

Report from Civil Aviation training Summit (CATS)

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There were about 100 attendees from:

- Ministry of Education
- CAEA - China Adult Education Association (taking on a greater role in standard setting and harmonization of university & vocational college aviation training)
- CAFUC
- AOPA China
- some 2nd & 3rd tier domestic universities & vocational colleges
- an odd mix of overseas aircraft manufacturers (Agusta Westland, Embraer, Textron), materials providers (engines, components) & training suppliers (management, flight training)

There were no exhibitors.

Noticeable non-attendees included:

- CAAC
- BUAA Flying College
- CAUC Flying College
- NUAA Flying College
- any major domestic flight school
- any major CAAC approved overseas flight school
- ICAO Beijing office
- IATA Beijing office

Not so well attended, but not bad for a first event. Let's see if Galleon (the organising company) decide to repeat it next year and what momentum they can add next time.

Given the domestic and international organisations who weren't there, it was a correct decision not to associate ICAEA's name more prominently with the event.

Main takeaways from the event:

- 1 ICAEA is not known in China
- 2 English Language Proficiency (ELP) was mentioned in some way in most presentations: with pride by those with training programs, or with a shudder by those relying on English as a medium of their training or other business etc
- 3 The challenge for quality ELP training/testing for Chinese general aviation personnel and in professions where English is not a licensing requirement
- 4 An invitation from CAEA to help them strategise as they become more involved with aviation universities and colleges
- 5 Edzard Boland - Training Expert at NLR - based in Amsterdam, who spoke very engagingly about the components of successful training models, the need for investment in trainers etc.

Hope this helps paint a picture for you. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

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