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## US Aviation Executives Attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ab-Initio Training Seminar in Shenzhen China

US Aviation Academy CEO, Mike Sykes and Executive VP, Mark Taylor attended the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) sponsored biennial ab-initio training seminar on October 14-15<sup>th</sup> as required for all foreign flight training organizations approved by the CAAC. In addition to US Aviation Academy, others in attendance were: The University of North Dakota, Aerosim Flight Academy, CAE Oxford Academy, Sierra Academy of Aeronautics and Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology.

Opening ceremonies were presented by the Safety Director of CAAC, Mr. Wu Chengchang followed by a discussion on airline pilot training by the former Director of the CAAC, Mr. Yang Yuanyuan. Other topics on the agenda were the current status and development trend of crew capability, the global status of airline pilot training, existing problems and countermeasures of pilot training, the reform of airline pilot training, the “cabin culture”, the utilization of the “cloud license”, pilot training systems and future development needs. The two-day seminar concluded with a panel discussion on the trend of pilot training and the cultivation of professional quality.

Safety Director of China Southern (China’s largest commercial passenger airline), Mr. Feng Huanan referenced US Aviation Group (USAG) when he cited the fact all China airlines combined sent 1,466 students to the United States for training in 2015. US Aviation Academy is currently allocated 380 students, representing an impressive 25.9 percent of the total market. “It was an honor to receive that type of recognition at such a high visibility event within our

industry,” said Mark Taylor of US Aviation. “We’ve been in this market for over 8 years and to be considered one of the elite flight training organizations in the world is a testimony to the hard work, quality of training and dedication of our team.”

As reported in a recent China Daily newspaper (October 18, 2016 ), by the end of last year, Chinese airlines were operating flights to 138 foreign destinations and foreign carriers operated flights from 126 cities to 57 Chinese destinations. The number of outbound passengers also grew by more than 30 percent last year, reaching 120 million. China has become the most dynamic market for international air travel due to strong domestic and overseas travel demand and the rising middle class. In the next two decades, China is likely to become the first country with an aviation market worth more than \$1 trillion, according to a recent forecast from the Boeing Company.

US Aviation Academy has been training international commercial airline pilots for almost a decade. For more information on US Aviation Academy, please contact Scott Sykes, Business Development division at 1-940-297-6415 or go to [www.usaviationacademy.com](http://www.usaviationacademy.com)