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ATR inaugurates its new training center in Singapore

The increasing presence of ATR -600 operators in Asia and the Pacific underpins the development of this new customer support facility in Asia

ATR today officially inaugurated a new Training Center in Singapore both for commercial aircraft pilots and maintenance crew. It is located in the Seletar Aerospace Park, a major hub for the Singapore aerospace industry. The inauguration was attended by Singapore government officials, the French and the Italian ambassadors, top executives of Asian ATR operators and ATR CEO Filippo Bagnato with other top management representatives of ATR.

The new center has the capacity to train more than 600 pilots and maintenance crew per year. The facility features the new Full Flight Simulator (FFS), an integrated suite of flight training devices and advanced classroom settings to provide both pilot and maintenance training for multiple ATR aircraft platforms. The new FFS enables training for both ATR 42-600s and ATR 72-600s variants. Fully equipped, the facility and its flight training equipment have recently been certified by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).

"We are pleased to expand our presence with this new training facility focused on the rapidly growing regional carrier market in South East Asia," said Filippo Bagnato, ATR Chief Executive Officer. "ATR's extensive presence in Asia and around the globe, together with our unwavering commitment to quality, assures our customers of the highest fidelity and reliability for their training programs. The aim is to be always closer to our customers".

ATR and the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB), the lead government agency for planning and executing strategies, have closely collaborated to launch this new training facility. "We are pleased to have the strong support of Singapore's Economic Development Board. Our facility in Singapore will enable ATR Eastern Support, ATR's dedicated customer support centre for Asia Pacific which has already been operating in Singapore for close to 25 years, to bring our comprehensive regional support services offering to a higher level hand-in-hand with the industry and public sector," added Mr Bagnato.

Mr. Lim Kok Kiang, Executive Director, Transport Engineering of EDB said: "We are absolutely delighted that ATR has chosen to locate its regional training centre in Singapore. ATR's investment is a strong vote of confidence for Singapore, and underscores our efforts to provide comprehensive aftermarket solutions for Asia-Pacific. We look forward to deepening our partnership with ATR as it continues to grow and expand in this region."

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ATR currently offers training services for its operators at 4 locations worldwide: Toulouse, Paris, Johannesburg and Singapore. This new training facility completes ATR's offer in Singapore, where it already has a Customer Support Center and a warehouse for Asia-Pacific operators.

More than 250 ATR airplanes fly in Asia-Pacific operated by some 50 airlines in the Asia Pacific region.

About ATR:

Founded in 1981, ATR has become the world leader on the market for regional aircraft with 90 seats or less. Since its creation, ATR has sold approximately 1,200 aircraft to over 186 operators based in 90 countries. ATR planes have totaled over 21 million flight hours. ATR is an equal partnership between two major European aeronautics players, Alenia Aermacchi (a Finmeccanica Group company) and EADS. Its head office is in Toulouse. Certified ISO 14001, ATR is green reference in regional aviation.

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