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## **The Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Pilots**

### **The Summary of the Discussions during FY 2014**

The Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Pilots, consisting of air carriers, private pilot training institutions and aircraft manufacturers has been discussing various issues on training and how to ensure an adequate number of pilots, in coordination and cooperation with Ministry of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism (MLIT), and the conference has summarized the discussions during FY2014 as described below;

#### 1. Background

Mainly because of a rapid growth in aviation demand, the pilot shortage pose a serious challenge to the airline industry from both short-term and mid-long term perspectives. This issue may become a factor to impede further expansion of air routes, thus the Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Pilots, hereinafter referred to as “the Conference”, was jointly established in August 2014 by air carriers, private pilot training institutions, aircraft manufacturers, and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT). The Conference had discussions on various issues, including training of pilots and how to ensure an adequate number of pilots in Japan.

#### 2. Results of Discussions

The Conference has established Working Groups (WG), i.e., Reducing Tuition Burden WG, Enhancing Piloting Skills WG and Boosting the Number of Candidates for Pilots WG, to discuss the issues mentioned above. And the results of their discussions were summarized as shown below;

##### (1) Reducing Tuition Burden WG

The missions are;

- To established a new interest-free scholarship loan program aimed at reducing hefty tuition burdens on students taking a training course at private pilot schools.
- To finalize the details of the program by the end of FY 2015 and start the operation in FY 2016.

## (2) Enhancing Piloting skills WG

The missions are;

- To take initiatives for promoting observations of training and standardizing instructional materials in order to improve fundamental piloting skills of students.
- To take initiatives for standardizing training to enhance flexibility and adaptability of trainees to apply his/her learnings to new situations, particularly communication skills required during a flight in a two-seater aircraft.

## (3) Boosting the Number of Candidates for Pilots WG

The missions are;

- To promote an industry-wide initiative with the networked individual efforts of the public and private sectors.
- To enhance the efforts to offer opportunities to candidates for pilots to fully experience flying or aviation-related activities.
- Efforts to increase the number of female pilots.
- Efforts to cultivate greater interest of elementary and junior high school students in the aviation field.

\*Detailed information is available on the JAPA website (Information is available only in Japanese).

Secretariat of the Conference, Japan Aircraft Pilot Association

<http://japa.or.jp/>

## 3. Establishment of Committee for Helicopter Pilots

The Conference has decided to establish the Committee for Helicopter Pilots in order to discuss specific measures on training and how to ensure an adequate number of helicopter pilots.

## 4. Future Initiatives

The Conference will continue to hold discussions and Working Group sessions during FY2015, to discuss specific solutions and take measures against those issues.

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