

PRESS RELEASE

CFM Expands AEMTC LEAP maintenance training

- First customers for LEAP-1B plan to start training in June 2019

ZHUHAI, China – 6th November 2018 – CFM International is expanding the LEAP engine line maintenance training program at the Aero Engine Maintenance and Training Center (AEMTC) in Guanghan City to include the LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B engines.

“We chose to expand the LEAP program offering at AEMTC to take advantage of the extensive capability and experience there,” said Gael Meheust, president and CEO of CFM International. “This training is a very important part of our ongoing commitment to provide world-class support for our customers and we knew that AEMTC could add the LEAP-1A/-1B capability very quickly. The facility was the first training center of its kind in China and the instructors provide the highest caliber curriculum, matching the offering at our facilities in the U.S. and France.”

The LEAP-1A and LEAP-1B have both entered service in China and more than 90 aircraft delivered to date and in operation with: 9 Air, Air China, Beijing Capital, China Eastern, China Southern, Chongqing, Hainan, Kunming, Loong Air, Lucky Air, Okay, Shandong, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Spring Airlines, and Xiamen

AEMTC was established in 1994 as a cooperative venture between CFM, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), Civil Aviation Supplies Holding Company (CASC), Civil Aviation Flying University of China (CAFUC), GE Aviation, and Safran Aircraft Engines. The facility officially opened in 1996 and, to date, has trained more than 13,800 mechanics for customers in Greater China, as well as other countries across Asia.

CFM was one of the earliest Western engine manufacturers to support China’s airlines when the first CFM56-3-powered Boeing 737 aircraft was delivered to China Yunnan and China Southwest in 1985. Today, more than 20 percent of CFM’s commercial fleet in operation is in China, with Chinese airlines having a total of more than 8,500 CFM56 and LEAP engines in service or on order to power Airbus A320, Boeing 737, and COMAC C919 aircraft families.

In addition to the LEAP product line, AEMTC also supports the operation of CFM56 and GE CF6 engines in China. The school is located within the CAFUC campus in Guanghan, Sichuan Province.

GE Aviation and Safran Aircraft Engines have continued to invest in AEMTC over the years to both equip the Center and to expand its capabilities. In addition to helping design the school to U.S. standards, the companies have equipped the school with CFM56-3, CFM56-5B, CFM56-7B and CF6-80C2 training engines, tooling, instructional manuals, and teaching aides.

The school curriculum features comprehensive, hands-on courses in basic engine introduction, line maintenance, fan balancing, bore scoping, and other skills. The training provided at AEMTC - a state-of-the-art 4,500 square meter facility with six engine shop bays and five classrooms - is equivalent to the training at the CFM centers in the United States, France, and India. All four centers are staffed with experienced instructors who facilitate exercises in the classroom and hands-on procedures in the engine shop. Each center also provides computer-based training, both self-paced and instructor-led. AEMTC is staffed by two co-leaders and three full-time instructors."



About CFM International

The LEAP engine is a product of CFM International, a 50/50 joint company between GE and Safran Aircraft Engines and the world's leading supplier of commercial aircraft engines. To date, the company has garnered orders and commitments for more than 16,300 LEAP engines, making it the fastest-selling engine in aviation history. For more information concerning CFM, visit us on the Web at www.cfmaeroengines.com or follow us on Twitter @CFM_engines.

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