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REX GROUP PILOT ACADEMY TO RESTART TRAINING OF CHINA CADETS

AAPAV, one of the two pilot academies of the Rex Group, has restarted training for Chinese cadets at its academy in Ballarat, Victoria, for the first time since COVID restrictions ended.

AAPAV Managing Director, Chris Hine, said, "During COVID we continued the training of 56 Chinese cadets and successfully graduated them without a single one having caught COVID."

"This restart is a ringing endorsement of the quality and professionalism of Rex's pilot academy."

The training programme will last 15 months and graduates will obtain a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) with Multi Engine Instrument Rating (ME IR) and High Performance Aircraft Training (HPAT).

AAPAV has been accredited by the Civil Aviation Authority of China (CAAC) since 2009 and is currently authorized by CAAC to train up to 168 cadet pilots a year for Chinese airlines. In total, 5 Civil Aviation authorities from Australia, Vietnam, Singapore, China and the Gulf States have approved Rex's pilot academies.

Rex is Australia's largest independent regional and domestic airline operating a fleet of 58 Saab 340 and 8 Boeing 737-800NG aircraft to 57 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the airline Rex, the Rex Group comprises wholly owned subsidiaries Pel-Air Aviation (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator), the Australian Airline Pilot Academy with campuses in Wagga Wagga and Ballarat, and propeller maintenance organisation, Australian Aerospace Propeller Maintenance. Rex is also a 50% shareholder of National Jet Express (NJE), a premier Fly-In-Fly-Out (FIFO), charter and freight operator.

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