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Airbus and GMF AeroAsia to develop strategic maintenance training partnership in Indonesia

Sharing Airbus experience on long term basis for the benefit of our customers

Airbus and GMF AeroAsia (GMF), the maintenance and repair subsidiary of Garuda Indonesia, have signed a memorandum agreement for Maintenance Training Collaboration to develop a 10-year strategic partnership. As part of this, GMF will become Airbus' local maintenance training centre in Indonesia.

This partnership, to be finalised following a definitive agreement in the near future, is aimed at developing the maintenance training capabilities locally in Indonesia, based on respective strengths and assets of GMF and Airbus. This co-operation will provide Airbus training standards locally to deliver flexibility and cost effectiveness. The scope of such collaboration will also address the following:

- Developing GMF's 'ab-initio' (basic) training capabilities;
- Integration of GMF's instructors into Airbus' global maintenance training organisation;
- Developing Type-training capabilities for Airbus A320 and A330 aircraft maintenance;
- Enabling of EASA 147 approval in Indonesia for type and basic maintenance training.

Richard Budihadianto, President and CEO of GMF AeroAsia says: "This joint venture with Airbus will help us ramp-up our maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, and to benefit from Airbus' high standards and latest technologies in maintenance training." He adds: "This will be essential to meet our internal training needs, as well as Indonesian market ab-initio future requirements as Garuda Indonesia's fleet expands considerably."

Didier Lux, Executive Vice President of Airbus Customer Services says: "We very much look forward to this partnership with GMF AeroAsia. This long term sharing experience will harness our respective strengths and will not only benefit both our customers, but will also help accelerate Airbus' participation in the growing Indonesian market. This also demonstrates how Airbus is applying its vision regionalisation to be close to its customers."

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