPA meet CAAC to celebrate World Civil Aviation Day

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MONTREAL, Canada – The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations, representing over 100,000 professional pilots in 100 countries, and the China Air Line Pilots' Association, representing professional pilots based in China, today met with Mr. Wang, Zhiqing, Deputy Administrator of the Civil Aviation Authority of China to mark World Civil Aviation Day, 2015.

Discussions were held at the CAAC headquarters and included;

- All parties continued work with the global industry to improve still further on the record year for global aviation safety in 2014.
- Recognition of the fantastic achievement of the People's Republic of China of nearly 6 years of accident free commercial aviation, despite over 13% growth this year being typical, supported by a professional pilot population of nearly 40,000.
- IFALPA offers to support China's examination and redesign of the busy Pearl River Delta air-space; improving safety, efficiency and service for the area.

Captain Chalk spoke of the warm welcome the IFALPA team had received and said "China has quickly developed into a major force in civil aviation; IFALPA is here to both learn from its success and offer support for further growth." Mr. Zhao added "China ALPA, as part of the global pilot Federation, ensures the knowledge and experience of our members is added to that of professional pilots from around the world, so that we all continue to improve the safety and efficiency of our industry."

Accompanying Mr. Wang was the Administrator of Air Traffic Management Bureau, Mr. Che, Jinjun, the Deputy Director General of Department of Flight Standard, Captain Hu, Zhenjiang, and the Director General of Office of Air Traffic Regulation, Mr. Xu, Hao. The IFALPA team included the President, Captain Chalk, the Deputy President, Captain Chris Lynch and the Executive Vice President Asia Pacific, Captain Amornvaj Mansumitchai. In addition to Mr. Zhao, the team from China ALPA included Captain Shen, Yang, ChALPA IFALPA Director and Captain Sun, Hui, ChALPA Deputy Secretary General.

All participants committed to deepening and broadening the work and understanding between them in support of a safe, secure, efficient and profitable aviation system to serve both the People's Republic of China and the wider global community.

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Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. IFALPA's mission is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations.

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