

PRESS RELEASE

CFM to offer LEAP-1C maintenance training at AEMTC

• First customer trainees expected in 2018

ZHUHAI, China – 3 November 2016 – CFM International plans to begin offering LEAP-1C line maintenance training at the Aero Engine Maintenance and Training Center (AEMTC) in Guanghan City.

The LEAP-1C training engine, which was used as part of the engine certification test program, will be delivered to the facility in 2017.

"The new training program is an important part of our ongoing commitment to provide the very best support to our customers in China," said Jean-Paul Ebanga, president and CEO of CFM International. "AEMTC was the first training center of its kind in China and the instructors there are world class. We look forwarding to welcoming our first students."

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 13,000 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 4,800 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-1C, 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 and trains 700 to 800 students each year.

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, borescoping, 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-1C 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 11,500 LEAP engines, making it the fastest-selling engine in aviation history. For more information concerning CFM, visit us on the Web at <u>www.cfmaeroengines.com</u> or follow us on Twitter @CFM_engines.

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