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The Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Manufacturing Engineers

The Summary of the Discussions during FY 2014

The Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Manufacturing Engineers, consisting of air carriers, aircraft manufactures, private aeronautical engineering schools has been discussing various issues on training and how to ensure an adequate number of aircraft maintenance engineers and manufacturing engineers in Japan, in coordination and cooperation with the ministries concerned, including Ministry of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism (MLIT) and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). And it has summarized the results of discussions during FY 2014 as described below;

1. Background

Mainly because of a rapid growth in aviation demand, a shortage of human resources is anticipated in both aircraft maintenance and manufacturing fields. In order to train and ensure an adequate number of aircraft maintenance engineers and manufacturing engineers for the further development of the aircraft industry, the Liaison Conference on Training of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and Manufacturing Engineers, consisting of air carriers, manufacturers and private training schools has been established in August 2014, in coordination and cooperation with the ministries concerned, including Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism(MLIT), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW). The Conference had discussions on various issues mentioned above and the details are described below;

2. Results of Discussions

The Conference has established Working Groups (WG), i.e., Training of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers WG, Training of Aircraft Manufacturing Engineers WG and Boosting the Number of Applicants WG, to discuss the issues mentioned above. And it has summarized the results of their discussions as described below;

(1) Training of Aircraft Maintenance Engineers WG

The missions are;

- To improve aircraft maintenance engineers' English language proficiency, to train aircraft maintenance management personnel, and to maintain and hand down a good

workmanship and skills from person to person.

(2) Training of Aircraft Manufacturing Engineers WG

The missions are;

- To understand a shortage and issues of those engineers by a job category, to discuss how to standardize the technical skills, and to discuss Certification Systems for those professions

(3) Boosting the Number of Applicants 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 applicants 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 websites of Japan Aeronautical Engineers' Association and the Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies (Information is available only in Japanese).

Secretariat of the Conference: Japan Aeronautical Engineers' Association, and

<http://www.jaea.or.jp/>

The Society of Japanese Aerospace Companies

<http://www.sjac.or.jp/>

3. 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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